



InfoSheet 01



Criminal Activity: Car related

The Problem

Car crime is cyclical and affects the whole city, not just The Park. We have had spates of car crime before, often found to be attributable to one person, and no doubt will again. Some streets are more prone to opportunist thefts than others, and an increase in street parking inevitably brings an increase in opportunity. Where streets are not immediately overlooked, the usual advice about not leaving valuables on show should always be followed, with new advice to not leave your log book in the car as these are sometimes being sought to create false MOT records.

The Solution

Car security:

Have an alarm and immobiliser fitted if your vehicle doesn't already have one. A Thatcham-compliant immobiliser or steering lock can help secure older vehicles.

Locking wheel nuts are cheap and easy to fit to prevent your alloy wheels being stolen.

Catalytic converters can be marked using a specialist metal security marking chemical and secure labels to warn potential thieves that the catalytic converter carries an identification mark.

Never leave your keys in your vehicle, even for a second. This includes at fuel stations and when de-icing your vehicle.

The Master Locksmiths Association (MLA) approved locksmiths can help with vehicle keys and locks if they are lost or stolen.

These websites provide details of products that could help protect your vehicle:

- Approved Thatcham alarm installers: www.thatcham.org
- Catalytic converter marking systems: www.retainagroup.com
- Products to enhance vehicle security: www.soldsecure.com

The Process

To report a theft from your vehicle:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice/theft-from-vehicle>

or report online: <https://onlinecrime.notts.police.uk>

Please call Nottinghamshire Police using the 101 non-emergency number.

You will be asked for:

The time of the offence or the times between leaving and returning to your vehicle.

The location of where the incident occurred.

Whether you noticed any suspicious activity in the area at the time of the offence.

Details of what damage has been caused.

Details of what items have been stolen or damaged, including identifiable features and serial numbers.

Contact information – including your email address – for us to contact you for more information.