



Car Key Burglaries

Residents are being urged to secure their property following an increased number of burglaries in the Nottinghamshire Area.

The thieves have targeted homes with expensive cars, in particular Audis, and will wait until there appears to be nobody at home, or overnight, and break in to homes solely to find the keys to the vehicle either in the garage or on your drive.

Unscrupulous thieves act on opportunity and if they see an open door, an unlocked window or an insecure car, they will not think twice about stealing your prized possessions.

Anyone who has been a victim of crime knows that it can sometimes be a stressful and traumatic experience.

The Police are asking all residents to take simple precautions and measures to ensure their property is protected, and as difficult as they can for thieves to enter.

The message is simple – by taking just a few extra precautions, you can prevent becoming a victim of crime.

The best advice that can be given on these occasions is to conceal the keys to your vehicle in your home. Keep them somewhere, obviously convenient for you but which is not obvious to a stranger.

If you have spare sets of keys then keep these secure somewhere.

It may also be worth thinking about the old steering wheel lock type of device or some other way of securing your vehicle.

Blocking it in with other vehicles or securing any gates on your driveway with a heavy duty lock are all possibilities.

“Tracker” devices are also a good deterrent.

From a police officer's perspective, searching for one particular stolen vehicle is very difficult. When a tracking device is fitted its location can be pin pointed very quickly and accurately, often within hours of the theft and often whilst the thieves are still with it.

If you believe you see suspicious characters looking at homes or vehicles, although they may be legitimate, they also may not. Please report anything which you feel warrants it. The 999 service is for this purpose as long as the person is still in sight. If it happened the previous day or some time has passed, please use the non-emergency number, 101, or anonymously Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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