



Charlton Central Neighbourhood Watch (CCNW)

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Association (CCRA)

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Please share this 'Update' with a neighbour
and encourage them to join the Watch.

If you have something you'd like included in UPDATE contact
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VEHICLE CRIME IS UP - GET THE LOWDOWN ON HOW TO DEFEAT THE CRIMINALS

Vehicle crime is up in Charlton. Latest figures from the Met show that we had 8 vehicle crimes last November - up to a whopping 26 in December and rising.

The criminals are getting more and more sophisticated, using new technology to 'hack' their way into vehicles without even touching them.

But there are still lots of simple, low-tech things you can do to protect yourself from these frustrating crimes.

Cars

- Always lock your car whenever you leave it, even on your drive.
- Close the sunroof along with all the windows.
- Remove everything of value from the car.
- Don't leave money, no matter how little, inside your car.
- Test your door handles to make sure they've locked properly - don't rely on electronic keys doing their job without checking.
- Leave your glove compartment open - and empty of valuables.
- Store car ownership information in your home, not in your car.
- Use secure (theft resistant) number plates can make your plates less attractive to thieves.

Motorbikes

- Always lock your bike and set its alarm if it has one.
- Try to use a designated motorcycle parking place with a stand and security loop.
- When leaving your bike for some time, try to lock it to something secure.
- Use a motorbike cover.
- Don't leave items such as helmets or other possessions with your bike.
- When you're out and about, think about where you park - try to park where there are lots of people passing, good lighting and CCTV.

General

- Thieves sometimes break into houses looking for vehicle keys. They can also use wires and hooks 'to try and drag' your keys through the letterbox. So keep your keys away tucked out of sight.
- Have your vehicle's windows etched with its registration number or the last seven digits of the vehicle identification number (VIN).
- Insure everything, so that if the worst happens, you're covered.

Crime is generally low in Charlton. Our Safer Neighbourhood Team is aware of the spike we're experiencing in vehicle crime and is taking steps to tackle the problem. **STOP PRESS: Two men arrested for theft from vehicles in the Kinveachy Gdns area. Great example of community and police working together.**

If you've been a victim of vehicle crime, we strongly encourage you to report what's happened to the police or if you'd prefer to your local CCNW Co-ordinator. Together, let's defeat vehicle crime in Charlton.

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