

WHY BOTHER ?

Over the last year there have been over 100 bicycle thefts within your area. The total value of these thefts amounted to over £50000. Many of these bikes were stolen because they were poorly secured and in some cases not even secured at all.

These easy opportunities attract thieves into your area, where they may turn their attentions towards the theft of other property items.

Many insurance policies do not provide adequate cover against the theft of certain bicycles. Therefore when thefts occur the owner is often liable for the full cost of replacement. Those policies which do provide good cover, are often very expensive and have numerous conditions of use attached.

It is therefore more cost effective for you to ensure that your bike is properly secured in the first place.

This leaflet is designed to give you some appropriate advice, which will make it more difficult for bike thieves and in turn reduce the likelihood of your bike being stolen.

WHERE DO YOU STORE YOUR BIKE ?

WITHIN THE COMMON STAIR ?...

- * Ensure that your Door Entry System is in full working order.
- * Never admit strangers into the stair.
- * Never leave the stair door wedged open.
- * Ensure that any rear stair door is always secured by mortice lock and that all stair residents have a key.
- * If possible secure your bike to a steel ground anchor as iron railings and banisters can often be easily forced.



Ground Anchor



Shed Alarm

WITHIN A SHED/GARAGE ?.....

- * Fit a good quality padlock and hasp to the front door.
- * Fit non-return screws or coach bolts on the hinges.
- * Cover window with old curtain and fit wire mesh on the inside.
- * Secure your bike with a good quality chain/padlock or D-Lock to a ground anchor.
- * Install a Shed/Garage Alarm. (Available from Howdenhall or West End Police Stations for £12.50.)

SECURE YOUR BIKE WHEN ON THE MOVE

- * Secure your bike to a bike rack or other immovable object in a busy /well lit area. Thieves don't like to be watched whilst at work!
- * Use a Gold rated "Soldsecure" endorsed Padlock & Chain or "D" Lock.
- * Use two different kinds of lock ((i.e. one Padlock & Chain together with a "D" Lock). This makes it much more difficult for the thief by increasing the number of tools required for the job.
- * Remove valuable components such as lights, saddles and saddle packs.
- * Change your routine; don't lock your bike in the same way or same place so thieves can't come back prepared.
- * Consider tagging your cycle. This can cost as little as £12. "Datatag" claim that up to 63% of electronically tagged cycles are recovered.

FURTHER HELP

The following websites may be of interest :-

www.soldsecure.com
www.datatag.com
www.trovan.com
www.secpp.btinternet.co.uk
www.edinburgh-bicycle.co.uk

And Finally.....

You should also photograph your bike, note its serial numbers and any distinguishing marks. This can assist the Police to recover your bike and in some cases capture those responsible for its theft. For further advice please contact Lothian and Borders Police Crime Prevention Department at the West End on 0131 221 2050.

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COMBAT BIKE THEFT IN MARCHMONT



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