

Louth Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team

* Festive Update *



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Car Security in the Frost!

With the onset of frosty mornings, we would like to take this opportunity to remind motorists not to leave their vehicle unattended whilst they wait for the windscreen to defrost.

Our Crime Prevention Officer, PC Nic Hanson, said, "As winter approaches, many motorists are tempted to start their engines and then return to the warmth of the house, leaving the vehicle unattended while they wait for the windscreen to clear. These few minutes are all the opportunity that is needed for a thief to steal the car".

There have been a couple of these incidents in the county so we would like to remind motorists to prevent this happening in the Louth Rural area.

www.immobilise.com - Love It, Log It!

As Christmas approaches, we are urging people to log their expensive gifts and precious belongings on Immobilise.com, the world's largest free register of ownership details.

Any item can be registered on Immobilise from small pieces of jewellery to plasma screen TVs and it is especially popular with people wishing to register mobile phones and bicycles. The system records serial numbers and also allows the user to upload a photo and description.

The database is linked directly to police systems, enabling officers to trace the owners of recovered property and to also identify the item as being stolen if found in the possession of a suspected thief. This ability to link suspects to a crime via the database means that Immobilise acts as a major deterrent to criminals.



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Christmas Crime Prevention Advice

Christmas is a busy time of the year for everyone, including the criminal. It's a period when the number of burglaries increase nationally with offenders targeting empty homes. A high percentage of crime is opportunist in nature and so this Christmas, Lincolnshire Police are seeking your assistance in preventing this type of crime.

Provided below are key tips on keeping your car, your house and your belongings safe.

CAR

- Sat Nav's and laptops - These items are currently high on the car thieves shopping list. When you leave your car take them with you.
- Lock Your Car - Always close windows, never leave keys in the ignition, engage steering lock and alarm and lock all doors.
- Parking - Park in well-lit locations or in an attended car park.

HOUSE

- Doors and windows - Ensure all doors and windows are locked.
- Presents - Keep presents out of sight - if they can be seen they can be stolen.
- Gifts displayed under the tree - Ensure all gifts are kept out of view.
- Car keys and handbags - Never leave car keys or handbags downstairs at night.
- Going on holiday? - Consider using automatic lights, cancel milk and papers, ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your house. If you belong to a Neighbourhood Watch inform your co-ordinator.
- Opening your door to strangers - Before you open your door to strangers, use a door chain.
If you are not happy send callers away and if you have concerns about their authenticity, call Lincolnshire Police on 101.

PROPERTY

- Property Marking - Mark your property using an ultra violet pen, with your postcode and house number or name.
- Bicycles - Lock all bicycles and make a record of the serial number and a basic description of the cycle.
- Cheque book and card - Never leave your cheque book and card together, keep your pin number confidential. Don't write your pin number down on a piece of paper or make a note in your diary.
- Cash - Do not carry large amounts of cash or leave it in your house, thieves know where to look!

Keeping Safe this Christmas

If you are going out to celebrate this Christmas, make sure you follow these few tips to ensure you are safe this party season...

- Keep a close eye on your drink – it doesn't take long for someone to put something in it when you're not looking.
- Stay with your friends.
- Save enough money for a taxi home or if someone is driving make sure there is a nominated driver.
- Look after your possessions
- And most importantly – Have a brilliant time 😊

The Louth Rural Team would like to wish all of our community a happy and safe festive season and thank everyone for their support over the last year!

