

## Hereford and Southside & Rural Crime Report

Message Date: 18/03/2019

### BELMONT SOUTHSIDE

NOTHING NEW TO REPORT

### HEREFORD CITY SOUTHSIDE & RURAL

OIS: 0124S 180319

VEHICLE CRIME GARRICK AVENUE, HEREFORD

Overnight 18/03/2019

Persons unknown have removed and stolen the VRM plates off a car parked on a driveway.

### THEFT OF VRM PLATES

*Vehicle number plate theft is a national problem and has increased in recent years due to an increase in speed cameras, rising petrol costs and Toll charges on certain roads. Offenders have looked at ways to hide the identities of their vehicles, so they can engage in criminal activity and avoid detection.*

Crime prevention can found on the West Mercia Police website, for further details please visit the Crime & Safety section

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/8693/Theft-of-vehicle-number-plates>

OIS: 0258S 160319

THEFT PONTRILAS, HEREFORD

In the last 24 hrs.

Persons unknown have entered a farm property and stolen electric fencing equipment including 2 x fencing units, 2 x 12 volt batteries and 2 x reels of electric fencing wire.

OIS: 0184S 150319

VEHICLE CRIME SHELLARD WALK, HEREFORD

Between 17:30hrs 13/03/2019 & 08:00hrs 15/03/2019

A van parked in a communal parking area was entered and searched, Makita tools and equipment were stolen including Combi Drill, Angle Grinder, Jigsaw, Circular Saw, DAB Radio, Multi tool, and a Raptor torch.

*If you have information that you believe may be connection, please contact the Police on 101, quoting the OIS incident reference number given. Remain vigilant around your area and report suspicious persons, vehicles or activity to the Police on 101.*

*Information can also be given anonymously to the Independent Charity, Crimestoppers, by calling 0800 555 111 or by visiting their website: [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org).*

## **VEHICLE CRIME**

### **Vehicle Safety**

Most vehicle crime is opportunistic and happens as a result of a vehicle being left vulnerable or unsecured for example:

- *doors or windows left unlocked*
- *keys left in the ignition*
- *personal belongings on display (e.g. handbag, laptop)*
- *Tools & equipment left in work vans*
- *Sat Nav and holder left in vehicle*
- *parked in a poorly lit areas*
- *vehicles being left unlocked with engines running to defrost during winter*

The advice below will provide you with some tips on how you can outsmart car thieves. Following these simple steps will help us to reduce vehicle crime even further and save you the hassle and expense of having to repair any damage caused during a vehicle break-in. Visit the West Mercia Police website, (Crime & Safety)

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/4877/Vehicle-safety>