

Your Local parish Monthly

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Dunton green, Riverhead, Westerham, Crockham Hill, Brasted, Sundridge, Cheaving, Knockholt, Halstead and Badger Mount.

Dear All,

This month we would like to take the time to share crime prevention advice on how best to secure your motorbikes. Unfortunately we have spent a large amount of time over the last few weeks locating and returning stolen motorbikes to their rightful owners. We have been very grateful for the public's assistance and information that they have been able to provide us with as the information has made it possible to take positive action, make arrests and reduce the nuisance behaviour that has been caused by a small group of people.

We have had several nights of action with PC Claire Harrison and Colin Johnson who both work in the CSU. With their assistance we have been able to issue an acceptable behaviour agreement, this is the first step which gives a robust written warning to an individual/s who has been causing a nuisance within a community or amongst neighbours and can give guidelines on ways to behave to reduce any unnecessary distress.

Work is still ongoing to resolve the issues the stolen motorbikes have been causing and we are communicating with land and business owners in the meanwhile to further reduce the impact on the communities. Any information regarding stolen property or persons responsible should be reported via 101 or online using the Kent police website.



The prevention part...

LOCK, CHAIN, COVER.

There are many different types of locks for a motorbike bike, a disc lock to help secure the front brake disc, or a grip lock to secure the brake and throttle controls. You could also use a D lock on the front wheel to stop it being wheeled away. Thieves often steal a bike by breaking the steering lock and wheeling it away. Use a chain lock through the back wheel (the front wheel can be removed). Secure your bike, with the lock taut to an immovable object such as a ground anchor or street furniture. This will stop thieves from cutting a lock trailing on the ground

using an angle grinder. If this isn't possible, thread the chain through your bike frame and back wheel. Thieves often 'shop' for particular bike models. Using a cover instantly makes it less attractive to them. A cover also provides another time consuming obstacle for the thief.

Unfortunately security measures can't guarantee your bike won't be stolen but, by using multiple security measures, you can make it harder and less attractive for thieves.

Many thanks
Amy and Sue.



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