

On the beat in

Wellington West & Rural

Safer Neighbourhood team newsletter

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Where we work

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Is your vehicle secure?

This time the police left this handprint, but could it have been a thief?

Have you left your bag, phone or any other property on display?

Please make sure your windows are closed and the doors are locked whenever you leave your vehicle. Never leave any items on display.

Thank you to anyone who shared CCTV and information with us which led to the arrest of suspects relating to a number of vehicle crimes in the area recently.

Please continue to report incidents and suspicious activity if you see it in your neighbourhood.



Catalytic converter theft

There has been a recent increase in the theft of catalytic converters from vehicles in this area.

This is due to a rise in the value of the precious metals they contain.

All types of vehicles are vulnerable. Did you know a thief can take the catalytic converter from your vehicle in a matter of minutes? To reduce the risk of having your catalytic converter stolen, you should:

Park your car in a locked garage where possible, but if this isn't an option, then park it in a well-lit and well-populated area.

Park close to fences, walls or a kerb with the exhaust being closest to the fence/wall to make the theft more difficult.

If parking in a public car park, consider parking alongside other cars, facing your bonnet towards the wall if possible.

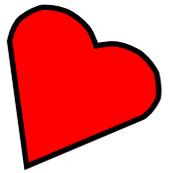
If your catalytic converter is bolted on, you can ask for your local garage to weld the bolts to make it more difficult to remove.

You can also etch a serial number on the converter and/or consider forensic marking.

Consider using a 'cage clamp' which is a cage device that locks in around the converter to make it more difficult to remove.

Valentines tips

- Tell someone if your out with someone new where your going and who your going with.
- Be safe be aware, if it doesn't feel right and your in a pub for discreet help Ask for Angela



In January PCSO Picken in partnership with The Road Safety Partnership issued Bike lights and Hi visibility items to children at Ercall Wood who had cycled or walked to School.

In December PCSO Beven gave lights and hi visibility items to people seen cycling, Horse riding and walking around Rural Wellington.

This is part of Westmercia Be Safe Be Seen campaign.

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