

# **Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators Fortnightly Briefing – Brighton & Hove Division**

**July 2024**

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Please find below your fortnightly crime updates for Brighton & Hove for the period of 16 June 2024 to the 30 June 2024.

\*Please be advised that where possible, a broad timeline of the incident has been provided.

## **Crime Reports**

### **Residential Burglaries**

#### **16 Jun – 30 Jun 2024 – 5 reported residential burglaries in Brighton & Hove**

16 Jun – Valley Road, Brighton - theft of 3 bikes from garden shed.

21 Jun – King George V1 Drive, Hove – Forced entry gained through front door. Messy search, £40 cash stolen, car keys stolen and car stolen from front driveway.

24 Jun – Whitehawk Road, Brighton – Forced entry gained through window, once inside, suspect was disturbed and scared off by the victim inside property and left with no items stolen.

25 Jun – Sussex Square, Brighton – Entry gained through unlocked window, messy search of bedrooms conducted, items stolen include games consoles, hard drive x 2, Macbook x 2 and camera.

We are reminding residents to keep windows and doors locked when their property is unoccupied.

Also, it is important to remove any items from gardens or open spaces which could be used to gain entry to property, all too often ladders are left unattended.

Find more information on securing your home here <https://www.sussex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/>

### **Vehicle Crime**

#### **16 Jun – 30 Jun 2024 – 27 reported incidents of vehicle crime in Brighton & Hove**

16 Jun – Newmarket Road, Brighton – Theft from a motor vehicle - unknown means and unknown persons. No further details available.

16 Jun – Lawrence Road, Hove - Theft of motor vehicle - unknown means and unknown persons. No further details available.

16 Jun – Livingstone Road, Hove - Theft from a motor vehicle - unknown means and unknown persons. No further details available.

16 Jun – Arundel Road, Brighton – Theft from a motor vehicle - unknown means and unknown persons. No further details available.

16 Jun – Haddington Street, Hove – Theft from a motor vehicle - unknown means and unknown persons. No further details available.

16 Jun – Livingstone Road, Hove - Theft from a motor vehicle - unknown means and unknown persons. No further details available.

16 Jun – Havelock Road, Brighton - Theft from a motor vehicle – Camper van broken into, Items stolen included £500 cash, clothing, iPad Pro, bluetooth speakers, headphones, dry robes x 2, mattress, duvet, art equipment, battery packs and ski jacket.

16-Jun-19 Jun – Church Street, Brighton - Theft from a motor vehicle – window stolen from vehicle parked in multi storey car park.

16-17 Jun – Lawrence Road, Hove - Theft of a motor vehicle - unknown means and unknown persons. No further details available.

17 Jun – Albany Mews, Hove - Theft from a motor vehicle - unknown means and unknown persons. No further details available.

17 Jun – Elm Drive, Hove - Theft of a motor vehicle - unknown means and unknown persons. No further details available.

17 Jun – Denmark Villas, Hove - Theft of a motor vehicle - unknown means and unknown persons. No further details available.

19 Jun – Nevill Road, Hove – Attempted theft of vehicle from Waitrose car park by 2 males on a moped.

20 Jun – 21 Jun – Raphael Road, Hove - Theft of a motor vehicle - unknown means and unknown persons. No further details available.

20 Jun - Victoria Road, Portslade – Theft of motorcycle - unknown means and unknown persons. No further details available.

21 Jun – Grand Junction Road, Brighton -Theft of motorcycle – theft occurred whilst parked in parking bay close to Palace Pier.

22 Jun – 23 Jun- Regency Square, Brighton - Theft from a motor vehicle - unknown means and unknown persons. No further details available.

22 Jun – 23 Jun- Glendor Road, Hove - Theft from a motor vehicle - unknown means and unknown persons. No further details available.

23 Jun – 26 Jun – Denmark Villa, Hove - Theft of a motor vehicle - unknown means and unknown persons. No further details available.

23 Jun – Cambridge Road, Hove - Theft of a motor vehicle - unknown means and unknown persons. No further details available.

25 Jun – Hereford Street, Brighton - Theft of a motor vehicle - unknown means and unknown persons. No further details available.

26 Jun – First Avenue, Hove - Theft of a motor vehicle - unknown means and unknown persons. No further details available.

26 Jun – New Steine, Brighton - Theft of a motor vehicle - unknown means and unknown persons. No further details available.

27 Jun – Windmill Drive, Brighton – Theft from a motor vehicle – 4 males wearing gloves attempted to steal tools from a work vehicle. Males were disturbed and fled scene with no goods stolen.

28 Jun – 30 Jun- Russell Road, Brighton - Theft from a motor vehicle - unknown means and unknown persons. No further details available.

29 Jun – Hallyburton Road, Hove - Theft from a motor vehicle - unknown means and unknown persons. No further details available.

29 Jun – Bennett Road, Brighton - Theft of a motor vehicle - unknown means and unknown persons. No further details available.

Vehicle owners are reminded to not leave valuables in their vehicles overnight and to not leave personal belongings on show in cars. Please ensure vehicles are locked when vacant and keep your keys safe, out of view when at home, and away from your front door.

If the vehicles are alarmed, please ensure they work and if you have CCTV, Ring doorbell footage of any thefts or witness any suspicious activity around vehicles in your area, please let us know.

For more information on how to prevent thieves targeting your vehicle, visit <https://www.sussex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/vehicle-safe-and-sound/>

## **Bike Theft**

### **16 Jun – 30 Jun 2024 – 17 reported incidents of bike theft in Brighton & Hove**

**16 Jun** - Madeira Drive, Brighton – theft of a cycle following London to Brighton Bike Ride

19 Jun – Whitehawk Way, Brighton – theft of a cycle

21 Jun – Gloucester Road, Brighton – theft of a cycle

21 Jun – Western Road, Brighton – theft of a cycle

24 Jun – Madeira Drive, Brighton, Theft of a cycle (electric bike)

25 Jun – Jubilee Street, Brighton, Theft of a cycle (electric bike)

25 Jun – Grand Junction Road, Brighton – theft of a cycle

25 Jun – Gladstone Terrace, Brighton – theft of a cycle

26 Jun – Church Street, Brighton – theft of a cycle

26 Jun – Davigdor Road, Hove – theft of a cycle

26 Jun – Old Steine, Brighton – theft of a cycle

27 Jun – West Street, Brighton – theft of a cycle

27 Jun – Tilbury Place, Brighton, Theft of a cycle (electric bike)

27 Jun – St James’s Street, Brighton – theft of a cycle

27 Jun – St George’s Place, Brighton – theft of a cycle

29 Jun – Wellington Road, Brighton – theft of a cycle

## **Prevention Advice**

Please find some up to date advice below on motorcycle security to share with your members.

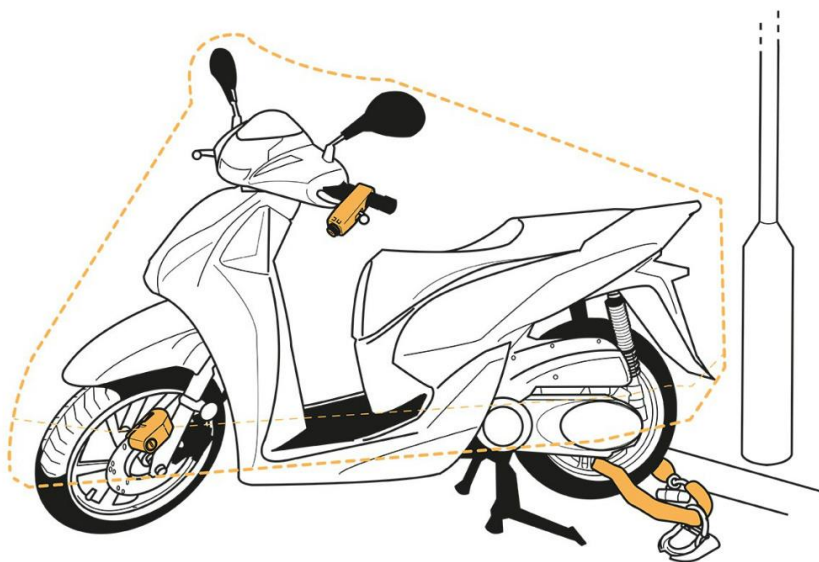


### **Protect your motorcycle, moped or scooter from theft**

Thieves only need a matter of seconds to steal a moped, scooter or motorcycle - especially if they are left with poor security - but our tips will help reduce the chance of theft.

#### **Lock, chain, cover**

Reduce your risk of becoming a victim by taking steps to layer your security.



#### **Lock**

Use 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.

#### **Chain**

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.

### **Cover**

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.

For security products for your scooter, motorcycle or moped search the 'Accredited products' page on Secured by Design (a police-approved website).

### **Remove the keys**

Thieves are often opportunists and so they will look for bikes that are quick and easy to steal first.

- Always use the steering lock and remove the ignition keys, even if you are close by or away for a few minutes. It only takes a few seconds for a thief so don't make it easy for them.
- Never rely on just using your steering lock to secure your bike as thieves can break the steering lock and simply wheel the bike away.

### **Fitting an alarm can be a deterrent to thieves**

- Consider fitting a Thatcham-rated 1 or 2 alarm system with tracking, immobilisation, anti-grab and movement sensors can help protect and trace your vehicle.
- A quality Thatcham approved, professionally fitted alarm system will not only put off thieves, but could also reduce your insurance premiums.

### **Property mark the parts**

- Marking as much of your bike as possible will make it more difficult for criminals to sell parts on, and therefore less attractive to steal. It will also help police identify parts and return recovered stolen bikes.
- There are a range of bike marking providers that you can use.

### **When at home the best place to keep your motorcycle, moped or scooter is in your garage or shed**

- Fit a garage door defender or upgrade garage door locks.
- Garage and shed alarms as well as low level dusk to dawn lighting will also enhance security. Fitting a ground anchor also provides extra security.
- Motorcycle lockers are also available to store your bike at home.

### **No shed or garage? Park in the safest place you can**

- Park it in an area near to your home where it's well overlooked with good lighting.
- A Park Mark approved car park has a higher level of security than other car parks.
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If your bike is stolen, never put yourself at risk. Call police immediately on 999 if you see it being stolen or report a crime online if you discover it has gone.

### **Help us to reduce further crime**

Stolen scooters are increasingly being used to commit further crimes, such as phone snatches. By protecting your scooter you could help to reduce these other crimes.



**Your next Neighbourhood Watch Prevention Bulletin will be sent mid-July.**