



Leicestershire
Police
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Your Local Policing Newsletter
For; Narborough, Enderby,
Littlethorpe and Lubbethorpe.

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Catalytic converter theft

Catalytic converters are devices fitted to vehicle exhausts to reduce the amount of dangerous gases emitted. They are often targeted by thieves as they contain valuable metals and can be removed in less than a minute. Catalytic converter theft most frequently occurs in car parks, but they can happen anywhere. Thieves may then sell these converters via scrapyards, online, or ship them out of the country. Hybrid vehicles are most commonly targeted, as their metals are more valuable, but any vehicle can be at risk of catalytic converter theft.

Signs a catalytic converter theft is being committed

- a vehicle being raised using a car jack in a car park or residential area
- a loud drilling or cutting sound coming from underneath the vehicle

Prevent it

Although catalytic converter thefts are increasing, there are steps that you can take to protect your vehicle. To keep your catalytic converter safe, you can ask your car dealer for advice on locks or guards that are approved by the vehicle manufacturer and tested to Sold Secure Gold.

Alternatively, try to make sure your vehicle is parked in a garage overnight, or if you have a commercial vehicle, park it in a secure compound. If this isn't possible, park in an area that's well-lit and overlooked and try to park so that the converter can't be easily reached by potential thieves. Vehicles that sit high above the road are particularly vulnerable. You should also register your converter and mark it with a forensic marker, which will make it harder for thieves to dispose of. Visit [Secured by Design](#) or [Sold Secure Gold](#) for more details.

Report it

- if the crime is happening now call [999](#) - if you are unsure, we'd rather hear about it and decide if a theft is occurring
- if it is safe to do so, take photos of suspects or the number plate of their car (do not approach suspects, as they have been known to use violence)
- if the crime has already happened then you can [report it to us online](#) or at your [local police station](#)

Call 101 in Non-Emergencies / Call 999 in Emergencies

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Community Consultation, #YouSaidWeDid

Please find updates from your local beat team in relation to the priorities you have raised via neighbourhood link:

You said we did- Road Safety -We have been actively patrolling our key hot spots in the area what the residents have highlighted through neighbourhood link. We recovered a vehicle from Enderby that was SORN but was still on the highway. Your local beat team have seen an increase in speeding motor vehicles this month so conducted a speeding operation which was very successful and dealt with a number of offending drivers.

You said we did- Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) - We have also been working very closing with the local schools and showing presence during home time when the students are walking home ensuring they are all sticking to the rule of 6. After reviewing our neighbourhood link feedback you has raised a number of concerns around the park on Bradgate close, Narborough. We also made an effort to go and engage with all the children/students on the park educating them on and around ASB.

You said we did- Nuisance Motorcycle. - This month we received a number of calls regarding motorcycles driving dangerously in build-up areas. We made this one of our priorities to go out on active patrols to monitor the situation. Your local PC Morris has seized 2 motorcycles this month.

Neighbourhood Link – Have you signed up?

We want to encourage as many people as possible to sign up to our community messaging system, Neighbourhood Link. You will receive regular emails keeping you up to date about local policing issues, good news stories, crime prevention advice, witness appeals and local events.

It is very easy to do and free! Register at www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk

We are always happy to hear from you. Please email us at @leicestershire.pnn.police.uk or call 101.

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