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- Vehicle Crime. Waitrose Car Park. Secure Grey Land Rover Discovery with dog in the back stolen from the car park without the key fob. The dog was later found safe in Salford Priors near to the Church. 6.48pm Thursday 11th January. 0263 11/01/2024
- ASB. Oversley Woods. Report of off-road bikes causing a nuisance in the woods and surrounding fields and paths. Ongoing problem at the weekends. Reported Thursday 11th January. 0118 11/01/2024

## BIDFORD

- Vehicle Crime. Georges Elm Lane. Secure black BMW 1 Series stolen from driveway without key fob. Left in the direction of Bidford village. 8.40pm Thursday 11th January. 0297 11/01/2024
- Suspicious Circumstances. Westholme Court. Two males with face coverings seen acting suspiciously near to premises. No offences disclosed at the time. 10.30pm Sunday 7th January. 0099 08/01/2024. Reported on the 8th.

## STUDLEY

• Theft. Store, Studley. White male has stolen items from store by way of shoplifting. He was wearing a black parka with fur around the hood, black tracksuit bottoms and grey walking boots. 8.10pm Saturday 13th January. 0294 13/01/2024

### HENLEY

 Suspicious Circumstances. Arden Road. Male in dark clothing seen near to parked vehicles. Caller concerned regards their intentions. Male eventually ran off. No offences disclosed at the time. 2.25am Saturday 13th January. 0030 13/01/2024

### **CLAVERDON**

 Suspicious Circumstances. Station Road. Male dressed in dark clothing seen on driveway near to vehicles. He was carrying a screwdriver. Area search made by police. No offences disclosed at the time. 2.30am Friday 12th January. 0024 12/01/2024

### **EARLSWOOD**

- Burglary. Shutt Lane. Garage entered and hedge trimmer stolen. Intel from the area suggest that there was a suspicious vehicle in the area at 4.45am Saturday 13th January. 0055 13/01/2024
- Burglary. Small Lane. Entry gained to property through rear door / window. Untidy search made. Vehicle also stolen from the premises. Unsure of what other items were stolen. Found and reported, early evening Thursday 11th January. 0267 11/04/2024
- Suspicious Circumstances. Springbrook Lane. Dark blue pickup truck with rear cover seen on several occasions in the area. Caller concerned regards their motives. 5pm Monday 8th January. 0267 08/01/2024



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# Reporting suspicious activity and crime

We encourage everyone seeing suspicious activity, crimes and anti-social behaviour to call us straight away using the 101 system or in an emergency 999. The telephone systems may be busy depending on the public demand but getting the information to us in real time is a significant help and can result in more positive results.

We know that sometimes information is posted onto social media in the first instance,

# but we really would like to know first.

Once reported, warnings on social media can then be a benefit and may result in us receiving further information and intelligence.

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# Crime Prevention against vehicle crime

Keep the keys safe - Vehicles today are more difficult to steal than ever, unless the thief can access your key or fob to clone them. Keep your keys safe, out of view when at home, and away from your front door. It is not uncommon for car keys to be stolen from inside your home.

Keyless entry - Cars with keyless entry unlock automatically when the key comes within a short distance of the car. This can be from inside a pocket or bag. If you have to push a button on your car key to open your car, you don't have keyless entry. Keyless car theft or 'relay theft' is when a device is used to fool the car into thinking the key is close by. This unlocks the car and starts the ignition. Thieves only need to be within a few metres of your car key to capture the signal, even if it's inside your home. This means that even if your car and home are secure, thieves can still unlock, start and steal your car.

How to protect your keyless entry car

- When at home keep your car key (and the spare) well away from the car.
- Put the keys in a screened or signal-blocking pouch, such as a Faraday Bag and check if the bag or pouch is still working every few months.
  - Reprogramme your keys if you buy a second-hand car.
  - Turn off wireless signals on your fob when it's not being used.
  - Additional physical security such as locks and immobilisers are still highly recommended.

Double-check electronic locking - Electronic devices can be used to jam the electronic signal from your key fob to lock your vehicle. Always manually check your vehicle has locked before walking away. If unsure, lock it manually, then scan the immediate area for anyone hanging around. If a potential thief who's watching feels they've been spotted, they'll probably move off.

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