

The Loop

Ruislip Manor Safer Neighbourhoods Team

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Protect your vehicle

Secure your number plates!

Parking your vehicle

Car parks and areas near people's homes are the main places from which vehicles are stolen or items are taken from them.

If you've got a garage, use it and remember to lock it.

If you haven't got a garage or if you are away from home, try to park in a well-lit open area.

If you park on your own drive, reverse the car in. The doors will then open the wrong way for a thief wanting protection.

Park in a public car park, which is supervised, has restricted entry and exit points, is well lit and has security cameras. Avoid dark corners.

Look out for car parks which have won a Secured Car Park award for their design, which have recognised levels of security

Preventing theft from your vehicle

You are twice as likely to have something taken from your car than have your car stolen. Take the thief's temptation away:

Remove your stereo or CD player if you can.

If you can't remove your stereo or CD player, mark it with your registration number or use your postcode followed by your house number.

Any other valuables you take into your car regularly should be marked in the same way.

Don't leave valuables like handbags or credit cards on display. Take them with you or put them out of sight in the boot or under a seat.

About 40 per cent of car break-ins involve the theft of a mobile phone. Mark your phone and battery with your postcode and keep a note of its serial number in a safe place. Ask your Safer Neighbourhoods Team for a UV pen to mark your property.

Even leaving an empty bag on display can be a temptation - a thief may think it contains something valuable. **So keep bags out of sight.**

Keeping your vehicle secure

Every time you leave your car:

Close the windows and sunroof.

Lock all the doors and the boot.

Use an approved steering lock or gear clamp.

Set your immobiliser and alarm if you have one fitted. If you do not have an immobiliser, consider having one fitted.

Always take the keys out of the ignition even if you're just paying for petrol or stopping to buy a newspaper.

Never leave vehicle documents in your car - don't make it easy for a thief to sell your car or provide a cover story if stopped by the police.

Arrange to have the vehicle registration number etched on to all glass surfaces - including the side windows and headlamps. Most windscreen replacement companies can provide this service. You may also arrange to have the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), the unique 17 digit number which identifies your car from every other one, etched in this way.

Contact your Safer Neighbourhoods Team for Vehicle Registration Screws to secure your number plates!!!!!!!

During last month there has been an increase in theft of number plates. These are then fitted onto other cars and can be used to commit crime with your registration. You can secure your number plates by getting special screws designed to screw one way only. Making them near impossible to remove. Contact your SNT for more information.

Manor SNT on Antisocial behaviour by youths

From the Ruislip Manor Ward Panel and Ruislip Manor Residents we have been requested to tackle ASB by youths within the Manor. Youths being abusive and hanging in intimidating groups will be targeted by Head Cameras and stop and searches. To help us please call with times that youths are affecting you. Or call 999 if it's an emergency. The Dispersal Zone is now active and will remain active until mid December.

HILLINGDON CONTACT NUMBERS

Here is a list of Contact numbers for reporting issues on Ruislip Manor Ward. We urge you to help us by reporting them as soon as they appear. Thank You.

Graffiti – 01895556000

Anti Social Behaviour – 01895556666

Bus Shelters Vandalism – 0207706871
08007313699

Housing – 01895556666

Council Switchboard – 01895250111

Park Patrols – 01895239241 if any call is an Emergency please still call 999!

If you would like anything to be included in The Loop, please forward your ideas to **Runway House, The Runway South Ruislip Middlesex HA4 6SE**. Or E-mail Benjamin.Thomson@met.police.uk.

Contact the Ruislip Manor Safer Neighbourhoods Team in any of the following ways:

Call: 07909896437

E-Mail –

Manorward.snt@met.police.uk

Publisher – PCSO 7622XH / 48XH

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