

Norden Homewatch Update

15th May – 15th June

Main issues affecting your areas: Burglary and Vehicle Crime

PACT Priorities

The Norden PACT Priorities are as follows:

BURGLARY- (primarily occurring between Monday and Friday 11:00hrs to 20:00hrs. M.O is smashing rear premises window to gain access)

ASB- Recreational Ground (Hutchinson Road, evening time)

ASB- Greenbooth Road (various times)

GOOD NEWS

Four males have been arrested on suspicion of Possession with the Intent to Supply Class A Drugs. Three of the males have been charged and one is on Police Bail.

There have been a number of other drug related arrests over the last month.

Crimes Figures

Burglary – 5

Theft From Motor Vehicle – 3

Theft of Motor Vehicle – 0

Robbery – 1

Criminal Damage – 5

Antisocial Behaviour - 4

The next Norden Area Forum will be

:

Tuesday, 17th September, 2019 7.00 pm

Norden Methodist Church, Edenfield Road, Rochdale OL12 7QE

KEY INFORMATION

Having your car broken into and losing your things to thieves can be very distressing. Here are a few simple steps you can take to keep your vehicle, and what's in it, safe.

1. Always lock it

Fuelling up or popping back into your house to get something are perfect examples of how easy it is to turn your back for a moment and forget your vehicle is unsecured. So get into the habit of locking your vehicle even if you're only going to be away from it for a moment.

2. Close windows and the sun roof to prevent 'fishing'

Leaving windows and the sunroof open invites fishing for items through the gap by hand or with, say, a bent coat hanger, which could also be used to unlock a door for them to get in. Thieves can be ingenious. Don't give them the opportunity.

3. Secure your number plates with tamper-resistant screws

The easiest way to change the identity of a stolen vehicle or avoid speeding tickets and parking tickets is to fit stolen number plates. Using security screws to attach your vehicle's number plates makes it harder for thieves to get your number.

4. Fit locking, anti-tamper wheel nuts to secure alloy wheels

Stolen wheels are valuable, either as parts or for their scrap value. Using locking wheel nuts reduces the risk of your vehicle's wheels being stolen.

5. Secure anything that's on the outside of your vehicle

Anything left on roof-racks, tailgate racks, holiday top boxes or in tool chests are easily stolen when the vehicle is parked. The use of cable locks, padlocks and self-locking tools chests, which are secured to the vehicle, makes them more secure, but still, don't leave things in them if you can avoid it. For further information and advice, visit [Sold Secure](#).

6. Take it with you or hide it

Your mobile phone, coins for the car park, sunglasses, packs of medication or other items that can earn quick cash are irresistible to the opportunist thief. Remember, the cost of replacing a window is often much more than that of what's stolen. And it should go without saying that wallets, handbags, purses and credit cards should never be left in an unattended vehicle.

7. Hide electrical items and leave no clues

Leaving sat nav mounts, suction cup marks on windows or cables on view gives it away that you have left a Sat Nav, smartphone or other device in your car. Even if they can't see the Sat Nav or iPad they might still break in to see if it's stored in the car, out of sight.

8. Take your documents with you

Having a vehicle's registration and insurance documents could let a thief pretend to be the owner. Which means they could sell it on quite easily. So, never leave any documents in the vehicle.

9. Park in well-lit and busier areas

It can take less than 30 seconds to break into a vehicle. Parking in well-lit areas and busy streets increases the chances of a thief being seen, so they'll probably steer clear.

10. Choose your car park wisely

If possible, always try to park in well-lit and staffed car parks or those with a Park Mark safer parking award. To find one, simply check out [Park Mark](#).

Burglaries – 5

Information of note: Three of the burglaries have happened overnight and two in the afternoon. There are no patterns to the locations in which they have happened.

We would like to remind residents that due to the nature of the burglaries consideration should be given to changing their routines. In addition review their home security, in particularly access points, lighting, alarms and ensuring all keys are kept in a safe place

If anyone is interested in starting a home watch scheme or setting up a home watch WhatsApp group please pass your details to rochdalenorth@gmp.police.uk for the attention of PC 15748 Giblin.

Burglaries to Businesses - 2

Information of note: Both have occurred on Edenfield Road though on different dates and different times in the day.

Theft Of Motor Vehicles - 0

Information of note:

Theft From Motor Vehicles - 3

Information of note: Two of the three crimes have occurred overnight, these were both on Bankfield Lane.

A number of thefts across the Rochdale area have been due to valuables being left on display for examples handbags and wallets. Please remember that unfortunately opportunist thieves will take only a few seconds to gain entry to your vehicle and take your belongings.

SAFE FOR SUMMER

With summer here and the holiday period we are keen to pass on crime prevention advice. We will be situated at the shopping precincts in the area so please feel free to come and speak to us.

In addition we are liaising with GMFS to go to local Secondary Schools re 'Safe for Summer'.

**If you think you are witnessing a crime taking place
dial 999 immediately**

**To report incidents, crimes and matters of concern
Please ring 101 first and foremost**

Did you know?

You can report a crime or incident or suspicious circumstances electronically and in order to do this please log on to GMP Website: <http://www.gmp.police.uk/> then click on the 'chat to us now' caption which is at the bottom right hand side of the page in blue. Follow the instructions and ask for a log number then explain the nature of your crime or incident.

You will be speaking to Officers at the GMP Force Control Room who will gladly assist you

USEFUL LINKS

Did you know you can ask the Police questions electronically?

<https://www.askthe.police.uk/content/@1.htm>

**Do you know the rules and regulations required by law in relation to
domestic/personal CCTV cameras?**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/domestic-cctv-using-cctv-systems-on-your-property/domestic-cctv-using-cctv-systems-on-your-property>

60 Second Security Videos

https://www.google.co.uk/search?q=gmp+60+second+security&gws_rd=cr&dcr=0&ei=zFroWd6SCInGgAbnqlq4DA