



Cycle Thefts/Security

We have recently seen an increase in cycle thefts in the Northallerton area. The cycles are predominantly taken in the early hours of the morning from gardens and sheds.

Some of the cycles that have been stolen have been dumped and undamaged, the owners have then got their cycle back, but we have had instances where they have been damaged and even set on fire.

We are urging residents to report any theft on 101 or via the North Yorkshire Police website.

The local Neighbourhood team can conduct CCTV, Ring Doorbell and House to House enquires to see if we can identify the offender.

Only last week after a report of cycle theft and enquiries made a male was arrested.

Follow these tips to ensure your bike remains safe, secure and not a statistic.

Double lock it

Using two locks slows thieves down and makes your bike less of a target. Use two quality locks, at least one of which is a D-lock. Thieves are less likely to carry multiple tools, so use two different types of lock if possible.

Lock the lot

Lock the frame and both wheels to a secure cycle stand.

Secure it

Secure your bike as close to the stand as possible to give any thieves little or no room to manoeuvre.

Take removable parts with you

Take parts that are easy to remove with you, such as wheels, lights, baskets or the saddle. Or use locking skewers or nuts which can increase security by securing the bike's components to the frame permanently.

Register it

Register your bike on <https://www.immobilise.com/>

If your bike is ever stolen and recovered by the police, it can be traced back to you.

Mark it

Dot peen marking involves using a tungsten carbide-tipped pin to indent an object with dots to create a visible, permanent unique number.

The unique number is then put into the national [Immobilise](https://www.immobilise.com/) property register database.

Marking something like this increasing the chances that you'll get it back if it's lost or stolen. It also helps us get convictions as evidence when something is stolen.

If you're interested in getting your property marked or have any questions please contact snanorthallerton@northyorkshire.police.uk or Andrew.smith1@northyorkshire.police.uk

Remember safety begins at home

Take the same care to lock your bike securely at home as you would on the street. Avoid advertising that you have a bike at home, for example, by removing car roof racks, and creating 'privacy zones' on apps like Strava to avoid disclosing your location.

[Stolen Bikes in the UK](#) will help to spread the word on the theft of your bike and offer you advice to help get it back.

[Find that bike](#) lists adverts for bikes placed on online marketplaces, which you can check frequently to see if yours has been listed for sale.

Adverts are usually placed within 24 hours of the theft but if not, keep looking as they sometimes take a few months to pop up.

It might also be worth visiting and posting on the following forums:

[Ride.cc Bike Forum](#)

[Bikeradar](#)

[CycleChat](#)