



Bicycle Theft

Since the beginning of October there have been a number of thefts of pedal cycles in Barnstaple and Ilfracombe. At least seven of those were left insecure with no lock.

Please secure your bikes.

It only takes three steps to deter thieves from stealing your bike:

1. Mark it

Marking your bike makes it unique. See the attached poster for further information.

2. Lock it

Use a quality lock such as an accredited hardened D shaped lock.

Keep the gap between the lock and the bike as small as possible and away from the ground so thieves can't attack easily.

Lock your bike to a suitable fixed point such as a cycle rack - even if you are leaving it for a short amount of time.

Remember to secure all removable parts of the bike such as quick release wheels.

3. Register it

Register your bike for free at <https://www.bikeregister.com/>

Registration is secure and allows all UK police forces to trace and return stolen property.

Keep it

To report cycle theft, please email 101@dc.police.uk or call 101