



A passing police patrol has noted the presence of a high value, high powered or prestige vehicle parked in the driveway or proximity of this address.

We would like to draw your attention to a spate of dwellings burglaries suffered by residents of Harrogate District in recent months where vehicle keys have been taken and used to steal cars from the driveway. The majority of offences occur overnight with victims completely unaware until they wake in the morning. Whilst it is very rare for any kind of confrontation to take place the impact of burglary on a person or family is difficult to imagine unless you've been subjected to it. The presence of a sought after vehicle on your driveway raises the risk of your home being targeted.

If you are the owner or user of the vehicle we ask that you take the following steps:

1. Keep your vehicle keys out of view from windows and doors and out of reach of cat-flaps and letterboxes.
2. Ensure that doors and windows are secure even when you are at home and when you go to bed.
3. Garage your vehicle where possible. If your garage is used for storage then consider clearing it out and using it for the car instead. Close and locks gates if you have them.
4. If you have a house security alarm consider part- setting it at night even if this causes some inconvenience, you'll find the extra peace of mind worthwhile
5. If you advertise your vehicle for sale be extra vigilant and don't provide details of your address unless you are satisfied that an enquirer is genuine.
6. As the Autumn dark evenings approach unoccupied homes are easier for burglars to identify. Ensure that your home looks occupied even when you are out, by leaving on lights and perhaps even a radio and review your current security.

Living in a low crime area can make us complacent. You probably will not be the victim of a burglary but you can reduce the likelihood still further by making a few changes to your daily routine.

For details of your Safer Neighbourhood Team, please visit [www.northyorkshire.police.uk](http://www.northyorkshire.police.uk)

Kind Regards,

Harrogate Safer Neighbourhood Team