

# Prevention is better than the cure...

Crime Prevention Newsletter | Autumn 2020



## Hello and welcome to our Crime Prevention Newsletter

There is a Crime Prevention team in each of the five Policing Districts across West Yorkshire, addressing crime types ranging from burglary to modern slavery.



Find us on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/WYPCrimePrevention](https://www.facebook.com/WYPCrimePrevention)

Their job is to support individuals, communities and businesses in reducing the opportunity for crime to occur. Please get in touch if you would like advice by emailing [hqcpo@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:hqcpo@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk) or 101.

## Understanding and responding to youth criminality – video toolkit



We have created a video toolkit to look at the current issues young people in our community may experience or have experienced around criminality. Concerns such as involvement in drugs, drug addiction and violence are discussed in a real life based format.

The rationale behind creating the toolkit is to generate discussion between adults and young people. That is why it is recommended to view the videos in settings such as schools via a classroom session, in youth centres as an activity, in specialist youth provision services, in Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) groups/schemes or simply at home as a parent/child activity.

There are 3 videos that make up the toolkit:

- ! Pathways into criminality
- ! Drug addiction
- ! Early intervention / diversionary work

Each video has a lesson plan and activity for delivery in groups.

To access the toolkit, click on the link below:  
[www.westyorkshire.police.uk/advice/drugs/youth-criminality-video-toolkit](https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/advice/drugs/youth-criminality-video-toolkit)

## Neighbourhood Watch - update



Neighbourhood Watch continues to grow from strength to strength, even with the added challenges faced in everyone's daily lives.

Thank you to everyone that continues to give their time and commitment to Neighbourhood Watch, and for helping to protect and improve the communities you live in.

In the coming months, and in line with West Yorkshire Police's continued efforts to combat fraud, we will be running in partnership with National Neighbourhood Watch and the Economic Crime Unit a series of bespoke training packages to NHW members to upskill them in identifying and supporting victims or potential victims from the wide variety of fraud types people often become caught up in.

If you are a NHW member and you are interested, please contact either your Scheme co-ordinator or the West Yorkshire Police district NHW co-ordinator for your area.

If you are not a NHW member but would like to be involved in this opportunity please contact the NHW mailbox with your details and what district you live in and the co-ordinator for that area will help you find a scheme near to you.

The NHW mailbox address:  
[wyp.nhw@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:wyp.nhw@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)



## Theft of motor vehicles (TOMV)

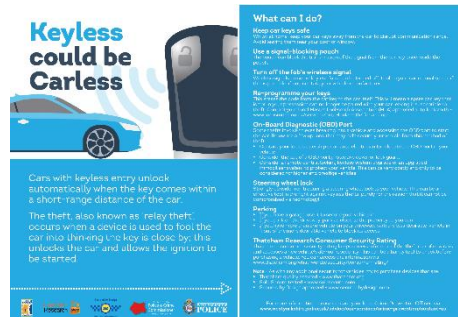
We have launched two new leaflets to help address TOMV in West Yorkshire.

### Keyless theft leaflet:

Cars with keyless entry unlock automatically when the key comes within a short-range distance of the car. The theft also known as 'relay theft', occurs when a device is used to fool the car into thinking the key is close by; this unlocks the car and allows the ignition to be started.

To access the leaflet for prevention advice, click the link below:

[www.westyorkshire.police.uk/advice/vehicle-crime/vehicle-crime/keyless-theft](http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/advice/vehicle-crime/vehicle-crime/keyless-theft)



### Steering wheel lock leaflet:

A steering wheel lock is a simple yet effective tool to protect your vehicle. It is a visual deterrent that adds an extra layer of security to your car. Vehicle crime is constantly evolving and offenders are increasingly using technology to gain entry into vehicles. This is why reintroducing a steering wheel lock to your vehicle is a great 'old school' security measure.

To get a special discount when purchasing select Police preferred locks, click the link below:

[www.westyorkshire.police.uk/advice/vehicle-crime/vehicle-crime/steering-wheel-lock](http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/advice/vehicle-crime/vehicle-crime/steering-wheel-lock)



## Romance and companionship fraud

As the evenings draw in and the nights become longer, loneliness often grows, giving fraudsters an opportunity to exploit this vulnerability in people young and old.

### Protect yourself: have you...

- ❗ Met a new friend or partner online?
- ❗ An unusual amount of things in common?
- ❗ Sent them money for any reason?
- ❗ Ever met them in person?
- ❗ Been told to keep your relationship a secret from your family and friends?

### Protect others: have they...

- ❗ Felt lonely or recently been bereaved?
- ❗ Mentioned a new online friendship?
- ❗ Checked the person really exists?
- ❗ Sent money to them for any reason?
- ❗ Become secretive about money or relationships?

Notify your bank if you gave out your bank or card details.  
Report fraud to Action Fraud on - 0300 123 2040

## Is it love at first sight? Or doesn't quite feel right?



Romance fraudsters pull on the heart strings as well as the purse strings.

They make contact via email, social media or dating websites. They build up a relationship with their victims before eventually asking for money.

They may pretend to need money for transport to visit, for a family emergency or to cover medical care.



For more advice and information, visit: [www.westyorkshire.police.uk/fraud](http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/fraud)