



**MOTORCYCLE CRIME**  
**REDUCTION GROUP**

**Don't become the  
next victim of crime!**

**Act NOW in the fight  
against motorcycle and  
scooter theft.**



**FACT**

**24,704\*** motorcycles were  
stolen in 2022...

**...14,496** were never found!

The Police have video evidence that it takes thieves only a few seconds to remove a poorly secured motorcycle/scooter, with various methods employed to achieve this.

A typical steering ignition lock can be overcome in seconds and cheap locks last only a little longer.

Large motorcycles are often stolen for parts while smaller ones (i.e. scooters) are stolen by joy riders or those looking to commit further crime and as such no sectors are 'safe' from theft.

**The target**

**Location:**  
**Haverstock**

**Time: 10.32am**

**Time of  
theft:**  
**10.33am**

(\* Source: 2022 PNC Data)

# When buying a bike

## Seller

- Can they prove their identity and address.
- It is recommended only to buy from the seller at their home.

## Frame/Chassis/VIN Number

- Does it match the log book (V5)?
- Has the number been tampered with and does the font\* look right?



Sample number

## Engine Number

- Does it match the log book (V5)?
- Has the number been tampered with and does the font\* look right?



Sample number

## V5 Registration Document/Log Book

- Does it look genuine?
- Is the seller's name on the registration document?



## Independent Checks

- HPI will provide a comprehensive history of the motorbike. Has it been written-off, had its' registration plate changed, or is there outstanding finance?
- Datatag - If the motorcycle is fitted with a Datatag system, or Datatag MASTER System contact Datatag on 03 450 700 440 to check the current status or if there is any Police interest.
- Retainagroup - If the machine is fitted with a Retainagroup system call the International Security Register (ISR) 24/7 07000 111333 to check its' provenance.
- Selectamark - If the machine is fitted with a Selectamark or SelectaDNA system call the Secure Asset Register (SAR) on 01689 860757.

*\*You can check against another like for like machine.*

**If in any doubt - don't buy it.**

# For the Best Security

To maximize the deterrence use multiple security measures:

- During the day, park in a busy, public place.
- At night, if away from home, park in a well lit area.
- Vary your parking place. Don't create a 'pattern' of use.
- When available always use a motorcycle parking bay with an anchor point.
- Use a "Secured Car Park" if there is one about.
- Engage the steering lock and lock/secure your bike - even if leaving it for just a couple of minutes.
- Cover your bike if possible.
- Use an approved D-shackle or chain lock.
- Secure your bike to something solid - stop it being carried or simply pushed away.
- Keep the lock and chain off the ground - it makes it more difficult to break.
- Always set your Immobiliser and alarm - it will help stop the opportunist thief or joyrider.
- At home, out of sight is invariably out of mind when it comes to a thief.
- Use an approved security marking and registration system.
- Use an approved GPS/VHF/RF satellite tracking system.



**Be vigilant in the fight against crime.**



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## Security measures

Always use security products that are approved by:  
Secured by Design, The LPCB, Sold Secure or Thatcham.



Security marks should be applied to as many parts of the bike and accessories as possible.

Covert (hidden) marks will aid recovery of a stolen bike.

Visible marks will deter theft.

At home leave your bike in a secure building and always use approved locks, chains and ground anchors.

Always keep your keys secure.

Put your off-road bike on the DVLA off-road register. This will help recovery if it is stolen.

## The industry security rating program



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Stars awarded for each of the following security measures fitted as standard

- ★ Steering lock
- ★ Official Marking Scheme
- ★ Immobiliser
- ★ Alarm
- ★ GPS tracking device



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The Motorcycle Crime Reduction Group is a voluntary partnership made up of representatives from rider interest groups, the insurance and security industries, motorcycle manufacturers and retailers, and the Police with links to, and contributions from, the Home Office. They are committed to driving down the financial and psychological cost of motorcycle theft.

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