



Crime Update

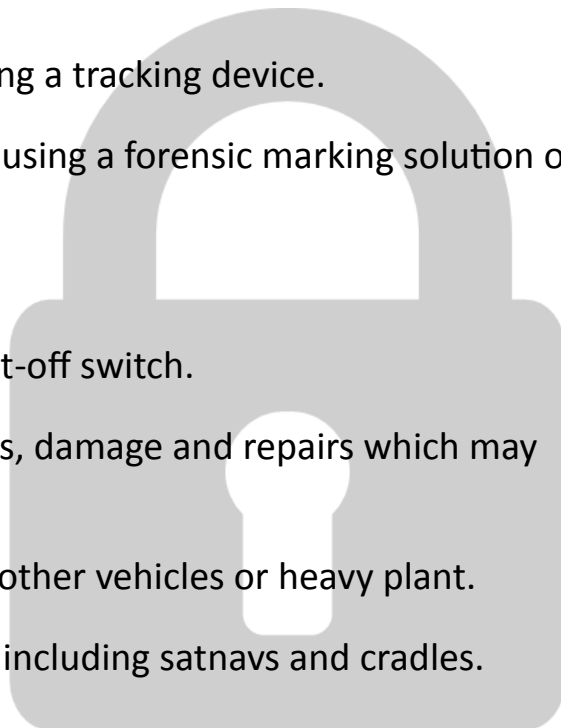


Land Rover Thefts



Land Rovers, regardless of age, are one of the UK's most regularly stolen vehicles, particularly the Defender. Many are stolen for parts, others are stolen to order and rapidly exported. In the last six months we have seen a rise in thefts in the Avon and Somerset area. This may increase again now the Defender has been discontinued. Take steps to protect your vehicle:

- 🔒 Where possible park in well-lit areas, which are overlooked.
- 🔒 Do not leave keys in the ignition or anywhere else where a thief will easily find them.
- 🔒 Fit a mechanical immobiliser such as a Thatcham approved steering lock, pedal lock or wheel clamp.
- 🔒 Fit an alarm for added security and consider installing a tracking device.
- 🔒 Thieves will target component parts, so mark them using a forensic marking solution or permanent marker.
- 🔒 Etch windows with the registration number.
- 🔒 Consider fitting a hidden battery isolation or fuel cut-off switch.
- 🔒 Take photographs of unusual features, modifications, damage and repairs which may aid identification if stolen.
- 🔒 If possible, keep in a secure garage or block in with other vehicles or heavy plant.
- 🔒 Ensure any valuables are removed from the vehicle including satnavs and cradles.



If you have any information relating to Land Rover thefts, please contact Avon and Somerset Police on 101
Alternatively, call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

