

# Prevention is better than the cure...

Crime Prevention Newsletter | Summer 2021



## 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.police.uk](mailto:hqcpo@westyorkshire.police.uk) or 101.

## Easy Street



Easy street is the new West Yorkshire Police burglary campaign.

The campaign has been developed to encourage you to think about two things:

- ❗ **What makes it inviting for criminals to target certain properties and streets**
- ❗ **The importance of reviewing your own home security**

Easy Street is any street that criminals find inviting due to poor home security and maintenance.

Think about your own home. Is it inviting for all the wrong reasons?



## Easy Street continued



Follow our check list to improve your home security.

- ❗ **Insecure doors and windows, it's easy to forget to lock up when you're in a rush**
- ❗ **Check your doors and windows meet minimum security standards of PAS 24**
- ❗ **Internal lights and external dusk till dawn lighting can reduce the risk of being burgled**
- ❗ **You can grow your own security with defensive planting such as hardy bushes and shrubs**
- ❗ **Protect your valuables inside your home by keeping them out of sight**

For more information on the campaign, visit

[www.westyorkshire.police.uk/burglary](https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/burglary)





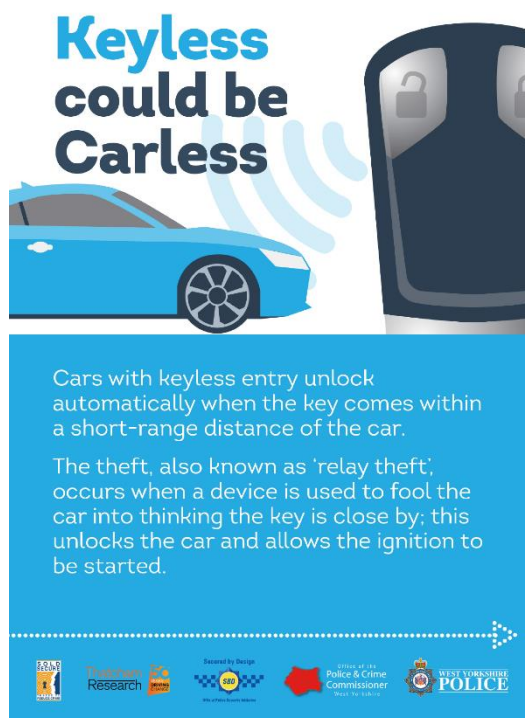
## Keyless vehicle theft

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.

### Prevention advice:

- ❗ **Keep car keys safe** - Whilst at home, keep your car keys away from the car to disrupt communication range. Avoid leaving them near your door and window.
- ❗ **Use a signal-blocking pouch** - The pouch can block the transmission of the signal from the car key once inside the pouch
- ❗ **Turn off the fob's wireless signal** - Wireless signals on some keyless fobs can be turned off. Look in your car manual to see if this is possible, if not, contact your vehicle manufacturer.
- ❗ **Steering wheel lock** - Strongly consider reintroducing a steering wheel lock to your vehicle. This can be an effective tool in the fight against keyless thefts, purely for the reason that it cannot be compromised via technology!



For more 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)

## NHW – summer update

NHW are always looking at ways to be more accessible to everyone. Over the last two years and spurred on by the pandemic restrictions, NHW has seen a significant shift towards running NHW groups online.

Did you know that if you already have a social media (Facebook/WhatsApp) page for your community, it can easily be signed up to Neighbourhood Watch?

This will give your community access to crime trends in your area, up to date crime prevention advice and access to training and resources to help keep your community educated in crime prevention. Your group just needs to be a closed/private group meaning people wanting to join have to be accepted by an admin for the group. Get in touch with [wyp.nhw@westyorkshire.police.uk](mailto:wyp.nhw@westyorkshire.police.uk), quoting your area for more details.

NHW works best when there is open dialog between the schemes and the NHW co-ordinators as well as the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) and the call centre.

In order to show our appreciation to those that keep their schemes motivated and active, West Yorkshire Police are to recognise people nominated by NHW schemes to receive a certificate of recognition.

We hope that this small but meaningful event will encourage others to be active within their communities knowing that West Yorkshire Police are listening and appreciate all that our NHW schemes do in the fight against crime and anti-social behaviour.

