

Safer Neighbourhood News

The clocks don't go back until the end of October, but we want residents to be prepared to help reduce the chances of becoming a victim of crime during the dark autumn and winter months.

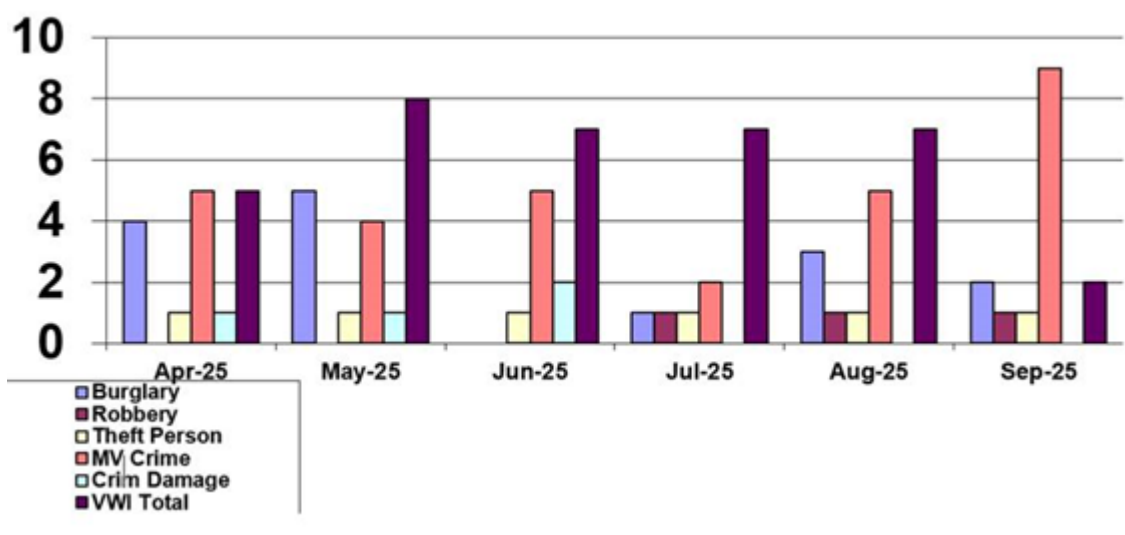
Officers are determined to keep up the pressure on criminals and are encouraging the public to help. Officers will be patrolling burglary hotspot areas identifying houses that could be at risk of burglary, but after the hours of darkness, if no light is on in your home, curtains are not drawn, and no car is on the drive, it's an obvious sign to an opportunist burglar that no-one is in. At this time of the year more than any other it pays to secure your home.

Now is a good time to check around the house and garden to make sure everything is in order.



MV = Motor Vehicle Crime

VWI = Victim With Injury (Assault)



Crimes Recorded in September

Burglary

There were **2** residential burglaries, **1** attempted residential burglaries, **0** non – residential burglaries, **0** attempted non - residential burglaries, and **0** aggravated burglaries reported in September 2025.

TUESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2025

PRINCE GEORGE AVENUE, N14

Two masked suspected holding a screwdriver attempted to enter property through the rear garden suspects disturbed by neighbour.

MONDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2025

SOUTH LODGE DRIVE, N14

Suspects gained entry via a smashed patio door. Suspects stole the car keys and BMW.

MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2025

PRINCE GEORGE AVENUE, N14

Suspects gained entry by jumping over the garden fence from the neighbours and breaking a rear glass door to gain entry.

Motor Vehicle Crime

There were **1** theft from motor vehicle and **8** thefts of motor vehicles reported in September 2025.

[Theft Of Motor Vehicle](#)

MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2025

SOUTH LODGE DRIVE, ENFIELD, N14

Vehicle stolen from driveway.

WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2025

PRINCE GEORGE AVENUE, N14

Vehicle had been stolen overnight from the driveway.

FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2025

OVERTON ROAD, N14

Vehicle stolen from driveway; vehicle was recovered at Lawrence Avenue N13.

FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2025

GREYSTOKE GARDENS, EN2

Victims BMW was stolen from driveway, Vehicle later recovered after a police pursuit.

TUESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2025

LAKENHEATH, N14

Keyless Vehicle stolen possibly by suspect's using a signal booster key signal.

WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2025

MACLEOD ROAD, N21

Vehicle stolen from driveway. Vehicle recovered.

FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2025

GREYSTOKE GARDENS, EN2

Vehicle left locked and secured outside the venue, when the vehicle returned the vehicle had been stolen, keys not taken. Vehicle later recovered.



MONDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2025

SOUTH LODGE DRIVE, ENFIELD, N14

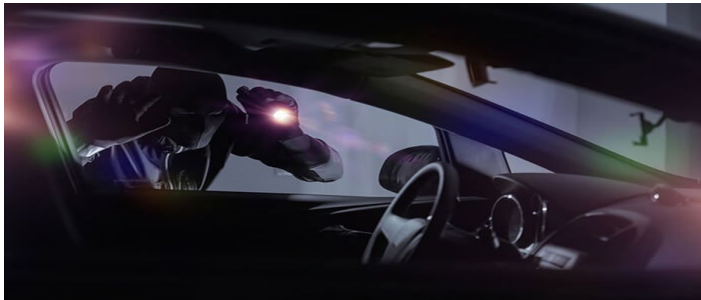
Suspects gained entry of property throw a smashed patio door. Suspects stole the spare car keys and steer wheel lock alongside the suspects BMW.

[Theft From Motor Vehicle](#)

MONDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2025

LOWTHER DRIVE, EN2

Vehicle was left unlocked/unattended, victim had their blue badge taken.



Preventing Car And Vehicle Theft

Don't let thieves get an easy ride. Follow these simple rules to protect your vehicle from thieves.

1. Lock your vehicle

Locking your vehicle, even when filling up or parked on your drive, greatly reduces the possibility of it being targeted by an opportunist thief. Even if you have locked your vehicle, check you haven't left any windows or the sunroof open.

It is illegal to leave your vehicle running unattended while you de-ice it or warm it up in cold weather. If someone takes it while it's left like this, your insurer won't pay out because you won't be covered.

If your vehicle has wing mirrors that fold in automatically when locked, make sure you lock it properly. Criminal gangs are looking for vehicles like these where the wing mirrors are still out because it is clear to them that the vehicle has been left unlocked.

2. Keep the keys safe

Vehicles today are by and large more difficult to steal than ever, unless the thief can access your key or fob to clone them. Keep your keys safe, out of view when at home, and away from your front door. It's not uncommon for car keys to be stolen from inside your home by thieves fishing for them with a stick and hook through the letterbox.

If you're selling your car and you meet up with a potential buyer, do not allow the keys out of your

sight. Your keys may be cloned by thieves and used later to steal your vehicle.

Keyless entry

Cars with keyless entry unlock automatically when the key comes within a short distance of the car. This can be from inside a pocket or bag. If you must push a button on your car key to open your car, you don't have keyless entry.

Keyless car theft or 'relay theft' is when a device is used to fool the car into thinking the key is close by. This unlocks the car and starts the ignition.

Thieves only need to be within a few metres of your car key to capture the signal, even if it's inside your home. This means that even if your car and home are secure, thieves can still unlock, start and steal your car.

How to protect your keyless entry car

- When at home keep your car key (and the spare) well away from the car.
- Put the keys in a screened or signal-blocking pouch, such as a Faraday Bag and check if the bag or pouch is still working every few months.
- Reprogramme your keys if you buy a second-hand car.
- Turn off wireless signals on your fob when it's not being used.

Additional physical security such as locks and immobilisers are still highly recommended. [Section six](#) on this page has more information about this.

3. Be aware of carjackers

The fact that you're in the car isn't always a deterrent to someone trying to steal it.

In traffic, drive with the doors locked and when queuing leave enough space in front of your vehicle to enable you to get out of a tight spot. If your vehicle is bumped from behind, wait to pull over – somewhere safe and preferably where there are people. After all, you don't know the person who has collided with you; they could well be hijackers. If you're at all suspicious, consider calling the police.

If someone threatens you, it's better to hand over the keys to the vehicle than become a victim of assault. Then call [999](tel:999) as soon as possible and ask for the police.

If your car is stolen, some modern vehicle alarm and tracker systems have the facility to isolate or shut down fuel systems, bringing the vehicle to a halt and leaving the thief high and dry.

4. Park responsibly

It's always advisable to avoid parking in dark and secluded areas. It's worth an extra five or ten-minute walk if it means your vehicle is left in a well-lit and busier street.

And if possible, always try to park in illuminated and staffed car parks or those with a Park Mark safer parking award. To find one, simply check out www.ParkMark.co.uk

5. Watch for illegal tow trucks

Thieves often attempt to lift vehicles from the street, literally. So, if you see a towaway crew acting suspiciously – especially if their vehicle isn't branded or if they're not in uniform – then please report it immediately.

As with every report of suspicious behaviour made in good faith, we'll never blame anyone for calling us if it proves unfounded.

Car parks with height-restricted entrances help prevent illegal tow trucks and removal vehicles. And fitting a [Thatcham rated](#) category 1 or 2 alarm system with tracking, immobilisation, anti-grab and movement sensors can help protect and trace your vehicle.

6. Fit good in-car security locks

Additional physical security can help to prevent your vehicle being driven away even if a thief gains entry. There are a range of security rated products tested by www.SoldSecure.com that can help, such as steering wheel locks, pedal boxes and gear stick locks.

Some of these products, tested to Sold Secure Diamond, can even resist a small hand-held angle grinder.

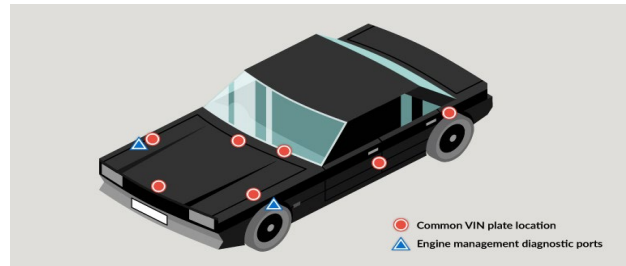
It's also worth speaking to your vehicle dealership about installing an aftermarket immobiliser approved by the manufacturer.

Immobilisers prevent a vehicle from starting unless the correct fob, key or activation process is used. They can be personalised so that you're the only one who knows how to unset it via a number of dashboard controls.

7. Double-check electronic locking

Electronic devices can be used to jam the electronic signal from your key fob to lock your vehicle. Always manually check your vehicle has locked before walking away.

If unsure, lock it manually, then scan the immediate area for anyone hanging around. If a potential thief who's watching feels they've been spotted, they'll probably move off.



8. Before owning, check for cloning

Changing the identity of a vehicle, known as vehicle cloning, can be as simple as adding stolen number plates. When buying a vehicle, always check the DVLA V5 document and make sure the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the vehicle is the same as on the document.

Make sure you check more than one of the VINs as well as the engine numbers on the vehicle (see diagram).

9. Secure your port

Many modern vehicles are fitted with engine management diagnostic ports, which can unlock and start your vehicle.

If your vehicle has this type of port, consider fitting a lockable cover.

Useful links

For more information about police preferred specification products that help to reduce the chances of vehicle crime please visit:

www.SecuredbyDesign.com

www.SoldSecure.com

Robbery

There were 1 personal robberies, 0 commercial robberies and 1 theft from person reported in September.

MONDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2025

BRAMLEY ROAD, ENFIELD, N14

Cash card stolen from their person. Where Fraudulent transactions were made.

Other crimes for September

0x Criminal damage

0 x Criminal damage to motor vehicle

0 x GBH / ABH

How to contact police

- In an emergency - Telephone 999
- To report crime - Telephone 101
- Or online at www.Met.police.uk
- In person 7 days per week
Edmonton Police Station
462 Fore Street
N9 0PW
- Crime stoppers -Telephone 0800 555 111 or at online www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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