

Car Break-ins – Reduce Your Risk

There have been reports of break-ins in countryside car parks and the police advise the following precautions.

- Remove the parcel shelf and open the glove box so that it is obvious that nothing is in the boot or glove box.
- Do not leave valuables in the car but if you are going to, put a handbag or other objects under the seat beforehand, don't do it in the car park. You cannot be sure who is watching.
- If you use a SatNav that fixes to the screen, remove the holder and ensure the circle mark on the windscreen is rubbed away too! Thieves will see a tell-tale mark and may assume you have the SatNav hidden in the car and it is worthwhile breaking in.
- When you arrive at the car park take a good look around at the other cars that are parked. Do they look like walkers or dog owners? If you have any suspicions phone 101: the police will come and check.
- Put a sticker in your car to say that all valuables have been removed. These stickers are available from police stations or you can make your own.