

About the Community Safety Partnership

The Tonbridge & Malling Community Safety Partnership (CSP) comprises of a group of organisations who work together to reduce crime and disorder within the borough of Tonbridge & Malling.

These organisations include:

- Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
- Kent Police
- Kent County Council
- Kent Fire & Rescue Service
- The Probation Service
- Russet Homes
- West Kent PCT
- Kent Drug & Alcohol Action Team
- Kent Police Authority
- Other voluntary groups

Their aim is to make Tonbridge & Malling “a safe community free from the fear of crime”.

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Useful contact details

Police – in an emergency	999
West Kent Police (non emergency)	01732 771055
Neighbourhood Watch West Kent	01892 502159
Crimestoppers (to report a crime anonymously)	0800 555 111
Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council Community Safety Partnership	01732 876132
Home office website www.secureyourmotor.gov.uk	
Vehicle Security National Helpline	0870 5502006

For more information about the Community Safety Partnership look at
www.tmcommunitysafety.org.uk

SECURE YOUR MOTOR



*How to keep your car and items
in it safe*



Vehicle crime in Tonbridge & Malling is low and much of the vehicle crime which takes place is the result of criminals seeing opportunities and taking them. Most car crime can be prevented and there are a few simple measures that you can put into place which will help to protect your vehicle.

Don't leave things on show

The thieves want Sat Navs, stereos, cash, coats and anything of value. So take them with you or put them out of sight.

Lock up

Unlocked doors and open windows will be taken as an invitation to steal. People do still forget or not bother to lock up – make sure you lock up, even if you are only leaving your car for a short period.

Fit an alarm

Alarms can deter thieves from both stealing your vehicle and from stealing things from it.

Keep your keys safe

Don't leave the keys in the ignition when paying for petrol – it takes just a few seconds for someone to jump into your car and drive away.

Parking

Use your garage if you have one and lock both your vehicle and the garage. If you don't have a garage, always try to park in a well lit and open place.

When parking away from home, always try and park your car in an attended car park and look out for car parks which are part of a Safer Parking scheme.

Security marking

Marking can help trace an item that's yours, as well as the person who stole it. Mark all your valuables, including your stereo and things that you often take in your car with your postcode and keep a note of any serial numbers in a safe place.

What more can you do?

The advice so far may seem very simple and obvious to most people but when we check crime reports most car crime could have been prevented by taking this advice.

The number of cars being stolen has reduced as newer cars have better security. However, theft from vehicles has not reduced. The risk of having something stolen from your car is more than double that of having it stolen.

Now is the time for you to take action! The police will target known criminals but you can help yourself and your neighbours by taking the advice in this leaflet.

We want to reduce the number of thefts from cars – but we can only do this with your help.