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# **Crime**

## Overall

* 24% decrease (305 to 231 incidents) this year compared to last year.

## Biggest Reductions – Top Three

* Vehicle Interference -75% (-6 incidents)
* Public Order -62% (-9 Incident)
* Arson -67% (-2 incidents)

## Biggest Increases

* Theft of Motor Vehicle 300% (+9 incident)
* Personal Robbery 100% (+2 incident)
* Burglary Business and Community 33% (+4 incident)

## Pattern or Trend

There has recently been an increase in Theft of Motor Vehicle and Theft from Motor Vehicle offences in the Tutbury, Rolleston & Anslow area. Local officers are aware of this issue and are currently engaged in targeted, uniformed and plain clothes patrols. Any suspicious activity is to be reported via 101 or 999 in an emergency.

## Focused Crime Prevention advice

**Advice to prevent thefts from keyless vehicles**

**We are issuing crime prevention advice to advise motorists how to protect their keyless vehicles.**

**What is signal jamming?**

Thieves use a gadget to prevent your key fob sending the command to lock your car and it remains unlocked. Whilst this tool will not allow them to steal your car it will allow them to root through your valuables.

**How to avoid:** Make sure the indicators flash when you press the lock button and listen for the doors locking.

**What is signal relaying?**

When the correct key fob is close by, the fob recognises the signal and transmits its own code, instructing the vehicle to unlock the doors and to allow the ignition to work on the car.

Thieves use wireless transmitters to capture its radio transmission. This is relayed to another device.  It allows the thief to open and start your car in the same way.

**How to avoid:** Use car key signal blocker cases/sleeves, they cost less than £10, or an aluminium tin at home.  Find a safe place for your keys at home and check to ensure they are out of range.

**What is key programming?**

Every car has a standard diagnostic port fitted. Computer hackers have developed devices that plug into the port, boot up a vehicle’s software and then program a blank key fob. In keyless cars this can be used to start the engine as well as unlock the doors.

**How to avoid**: Fit a lock to your diagnostic port and use additional security such as a steering wheel lock.

**Number plate thefts**

Officers are also encouraging residents to report number plate thefts. They are stolen to be used in other offences such as:

* Speeding
* Illegal parking
* Not paying congestion charges
* Driving away from a petrol forecourt without paying
* Not paying for parking tickets or speeding fines
* ‘Disguising’ a stolen vehicle.

Vehicles with stolen number plates have also been used in more serious crimes such as burglary, kidnap and robbery.

**How to avoid**: Use Anti-theft Number Plate Bolts, they cost less than £10

# **ASB**

## Overall

* In the last 12 months there has been a 23% decrease in the amount of incidents reported. (-25 incidents)

Biggest Reductions

* Noise Nuisance -100% (-1 incidents)
* Nuisance Comms -100% (-4 incidents)
* Noise pubs and clubs -88% (-7 incidents)

Biggest Increases

* ASB involving animals 100% (+1 incident)
* ASB fireworks 100% (+1 incidents)
* ASB drug related 17% (+1 incidents)

## HOT Spot Locations

Elizabeth Avenue, The Lawns and the car park on Craythorne Road have been identified as areas where drug use is suspected to be taking place. Local Officers are patrolling these areas to identify and deter offenders.

Feedback

Nothing to feed back at this time

# **Community engagement**

## Events

* Due to the current COVID 19 guidance from Government, Staffordshire Police will not be holding any events until further notice.
* Contact details of the Ward Team Here;
* PCSO Adam Evans – adam.evans@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk
* PC Lee Parden – lee.parden@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk
* Sgt Justin Rai – [Justin.Rai@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:scott.gidman@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk)

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