



Nailsea Newsletter

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Portishead, Clevedon
and Nailsea
Neighbourhood
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Meet your Local Neighbourhood Team



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PCSO Chea
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PCSO Amy
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PCSOs Amy, Chea and Andy recently attended Millennium Park. We are aware that there have been complaints of people using the skate park although the numbers of individuals reported are routinely very low. Millennium Park is patrolled regularly when duties permit and the policy regards the skate park remains to Engage, Explain and Encourage and only use Enforcement when necessary.

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Non Emergencies call 101 and 999 for
Emergencies.

Crimestoppers – 0800 555 111.



We're asking motorists to be vigilant following a recent increase in thefts of catalytic converters from vehicles in the Nailsea, Clevedon and Portishead areas. We have also seen an increase in thefts of items that have been left in vehicles, some of which have been left on display.

- Catalytic converters are attractive to thieves due to the current high prices of the metals inside them, and because they are relatively quick and easy to steal. Hybrid cars such as the Toyota Prius, which have more valuable catalytic converters, are particularly likely to be targeted.

- During February we've seen a spike in these types of thefts as well as thefts of items from vehicles. Neighbourhood police are carrying out targeted patrols of the affected areas.
- Police have also been visiting local scrap merchants to remind them of their responsibilities. Under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013, dealers must request photographic identification and proof of address from people selling scrap to them. The law also bars cash payments for scrap.
- If you see someone acting suspiciously around a vehicle, report it to police on 101. Ideally, provide a vehicle registration/make/model and colour, and a description of the suspects.
- If you witness a crime in progress, call 999.

You can help to deter thieves by:

- Parking your vehicle in a secure garage overnight or somewhere that makes it difficult for thieves to access its underside.
- Parking where neighbours and passers-by could see anyone tampering with the vehicle.
- Installing motion activated security lighting or CCTV.
- Marking your catalytic converter with a commercially-available etching kit or fitting a 'cat' clamp or alarm. This can also help police trace the item and prove a theft, helping us bring offenders to justice.
- Leaving no items on display in your vehicle at any time of day, even on short trips to the shops for example.

