

# Bedford and District Neighbourhood Watch



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# CYCLE THEFT

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# INFORMATION

News, information and advice to help make your area safer

Neighbourhood Watch want to alert you to a number of bicycle thefts in Riseley recently.

**Security marking your bike deters potential thieves as your bike can easily be traced if it is stolen. Free marking is available, by appointment, at Riseley Police Station.**



We would encourage you to report any suspicious activity to 101, or if it is a crime in ACTION to 999.

You can also report to Riseley Police Station in person

Your local PCSO's  
Dan James and Dan Henman  
Telephone: 01234 842865

**If you are not a member of Neighbourhood Watch and would like to be, you can join on line at <http://bedfordnhw.ourwatch.org.uk> or in person at Riseley Police Station where you can complete a registration form. You will then receive all the benefits of being a member.**



**Bedford Fire & Rescue Service**

**For a FREE Home Fire Safety Check please call 0800 043 5042**

**Security Mark All Your Possessions.**

**SmartWater**

**Now £15 only from Neighbourhood Watch**

***An active Neighbourhood Watch Area is a safer area***

Our aims:

1. To develop safer local communities and improve quality of life.
2. To involve the local community in the prevention and reduction of crime.
3. To raise community confidence by reducing the fear of crime.
4. Neighbourhood Watch helps to reduce the opportunities for crimes to occur

If you would like to know more about Neighbourhood Watch, or start a new scheme in your road, contact:  
*Lynne Arch, County Administrator  
Neighbourhood Watch office  
01234 842043*

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working together to make communities safer



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Fire and Rescue Service

# Don't give thieves an easy ride on your bicycle

## Stay Safe Bikes

It doesn't really matter how much you spend on your bike as a cheap one will be missed just as much as an expensive one if this is your usual mode of transport. It's not just the cost of the bike, but the inconvenience and added costs associated with it. To help reunite you with your bike if it is found, mark it and register with one of the police recognised schemes and databases.



- [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) is a free national registration database for cycles and other personal property.
- [www.bikeregister.com](http://www.bikeregister.com)
- call: 01689 862708 it offers a variety of affordable registration schemes which also include tamper proof stickers a cycle marking pack and a transferable ownership log book.

Also make a note of the frame number, which can usually be found underneath the bottom bracket or on the rear forks. Most of the databases allow you to record other details, such as the make, model, and colour of the bike and other distinguishing features; all of which is worthwhile. You can download our bike card and keep it in a safe place to help remind you.

- [Bike detail card](#)

The police do actually recover many thousands of bikes each year, but because very few of them are security marked or registered with an online database very few are returned to the owners. The police usually keep them for six weeks, and if not claimed by the owners, they are auctioned with the money raised going to various charities.

### Here is a checklist of things you can do:

- Always lock your bike if leaving it unattended.
- Choose a place to lock your bike where there are lots of people and a high level of natural surveillance.
- Invest in a good quality lock. D-shaped are usually the best.
- Add your bike to your home contents insurance.
- Lock both the wheel and frame to make your bike more secure.
- Make sure that any quick release and detachable items such as wheels, saddles and lights are either secured or removed and taken with you.
- If your bike is stolen report it immediately by visiting your local police station or calling 101.

If you suspect someone in your area is trading stolen bikes call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or contact your local Trading Standards Office.

## Register your Property with Immobilise

Create a FREE private and secure portfolio of all your personal property.

[www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)



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**0800 555 111**  
Call anonymously with information about crime