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Car Crime

Bracknell Forest Borough Council are have improved the security in many of the town centre car parks to make them safer and reduce car crime. The security has also been enhanced at the Look Out, Coral Reef and the Leisure centre.

Last year there were over 1000 recorded thefts from motor vehicles in the Borough most of these could have been avoided if people didn't leave items visible in a car that were attractive to the thief. A useful reminder is not to leave anything in your car that is CRAVED by the thief.

CRAVED means anything which is;

Concealable
Removeable
Available
Valuable
Enjoyable
Disposable

Stealing something out of your car takes seconds. Alarms are no deterrent and many thieves make a good living out of it. The thief will think any bag may have something in it and any coat or jacket may have a wallet in the pocket. Satnavs and laptops are particularly popular.

Many of these crimes take place in car parks but just as many take place on the street sometimes right outside a persons house

Most thieves will simply pass by an empty car.