

## FREE BICYCLE CODING SEPTEMBER 12TH

Cyclists are being offered the chance to receive a **free bike coding kit** in a bid to reduce cycle crime in Blackpool.

Members of the Neighbourhood Police Team will be holding a special event from 11am – 2pm on **Wednesday September 12**, outside St. Johns Church, Cedar Square, Blackpool.

It will be a free session where members of the public can bring their bicycles along and receive a coding kit. Cyclists can mark their property with their postcode and then register their bike online. This can help identify the bike's owner if it is unfortunately stolen, making it easier to return it to them if it is then found.

PCSO Becky Cliff, Blackpool Neighbourhood Police Team, said: "Cycle thefts are an issue in the Town Centre at the moment. It is important that cyclists take measures, like using a chain to lock their bike to an immovable object, to prevent their equipment from being stolen but unfortunately some thieves can be quite determined. If a bike has a postcode marked on to it then it makes it easier to prove ownership if it is stolen and then later recovered by us.

"We have around 1,000 kits available so we would urge cycling enthusiasts to come down and see us to get their bikes registered."



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