

90 per cent of Fylde car break-ins carried out on unlocked vehicles

A POLICING operation has been put in place to get motorists to secure their vehicles after **90 per cent of cars targeted by thieves in Fylde last month were left unlocked.**

While the whole Borough has been affected by cars being broken into, the Fairhaven, Ashton and Central wards have been particular hot spots and Officers are focusing their resources there in a bid to tackle the problem.

The Neighbourhood Police Teams are making checks on vehicles to ensure they are locked, and, if they are insecure, the owner is contacted. Education work is also being carried out, with leaflets being handed out in the local community to explain the importance of locking cars.

Inspector Keith Ogle, Fylde Police, said: “The fact that 90 per cent of the cars that were broken into last month had been left unlocked is extremely disturbing. Your car is an extension of your property – in the same way as you would lock up your home when you go out, you should also make sure you lock up your car when you leave it. Your insurance is likely to be invalid if you’ve been careless and replacing items or putting right damage can prove expensive.

“Keeping items of value in your car is not a sensible idea and possessions should be removed from display, otherwise you are providing temptation for passing thieves.”

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