



## Yatton & Villages NPT

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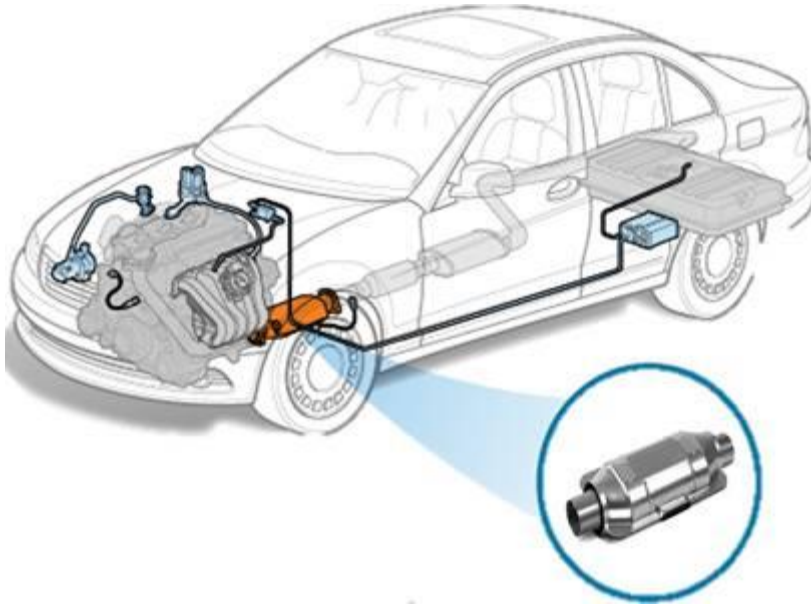
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# Crime Prevention Advice



We have had an increase in number of reports within the area of Yatton and Clevedon of Catalytic Converter theft. Please read the following crime prevention advice to make sure that you keep your vehicle safe.

**Did you know a thief can take the catalytic converter from your car in a matter of minutes and leave you to foot the bill?**

Cars which are often targeted are those with higher chassis, such as a 4x4 or an SUV, however, other cars can still be targeted.

To reduce the risk of having your catalytic converter stolen, you should:

- Park your car in a locked garage where possible, but if this isn't an option, then park it in a well-lit and well-populated area
- Park close to fences, walls or a kerb with the exhaust being closest to the fence, wall or kerb to make the theft more difficult
- Avoid parking your vehicle half on the pavement and half on the road, as this may make it easier for thieves to access the catalytic converter
- If parking in a public car park, consider parking alongside other cars and facing your bonnet towards the wall if possible. With the catalytic converter positioned at the front of your vehicle, this will make it harder for thieves to get close enough to steal it
- If there is a fleet of vehicles, park the low clearance vehicles to block the high clearance vehicles. This will obstruct access underneath

- If your catalytic converter is bolted on, you can ask for your local garage to weld the bolts to make it more difficult to remove.
  - Alternatively, you can also etch a serial number on the converter
  - You can even purchase a 'cage clamp' which is a cage device that locks in around the converter to make it more difficult to remove.
  - Speak to your dealership about the possibility of adding a tilt sensor that will activate the alarm should any thief try to jack the vehicle up to steal the converter
  - If you see someone acting suspiciously under a vehicle, report it to the Police. Obtain as much information as possible, including any vehicle registration.
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# In The News



Did you tune in to see us on our Facebook live?

We are now going live on Facebook every month covering different topics. This is a chance for you to meet the team, ask any questions you may have and also to find out what has been going on in your area.

You are able to watch these videos on PCSO Claire's Facebook page. Please add her as a friend to keep up to date with information relating to your area. This topic is about bike theft and keeping your bike secure through Bike Register.



We have registered over 200 bikes with bike register at the events we held over our three beats, Yatton, Portishead and Clevedon.

We hope you will tune in to our next Facebook Live which is at 2pm on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October. Please look out for this and get your questions ready!

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Do you see us whilst we are out on our bikes? Please approach us if you see us mobile working. We often take the bikes out and will sit up on benches with our laptops working, or from the back of the mobile Police station whilst at beat surgeries. Never feel you are interrupting us, we are here for you and always happy to have a chat.



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### **Information Required**

We are getting reports of anti-social behaviour around the Yatton railway station area. If you see anything suspicious please call us on 101 (or 999 if you think it merits an immediate Police attendance).

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### **Covid-19 Update**

The rules are constantly evolving so anything we put here may be out of date by the time you read this! However, I am pleased to report that have only been a few reports of breaches in the North Somerset area recently. Please remember to carry a face mask with you at all times, and, as the Government has requested, please download the NHS Covid-19 app to assist with Test and Trace.

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### **Speedwatch**

We are looking for more volunteers for Speedwatch for the area so if you're interested please contact us on [communitySpeedWatch@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:communitySpeedWatch@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

# Partnership Working



We have always worked closely with the youth club in Yatton and are pleased that their doors are now open again. Niccy Hook the leader of the Youth Club let us know what they have been doing to support our young people in our community.

*“During lockdown our detached team worked two nights a week meeting with young people for socially distanced chats and refreshments. We have also been speaking with vulnerable young people over social media and phone.*

*The sessions below are for 10 young people at each socially distanced.*

*Tuesday – Detached youth work in and around Yatton.*

*Wednesday & Thursday – 3 Sessions. 17:00-18:00, 18:30 -19:30 Junior School aged children and 20:00-21:00 for senior school aged children.*

*We opened a foodbank every Thursday 09:30-13:00 at the youth club that is still running and will continue until the need isn't there anymore.*

*The youth led community café is back up and running 09:00-13:00 every Saturday and we will be opening every day over October half term 11:00-16:00”*

We, as the Neighbourhood Policing Team, look forward to being able to a part of Youth Club again and what a fantastic job you have been doing in these difficult times to support our young people.

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