



WARNING OF THEFTS FROM VANS

There have been a large number of thefts of power tools from tradesmen's vans recently. Particularly targeted have been Ford Transit vans where there has been no forced entry but the owners are adamant their vehicles were locked and secure.

It is likely that a device freely available to purchase over the internet has been used to gain entry. The police advice to van owners is to be aware of this and to consider either fitting additional security locks to all doors (remote deadlocking kits can be fitted which means that the doors will not open without the remote) OR to empty the van of valuable items and to place "*Don't Bother*" signs, which are available either from the police or NHW, on the vehicle advising that the vehicle has been emptied of all valuables. Parking the rear of the vehicle hard against a wall, etc. may help deter potential thieves.

Sightings of persons acting in a suspicious manner, or suspicious vehicles (a registration number is particularly useful), should be reported immediately to the Police on 101, or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 - if a crime is in progress then call 999

