

Several bicycles have recently been stolen from either garages, sheds or gardens in the Pocklington and Wolds Weighton areas. Please find below some security points for you to consider:

- If you haven't done so already register your bicycles frame number along with any pictures and other details you have on www.immobilise.com. (Registration on immobilise only takes a couple of minutes. All you need is your bike's make, model, identifying number code(s) and a few photographs).
- Good quality locks make all the difference when it comes to the theft of bikes. Spend a bit of money on a decent D-lock and you will really reduce the chance of your bike being stolen. For more details visit www.soldsecure.com
- Look at where you are storing your bike and make sure that your shed or garage is secured with a good quality lock. Many shed windows are never used, if this is the case – why not screw them shut. Fitting mesh or steel bars across the window from the inside allows light to enter but means the thief has to go to a lot of trouble to remove them. Replace broken glass with laminated glass.
- Don't leave your bicycle unattended and insecure in your garden or driveway even if its for a few minutes. Likewise calling at the shop for 30 seconds and not locking your bike, can lead to a long walk home – lock it.
 - Consider buying a cycle anchor that can be bolted to the wall or floor of your shed/garage which your cycle can then be fastened to or if you have several cycles lock them altogether.
- If you are having to leave your bike out on the street, where possible leave it in a well lit area and lock both the frame and wheels to the bike stand and remove any extras (eg lights or seats if removable). If there is no stand, ensure that it's locked to secure street furniture eg railings or a lamp post.
- Think twice about posting 'track My Ride' app results or pictures of your bike on social media sites, especially if your home address can also be viewed. Most Track My Ride apps have settings which stop within a given distance of your home address. Check your security settings and set at least a 1000m exclusion zone around your house.