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Hello, it's Tom Bark your local PCSO again.

I hope everyone is keeping well over these different times we find ourselves in. It has been great to meet many of you in passing over the last couple of months whilst out on patrol.

Throughout the last couple of months we have seen a reduction in crime throughout the centre of Basingstoke. With the easing of COVID restrictions shops are now open again in the town which means increased footfall in the town centre. The shops and shopping centres have their own COVID measures in place, can I just ask if you can follow these.

Due to the shops opening we are expecting a small rise in shoplifting to take place, but we do have extra patrols planned to combat this.

We are also working with partner agencies to work on the prominent issues within the town centre to resolve these.

We have seen a rise in the theft of catalytic converters from cars within the last month, so I would like to offer the following advice:

Park your car in a locked garage where possible, but if this isn't an option, then park in a well-lit and well-populated area

- If parking in a public car park, consider parking alongside other cars and facing your bonnet towards a wall, if possible
- Avoid parking half on the pavement and half on the road as it makes the underside of your vehicle more accessible
- Look out for people working under cars. If you see anything suspicious, call the police
- If your catalytic converter is 'bolted on', you can have the bolts welded shut
- Consider security lighting and CCTV at home
- Identify/etch your converter with a unique mark or serial number
- * Cat clamps - a cage that surrounds your catalytic converter to prevent it being unbolted
- * Security lighting/CCTV on your drive or covering your parking space

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999 should only be used in emergency situations; when a life is in danger or a crime is happening right now

To speak to the police about anything else, you should call 101 or contact us online. Below are some useful links

To report a crime <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/how-to-report-a-crime/>

To report Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-b/report-antisocial-behaviour/>

Any non-crime questions feel free to email me personally at: Tom.bark@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Finally Every couple of weeks we have been asking you to let us know your views on our COVID-19 policing response and this continues to prove useful, so thank you for taking the time to let us know. It's now that time again when we need to kindly ask you to spare a few minutes giving us your views again please. When completing, if your view has changed at all it would be helpful if you could explain why your view has changed in the comments field.

The survey takes just a couple of minutes to complete and if you are doing this on a mobile device you may need to turn this to landscape view to see all of the response boxes properly. If at the end of the survey you get a notification saying there is an error and you have only completed 67% please disregard this. You will have completed it fully at this stage and your responses will have been received.

Please complete the COVID-19 Response here:

<https://mymsg.eu/9hfn>

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