

COUNTRY WATCH

Plant theft



Plant theft is not opportunist in nature as thieves tend to identify and target vehicles.

Preventing plant theft can be achieved by following simple – but effective – crime reduction actions.

Follow the advice on the reverse of this leaflet and take action to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime.

Hampshire Constabulary – cutting crime in rural communities.



Plant theft crime prevention advice:

- Do not leave agricultural vehicles in fields overnight.
- Do not leave vehicles parked out of sight (behind buildings or barns, etc).
- Store agricultural vehicles in barns or yards. Block valuable plant in with other vehicles. If this is not possible, consider chaining them together and securing them to a floor-mounted securing point.
- Identify and register plant/agricultural vehicles with the DVLA or, if not appropriate, with a property register such as CESAR – www.cesarscheme.org.
- Ensure plant/agricultural vehicles have a unique/single key (this could be the immobiliser key).
- Ensure the vehicle cab is fitted with lockable windows.
- Fit an immobiliser.
- Consider GPS and VHF tracking systems, e.g. Tracker – www.tracker.co.uk.
- Fit mechanical-locking systems.

Call Hampshire Constabulary Country Watch and Hampshire Horsewatch on **101**.

In an emergency call **999**.

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