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Protect your bike from theft

Lavender Hill Safer Neighbourhood Teams saw an increase in the theft of mopeds and motorbikes in the Balham and Battersea areas and were keen to fight the issue.

High visibility patrols targeting known vehicle thieves were increased. Officers found bikes and scooters left parked by owners insecure and in areas that were dark and not overlooked thus giving thieves an easy ride.

Most thefts occur by the offender simply 'hot wiring' the ignition and riding off.

PC Darren Sims from Northcote SNT contacted Motorcycle Action Group, a campaign group looking after rider's interests to come up with new ways of increasing awareness of the issue.

The Motorcycle Action Group recommended Gear Gremlins Swordfish lock and chains.

They have helped to arrange a supply of locks for sale to bike and moped owners at a 50% discount.

Gear Gremlin Swordfish locks are available for £15.00 from the front counter of Lavender Hill Police Station or by contacting your Wandsworth Safer Neighbourhood team.

PC Darren Sims Said

'Most motorcycle and scooter thefts can be easily avoided by parking in a well lit, over looked area and securing the vehicle to an immovable object, such as a lamp post. In the absence of any street furniture, putting a lock through one or both wheels will deter the type of thieves who are responsible for most bike and scooted thefts'

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