

Stolen Motorbikes

Police in Edinburgh are warning motorcyclists to take adequate steps to protect their vehicles, following the theft of two motorbikes left unsecured in a guesthouse car park.

The theft happened between 2.30am and 8am on Tuesday (July 27), from the front car park of a guesthouse in Minto Street.

A grey and silver BMW worth £15,000 was stolen, along with a black Yamaha worth £8000. Both bikes had Swiss plates, and belonged to holidaymakers.

The thefts follow another incident that happened on Thursday, July 15 when two youths stole a foreign-owned Suzuki motorbike that was left unsecured in Brunswick Road. On that occasion, the bike was recovered nearby.

A police spokesman said: "We are appealing for any information that can help us identify who is responsible for these thefts, but at the same time we are warning bike owners – especially those holidaying in Edinburgh – to be on their guard.

"Leaving your bike unsecured is an invitation to thieves, and these thefts serve as an example of what can happen if you do not take the appropriate steps to protect your vehicle.

"In addition to purchasing a good quality padlock and chain, bike owners should always try to secure their vehicle to a fixed and immovable object, for added security.

"Under no circumstances should you leave your bike completely unsecured."

Anyone with any information should contact Lothian and Borders Police on 0131 311 3131, or Crimestoppers in confidence and complete anonymity on 0800 555 111.