

Police urge vigilance after spate of bike thefts in Dunbar



Police are urging bike owners to be vigilant after six bicycles were stolen in Dunbar in just over a week.

The thefts took place between Friday 13th and Sunday 22nd July when the bikes were stolen from five locations within the town.

Inspector Andy Hill of Haddington Police Station said: “More than half a million bikes are stolen annually across the UK, with around half of these stolen while the bike is on the owner’s property.

“We’re urging people to ensure that bikes are kept somewhere secure and out of sight wherever possible when not in use, such as in a storage facility or a locked shed or garage.

“Always secure your bike to an immovable object with at least one good quality lock, such as a D-Lock. It’s recommended that you invest at least 10% of the cost of your bike on this.

“If you see any suspicious behaviour, make a note of any person or vehicle descriptions and report this to Police Scotland via 101 – always dial 999 if you see a crime ongoing.”

The bikes, collectively worth over £4,000, are described as:

- a black framed Voodoo Batu with luminous yellow detail
- a sky blue On-One (pictured)
- a grey Trek DS 1 Hybrid (pictured)
- a white framed Fenetic Sprint Electric Bike with black mudguards
- a blue and yellow Rockhopper mountain bike (pictured)
- a white framed Cannondale Trail S6 with black and red detail

Inspector Hill continued: "Anyone who may know the whereabouts of any of the stolen bikes is urged to help us reunite these with their rightful owners and contact either police or the charity Crimestoppers as soon as possible.

"I also want to take this opportunity to remind people to always ensure that, when buying a bike second-hand, the seller can provide proof of ownership.

"If you buy stolen items, either knowingly or otherwise, they can be reclaimed by their original owner meaning a financial loss for yourself and potentially further police action."

Those with information can contact Dunbar Police Station via 101, or the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111