

Police warn public after spate of thefts across Lothians and Borders

Police are asking owners of vehicles to be aware following a number of thefts across Lothians and Borders.

A blue VW Golf R, registration P015 XVW, was stolen from Onslow Street, Craigshill having been parked and secured on the driveway, at 11pm on Friday, 28 February, 2025. Other items were taken from the property after entry was gained.

About 1.30am on Saturday, 1 March, a white Golf R, registration CE65 RZF, was taken from East Lodge, Uphall. The vehicle was subsequently recovered on the M9 motorway after the occupants have made off in a separate grey Audi S3.

A short time later, around 1.50am, two people entered a business premises in Goschen Place, Broxburn, stealing keys for vehicles however no vehicles were stolen at this time.

Around 3.30am the same day, people wearing balaclavas were seen at the side of a property in Redmill Court, Whitburn. Entry was not gained to the property and they left the area in a white VW Golf R, believed to be the one taken from Uphall.

Around 1.30am on Monday, 3 March, officers received a report of the attempted theft of a VW Golf and a Range Rover from Kings Well Crescent in Broxburn.

Later, around 2.50am, a grey Audi was stolen from West Holmes

Place in Uphall. This was later traced.

Around 3.10am a BMW and a Jaguar were stolen from a driveway in Forkneuk Road, Uphall. Both vehicles were traced nearby a short time later.

Inspector John Fleming said: "We have officers investigating these crimes as a matter of priority in an effort to disrupt this criminal activity.

"We are treating these incidents as linked and would appeal for anyone with information to contact us.

"We'd strongly urge the public to ensure security measures are in place to try to protect vehicles.

"If you have a garage, please use it to secure your vehicle out of sight. Ensure your vehicle is locked and all valuables removed when not in use. Trackers and tracking devices are also a form of additional security and can assist recovering stolen cars quickly.

"If you witness any suspicious activity, I would ask you contact Police Scotland on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."