



## **MAG Position Statement Motorcycle Theft**

### **In Brief**

Theft of vehicles has existed for as long as vehicles have existed. Motorcycles are particularly vulnerable to theft with approximately 30,000 motorcycle and scooter thefts occurring in 2017. This equates to approximately 2.4% of all the registered motorcycles and scooters in the country.

### **MAG's response**

The Motorcycle Action Group (MAG) would ideally like to see zero motorcycle theft in the UK but this is an unrealistic expectation; however, there needs to be an across-the-board responsibility for ensuring improved security of motorcycles.

MAG works to help protect the right of riders to have their motorcycles and scooters protected, and for the victims of bike theft to be recognised and supported by the authorities.

The organisation is an active member of the Motorcycle Crime Reduction Group (MCRG), has close relationships with the Motorcycle Industry Association (MCIA), contributes to the Home Office Roundtable meetings on motorcycle crime and works locally and nationally with Police Forces on education and engagement initiatives.

MAG actively campaigns for secure parking facilities and provides a member benefit in the form of the MAG Protected reward scheme.

In addition, the MAG Foundation runs a Lock-to-Lock initiative.

### **MAG Position**

The Motorcycle Action Group:

- encourages owners of powered two-wheelers (PTWs) to take as many security precautions as reasonably practicable. We advocate a layered approach to motorcycle security;
- encourages all members of the public to share intelligence and information that may assist in the apprehension of bike thieves with Police forces;
- supports any security developments that can be designed into the machines;
- supports the provision of well-designed and plentiful secure parking facilities within public spaces and private developments;
- supports the efforts of the Police to arrest and charge culprits and, in addition, supports their ability to do so without fear of endangering the career or liberty of its officers;
- supports the use by the judiciary of meaningful penalties for perpetrators of bike theft.