

Template Bike Theft Letter for MPs

Dear [MP name]

As a motorcyclist I accept that I am part of a minority road user group. I am deeply concerned, however, that the interests of motorcyclists are largely ignored when it comes to acquisitive crime, simply because we are a minority. Research carried out by the Motorcycle Action Group (MAG) shows that as a motorcyclist I am eight times more likely to be the victim of vehicle theft than the average road user. Despite this shocking fact the National Vehicle Crime Working Group has stated that it is not prioritising motorcycle theft.

The methods to prevent motorcycle theft are fundamentally different to the strategies employed for other vehicle types, and the police response to motorcycle theft needs to be significantly different to the response to other forms of vehicle theft.

MAG engages with the Motorcycle Crime Reduction Group (MCRG) and has been lobbying the Home Office, Police & Crime Commissioners, Local Authorities and other bodies to prioritise tackling the problem of vehicle theft as it disproportionately affects motorcyclists. I am saddened by the fact that requests for support and proactive action from Government at both local and national level has been met by indifference. The needs of a minority group should not be brushed aside in this way.

I would request that, as my MP, you contact the Policing Minister, Kit Malthouse, on my behalf with a simple request that he meet the Motorcycle Action Group personally to hear the case for prioritisation of efforts to tackle the disproportionate theft burden borne by a minority group.

Yours sincerely

[your name]

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