



## Crime Prevention Advice - Keyless Entry Car Key Systems

To: Horsham NHW Approved Coordinators (706 contacts) - please forward this message to your members.

A car parked on the owner's drive in Southwater overnight was accessed after the RF signal from the keyless entry car key (**inside the owner's house!**) was 'captured' by the offender(s) who then accessed the car without setting off the alarm. Items stolen included the steering wheel, wing mirrors, control panel and the control box.

You may like to consider buying an **RFID\* signal blocker pouch** to keep your car keys in. These pouches can be purchased from Amazon, eBay and other suppliers, prices start at about £5. For anyone with keyless entry car key fobs, use of these pouches is recommended as the RF signal emitted by the key fob cannot be identified, captured and exploited.

\*RFID - radio frequency identification

Keyless entry car key fob systems emit a radio frequency (RF) signal that enables the car doors, boot etc. to be opened when the key is within a certain distance of the car. Using technology, thieves can exploit any unprotected keyless entry key fob and "intercept" and capture the RFID signal - they can then gain entry to the car without setting off any alarm.

Please circulate this message and advice to all of your neighbours as well as family and friends of course.

Many thanks - Ken Broomfield, Secretary of the Horsham NHW Association

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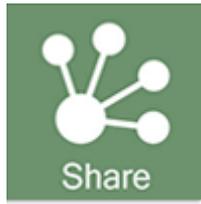
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