

## May 2022 Newsletter

**Vote For Us!**  
**Crimestoppers in Gloucestershire has been nominated for SoGlos charity of the year. We would love for our ambassadors to vote for us before the deadline on 31st May 2022. You can vote by following this link:**  
**<https://www.soglos.com/awards/vote>**



### **An update on Gemma Hall our Fearless Worker**

Gemma has been busy since starting at Fearless, our youth service last year, helping spread the fearless.org message to over 2,000 school children in Gloucestershire through interactive workshops. She has been educating our youth about how to keep the county safe through being active bystanders and calling Crimestoppers. She has also touched on the risks of carrying a knife, which is a prominent problem within the youth population.

Gemma's sessions now use hi-tech voting handsets to make workshops more engaging and interactive. She has also been filming TikToks for the Fearless social media account, which helps spread our message to young people through accessible media sources. Well done Gemma!

### **Your Ambassador Co-ordinators**

Our Ambassador Co-ordinators, Ellie and Talitha are on hand, should you need information and resources.

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### **Tell us and stay safe**

Independent charity Crimestoppers won't ask your name or any personal details when you report a crime to us. We just listen to what you know and pass it on.

When you hang up the phone after calling **0800 555 111** or clicking 'send' to **[crimestoppers-uk.org](https://crimestoppers-uk.org)** you're done.

Calls or online information can't be tracked or traced. The only person who knows you contacted us is you.

**No police. No witness statements.**

**No courts.**

Tell Crimestoppers what you know. We take information in more than 150 languages.

**CrimeStoppers.**

**0800 555111**

100% anonymous. Always.

# Catalytic Converter Theft



Catalytic converters in cars contain precious metals such as rhodium, platinum and palladium. These metals are currently more valuable than gold and catalytic converters sell for more than £500 on the black market. As a result, this makes catalytic converters an attractive target for criminals.

## How can you deter thieves?

- Avoid parking half on the pavement and half on the road
- Park your vehicle in a locked garage where possible
- Try and park in busy, well lit areas

## What to do if your catalytic converter is stolen

- Do not drive your car
- Contact your local police station ASAP. It is illegal to drive without a catalytic converter

## Save the date - Forces Day 2022

This year we are lucky to have a stall at the Forces Day on the 17th September at Gloucestershire Constabulary to promote Crimestoppers.

# Safer Communities

## What impact do we have?

From April 2021-January 2022, we passed on 1,131 reports anonymously to Gloucestershire police, which is 18% up on the previous year's reports. These reports came in via the below methods:

- 158 phone calls, which is down by 20% on the previous year
- 720 online forms which is an increase of 26% on the previous year
- 253 two-way communications, which is a 35% increase on the previous year

Gloucestershire police have reported 94.3% of the reports they received from Crimestoppers were actionable, which resulted in 99 positive outcomes and 35 arrests and charges being made in Gloucestershire.

## 'Stop thieves from stealing our community'

As the evenings start to get lighter, we need to protect ourselves and our possessions from crime. The pandemic has brought neighbours and communities together and we don't want that to stop - help protect your neighbours by looking out for each other's homes when they are away. In order to protect your own property whilst you are away, ask a neighbour to keep an eye out and put your lights on a timer. Try not to leave evidence that you are away for an extended period of time, for example, ask a trusted neighbour to move your bins in after collection day.

To remain anonymous, contact Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111** or go to **[www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)**.

We can't take information from victims of crime because everyone who contacts us is anonymous.

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