Crime Reduction and Personal Safety Message from Lincolnshire Police.

Information Regarding Park Mark® Safer Parking Scheme

Throughout Lincolnshire there are currently 105 parking facilities that have been awarded the Park Mark, 'Safer Parking Scheme' accreditation. The operators of these facilities include Police, Health Authorities, Local councils and Retails Shopping Parks.

The Park Mark® Safer Parking Award is given to parking facilities that have achieved the exacting standards of a risk assessment conducted by both the Police and the British Parking Association. The Safer Parking Scheme is an initiative of the Associations of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), aimed at reducing crime and the fear of crime in parking areas.

After the successful assessment car parks with the award can then display signage featuring the distinctive Park Mark® tick, so that drivers know exactly where to go for safe parking. It is with this award that certain parking facilities have seen a drop in vehicle-related crime of over 80%.

For customers, using a Park Mark® Safer Parking area means that the area has been vetted by the Police and has measures are in place to help create a safe and non-threatening environment.

Nationally it is determined that 20% of all crime was related to car crime as a result this initiative is also backed by the Government to make car parks safer places to park. Additionally, it was intended to increase the confidence of customers parking in certain locations in order to lessen the general fear of crime.

There are currently 5000 car parks with the Park Mark® Award throughout the UK. To find your nearest Park Mark car park visit www.parkmark.co.uk.

The British Parking Association manages the Safer Parking Scheme on behalf of the Association of Chief Police Officers and with support from the Home Office.

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