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Tradespeople in Amber Valley are being urged to be vigilant and ensure their vehicles are secure when left unattended after a number of thefts from vehicles in the borough.

Sometime between 8pm on Wednesday, June 3 and 7am on Thursday, June 4, tools were stolen from a van parked on Darfield Drive in Heanor (CR/23336/15).

During the same timeframe, electrical equipment was taken from a vehicle parked in the Premier Inn hotel car park in South Normanton after thieves smashed a window to gain entry (23342/15).

A window was smashed to get into a vehicle on Newlands Road in Riddings sometime between 12.30pm and 6.45am on Tuesday, June 2. Offenders then stole a drill from inside (CR/23039/15).

Similar offences have also taken place in Belper and Ripley over the last week.

Following the incidents, police are urging motorists to follow crime prevention advice to help to protect their property from being targeted by thieves.

This includes:

- Parking in well-lit, overlooked areas, using driveways and garages if possible;
- Considering installing CCTV monitoring systems at homes or businesses to keep track of incidents;
- Considering installing other security equipment including alarms and motion-sensitive lighting;
- Ensuring that vehicle windows and doors are properly secure and that no valuable items are left on display;
- Removing any visible marks such as sat nav holder rings to deter criminals;
- Being vigilant and reporting any suspicious incidents to police by calling 101. Always dial 999 in an emergency.

Anyone with information about the above incidents is being urged to contact police on 101 quoting the crime numbers given, or by calling Crimestoppers anonymously on 088 555 111.

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