

# BACKING THE FIGHT

**The Bath Chronicle joins forces with police to safeguard your vehicle.**

**T**he Bath Chronicle today joins the fight against car crime. Securi-Disc is a tamper-proof device which makes it impossible for thieves to steal car tax discs. The blackmarket in discs costs the tax payer more than £160m a year and for the individual victim the cost can run into thousands in damage.

In a joint initiative with Avon and Somerset Police we are offering our readers Securi-Discs at just 99p each.

Sgt Tim Stook, based at Bath police station, said "genuine tax discs contain information relating to the vehicle and this allows experts to spot forgeries by criminals printing discs from scratch, but

stolen discs being tampered with.

"Discs can be used in ringing - stealing vehicles then giving them a whole new identity. It's all part of fraudulent use of documents, and theft of tax discs can be the starting point of car crime".

It may not seem a valuable commodity, but to the car crime underworld, fraudulent use of stolen tax discs is big business.

A stolen disc might fetch £40 on the blackmarket for those who would rather not fork out the full cost of a legitimate disc. The victim is likely to find that the damage to their car runs into hundreds if not thousands of pounds.



## Top tips to beat tax disc crime

When buying a new car check the registration and model on the tax disc to make sure that it matches the vehicle.

Tax discs bought a long way from where the car is being sold also ought to arouse suspicion.

Drivers who do get their tax discs stolen should contact the police and tell the DVLA on a special form, available from the post office.

Not displaying a tax disc can incur a fine of up to £1,000.

**The Bath Chronicle is giving its readers a chance to fight back - by offering a unique tamper proof tax disc device for just 99p.**

**T**he Bath Chronicle is not making a profit from this offer. We have teamed up with the inventor of Securi-Disc, Michael Prince, to make the crime busting system available to Bath Chronicle readers.

Already Securi-Disc, approved by police forces and the Home Office, is helping protect more than 500,000 tax discs, nationwide. It works by effectively laminating the disc; making it then impossible to for a stolen tax disc to be altered, any attempt to alter the details on the disc will result in its destruction, thereby preventing the thief from "selling it on". Simple to use, yet very effective Securi-Disc is being hailed as a Major advance in the fight against car crime.

Criminals approaching a car fitted with a Securi-Disc can see a warning that a tamper proof disc is fitted.

### The Bath Chronicle security tax disc holder offer

Please send me ..... tax disc holders at £99p each.

I enclose a cheque/postal order for £..... made payable to **The Bath Chronicle**

Name.....

Address.....

Postcode.....

Telephone Number.....

Send to Tax Disc Holder Offer, Bath Newspapers, Windsor House, Windsor Bridge, Bath, BA2 3AU  
Allow 14 days for delivery

## How it works



**This is how your Bath Chronicle tamper proof tax disc holder works.**

- 1 First you carefully peel off the backing of the licence holder. Then you place it on a flat surface adhesive side up.
- 2 Carefully place the back of your tax disc on the centre circle, pressing down on it firmly.
- 3 Remove the paper backing from the clear plastic, and then carefully place it over the front of your tax disc. Do not try to move the plastic once

you have fixed it to the disc as this will damage it.

4 All you have to do next is position the adhesive side of the licence holder in the usual place on the windscreen and smooth it into place.

5 If you ever need to return the disc to the DVLA, all you have to do is peel off the holder from your windscreen and cut out the disc before sending it back.