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Safer Cycling and Crime Prevention



The bike awareness event, run by Go Smarter and Northumbria Police on 27th August and 1st September, was designed to encourage our employees to cycle to work.

Paul Andre, crime prevention adviser with Northumbria Police, said: "With more people cycling during the summer months, we typically see a rise in opportunistic thefts.

"Sessions like this show the sort of steps that can be taken to prevent you having your bike stolen, such as buying and using a good quality D lock and securing it in a proper bike rack covered by CCTV."

People who took part in the event were able to have their bikes registered with police on a national database, which will help with recovery if it does get stolen.

There was also a team on site to provide free bike safety checks and minor repairs.

We understand that although we encourage employees to cycle to work, we must give them the confidence to use the roads, and to ensure that their bikes are safe while at work.

Lisa Gardiner, HR Officer (pictured, far right), said: "Vantec Europe employs more than 1,000 people, and we're keen to encourage as many of them as possible to look for alternative and sustainable methods of getting to and from work.

"Cycling is just one of those, and events like this show how it can be done in a way that's easy for employees but also keeps them safe and their bikes secure."