

POLICE NOTEBOOK

MUCH HAS BEEN MADE recently about safety for women whilst driving alone or with young children. Police and the breakdown organisations always give priority service to women drivers broken down in remote or dangerous places, but by taking basic safety precautions the risks can be minimised. Keep your car in good working order and carry extra petrol in special safety approved petrol cans.

Belonging to one of the breakdown organisations gives reassurance and confidence on long journeys. Consider an automatic latex puncture aerosol to get you to the nearest garage. Keep a map handy so you won't need to stop and ask directions.

When driving keep the windows and doors locked as much as possible, especially when temporarily held up at traffic lights or other obstructions. Keep bags out of sight, they are easy pickings for snatch thieves when you are temporarily held up. Have change and a phone card handy for all types of pay-phones in an emergency.

Lock your car whenever you leave it and put all valuables out of sight in the boot.

If you park in daylight, consider what the area will be like at night time, if you are planning to stay that long. At night park in well lit spaces. When you return to your car check the rear seats before getting in. Have a good pocket torch handy and the keys in your hand so that you are ready to drive off straightaway.

If you think you are being followed, keep driving until you come to a busy place - police, fire, or ambulance station, a pub or garage forecourt.

DON'T FORGET TO INFORM THE POLICE OF ANY SUCH INCIDENT.

Although 1994 has been a very frustrating year for me following a major eye operation, I am progressing well and looking forward to policing the area in early 1995. I wish you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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POLICE SURGERY

Chief Inspector Hawkins has decided to allow a policeman to hold a surgery for one hour per week in Shipton. This is to fill the vacuum left by the absence of P.C. Salmon.

The surgery will be held in Shipton Village Hall on Wednesday evenings from 5.00 to 6.00 p.m., and will be staffed by either P.C. Sharples or P.C. Mayo.

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