

Dear Parents,

Local police have identified that there is an increase in damaged or tampered Lime Bikes being used in Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime across Hounslow Borough; often involving young people.

What may appear to be a bit of fun, can have serious ramifications and in some cases injuries.

Lime Bikes are a public "paid for" service, something which is common knowledge amongst the community.

The use of a Lime Bike which has been tampered with or damaged to allow it's use without payment constitutes an offence under Section 11 Fraud Act 2006 Obtaining Services Dishonestly.

Furthermore, the use of Lime Bikes is not permitted by anyone under the age of 18, as per the Terms and Conditions set out by Lime.

Police will be working alongside Hounslow Council and Lime to remove damaged cycles from circulation, and will be taking positive action against any person found using a Lime Bike, without paying for the service.

This will be in the form of Anti-Social Behaviour Warning, Community Resolution or Prosecution (Arrest).



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