

City traders take stand on break-ins to visitors' cars

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TRADERS in the Nicholas Street and Castle Street area are incensed with the frequency of break-ins to cars in their area that they are writing to the Minister for Justice seeking changes in the law and more garda manpower.

The traders have also threatening to withdraw

their rates from the Corporation.

According to one local resident, the latest incident was a break-in to a car rented by a German travel agent and his family, accompanied by a friend, a Belfast travel agent, who were visiting King John's Castle.

"This is a very sad situation," he said.

"On the one hand everybody is doing their best to attract more visitors into the city and then we allow this to happen when they arrive."

One local businessman claimed that "young children are being sent to prowl around the area before their elders arrive and do the damage."

"We need a change in the law to ensure that those types of criminals are brought to justice and not just allowed onto so called community service," he added.

Judges also, he said, need to be made aware of the position on the streets and the frustrations of shopkeepers.

Meanwhile Mary St Gardai admit there have been some incidences in the area, but add that there has been no increase in the actual frequency of inci-

dences.

The detective branch in Mary Street points out that people, and particularly tourists, are still leaving valuable equipment on display in cars.

They appealed to anybody seeing a tourist walking away from a car with property still on display to

asked them to take the property with them or remove it to the boot of their car.



Margaret Moroney, O'Mara Motors, St Bridget, Milford Hospice, Noel Daly, MD, O'Mara Motors, Sr Norbert and Mary Murnane, Milford Hospice, being presented with a cheque from the part proceeds of O'Mara Motors annual golf outing.

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