



SUFFOLK CENTRE

TIPS AND IDEAS



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Economical Car or Caravan Tracking - recently been investigating options regarding Tracker devices for Cars and Caravans. There are the well known derivatives like TRACKER itself but this comes at a high initial cost with ongoing yearly subscriptions on top.

Did you know that a Mobile Phone can provide you with fairly accurate tracking? There are a number of companies who now offer a service that uses triangulation of mobile phone transmitter sites to pin point the position of any mobile phone (providing its switched on).

So if you have an old Pay As You Go mobile and can find a suitable place to position in your car or caravan permanently powered and able to get a signal then you have the ideal start. If you haven't a spare mobile check out deals at Tesco and Asda as the latter currently have PAYG phones at £9 each with £10 top up included.

The interned sites I have checked so far are -

www.mobilelocate.com (Costs £1.47 per month plus 16p per track)

www.followus.co.uk (Costs £19.99 plus 39p per track for up to 50 tracks)

www.traceamobile.com (Costs 15 tracks for £25.99)

Whilst the system will never offer the accuracy of TRACKER etc and its down to you to do the tracking yourself from your PC, it will at least give you a very good idea as to where your car or caravan is should it get stolen. Check out the websites above as they all have demos and you can decide for yourself.

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