De-frosting the side light/indicator pod

You will need

- Screwdriver
- Cloth
- Rod
- Drill

The FTO has a common problem of the lights misting over as moisture gets into the light cluster. It's easy to fix.

Removing the Light Cluster

Undo the screw marked in the picture. There are 2 screws here, one that looks like a screw, and one that looks more like a bolt. The bolt one is to adjust the angle of the light pod and shouldn't be touched. Remove the screw and jiggle the light pob out, pushing it from behind by putting your hand up under the bumper through a hole just under the pod. It will come out with a little work. Detach the wires.

De-frosting

Remove the bulbs from the pod and use these holes to feed a long, thin cloth into the pod using the rod. Mop up the moisture with it. Make sure you don't let the cloth go all the way into the pod or you'll have problems getting it out so keep one one outside at all times.

Stopping it coming back

At the rear of the pod there is a small air hole with a tube attached. If you remove this tube you'll see a small pink piece of gauze. This can become clogged and may have caused the fogging in the first place. Remove this and re-fit the light, this will probably work fine.

However, this may not solve the problem and as in my case, I needed to make an additional air hole. Use the drill to make a hole at some place on the rear of the pod in a place which would not allow dirt to enter easily.

Refit the pod which may require some jiggling about again to get it back in.

Single screw



Front indicator/side light unit