

Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Briefing 1st - 7th December 2013

Crime Trends

Vowchurch

A caravan parked in an open barn in a farmyard on Vowchurch Common had a tyre slashed sometime during the past week.

Crime ref 22EB/75517H/13

There have been no other crimes reported in the Golden Valley in the past week - lets hope this continues!

Suspicious Vehicles

Longtown

A white Mercedes sprinter van **KV6*KUW** was seen in the village on Wednesday 4th December, the male occupant was offering mattresses for sale. Fiona and Katie went straight to the area to find the vehicle but we could find no trace of it. A report has been sent to our colleagues at Trading Standards.

Incident ref 307-s-041213

Kingstone

A white Ford transit van **LB*7ZXV** was seen in the area at around 9.35pm on Thursday 5th December, it was seen at one point by some fields and there were 3 lads with Welsh accents with 4 lurcher type dogs nearby. When challenged, they claimed they were exercising their dogs.

Incident ref 740-s-051213

Rogue Tarmacers

We have had reports from our colleagues around Herefordshire of a team of tarmacers who have conned householders out of thousands of pounds - they quote for filling potholes which is agreed by the householder; they then go on to tarmac the whole drive and then demand payment. Unfortunately, one householder in the Bromyard area was so intimidated that they paid several thousand pounds by bank transfer (they do not accept cheques!) before police were alerted. The same team have also been in the Woolhope area as well as around Malvern.

Never, ever agree to have any work done by cold callers even though they will appear to be genuine - they will have business cards and websites that look professional; their vehicles may all be signwritten and the crew all have the correct gear; but they are

criminals who make a career from fleecing vulnerable members of the public. Please call us straight away on 101 if you are visited by such callers.

Christmas shoppers warned to take care with online shopping - Home Office.

Action Fraud, the City of London Police and Get Safe Online are warning consumers to take extra care when shopping for tablets, games consoles, electrical items and other Christmas gifts online.

Fraudsters conned consumers out of more than £12m over Christmas last year through online shopping and auction scams. Action Fraud received more than 10,000 reports, with the average loss to victims more than £1,700. Record numbers are expected to log-on for Christmas shopping this year - creating opportunities for retailers and bargain hunters, but also presenting opportunities for fraudsters. More at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/christmas-shoppers-warned-to-take-care-with-online-shopping>

On the same theme as the above, I have attached a 'Cybercrime Menu' - a card produced by Special Branch giving more tips on how to avoid becoming a victim when using the internet.

Finally, reports from neighbouring Safer Neighbourhood Teams for those that wish to read them.

Kind Regards

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for some time if we are away.

Where we work

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Police Station Opening Hours (Front Counter Service)

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 10am - 2pm
Thurs 4pm - 8pm