

Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

Briefing

28th February - 11th March 2015

Crime Trends

Llanveynoe

Overnight on Thursday 5th/Friday 6th March a property being renovated was broken into and a quantity of tools were stolen, including two Makita drill sets, a Makita chop saw, a box of wooden handled chisels and a set of hand planers in a brown case, 'Faceful' make. The suspect(s) gained entry to the property by climbing a ladder that had been left outside the property to a first floor window which was forced open.

Incident ref 194-s-060315

Suspicious incidents

Madley

A 'strange' lady called at an address in Archenfield at 11am on Friday 6th March offering to read the residents fortune. The lady was described as aged between 40-50 years old, quite petite with long dark hair tied up. She had a very wrinkled face and was haggard looking, wearing a black padded jacket, black trousers and was carrying a huge black tote handbag. She left on foot after her offer was declined. Incident ref 206-s-060315

Suspicious vehicles

Madley

A white Ford transit van **VF14CZS** called at a farm outside the village at lunchtime on Monday 9th March and asked the farmer if he wanted any tarmac done. He said he had some left over from a farm in Clehonger where he had just finished a job. The offer was declined and the male left. Enquiries reveal that this is a hire vehicle; the details of the driver have been obtained and passed to Trading Standards.

Incident ref 245-s-090315

Clifford

A white van **05DL4563** called at a property in Middlewood at 3pm on Tuesday 10th March offering tools for sale, the description of the two male occupants are as follows - the driver, who got out of the vehicle was 5'6", about 30 years of age with thick black short hair and a dark moustache wearing

a green padded bomber jacket and jeans. He had an Irish accent and said the tools in his van had come direct from the manufacturer. The passenger, who didn't get out of the vehicle, was a white male in his 30's with dark hair wearing a patterned flannel shirt.

Incident ref 460-s-100315

IMPORTANT - In reading this, you understand and agree that any vehicle registration numbers given may belong to members of the public going about their lawful business and no inference expressed or implied should be taken that the vehicle and or its occupants have committed any offence UNLESS otherwise specifically stated by the author of this update.

Scams

We have received reports of companies cold calling on the phone offering security systems at a reduced rate 'as they are working with the police in your area' or similar patter. Do not deal with these companies as they are trying to part you from your hard earned cash! It may sound like a good deal but they don't mention on the phone or when they make an appointment to visit you that the monitoring fees are between £3,500 - £5,000 for a five year contract. If you do make an appointment for them to visit you will be subject to a very high pressure sales pitch and they will wear you down until you sign up. They will then arrange to have the alarm fitted almost immediately, not giving you the statutory 7 day cooling off period.

They will have a very genuine looking website which they will encourage you to look at - don't be fooled by it, it will be a scam.

The message from Tim Thorne of Herefordshire Trading Standards is clear - NEVER buy from anyone who cold calls you by phone or at your door. You have been warned!

Dates for your diary

A property marking event is being held in **Peterchurch on Thursday 26th March 2015 at 11am** at the Police Station.

Please bring along any bikes, horse tack, chainsaws or household items etc that you would like to be marked. You will be able to ask the officers about crime prevention for your property whilst they mark your kit.

The next Herefordshire Rural & Business Communities Crime Prevention Forum will be held at The Duchy of Cornwall Office, New Barns, **Dewsall on Monday 30th March 2015 at 6.30pm**. This meeting aimed at residents of the Golden Valley and South Herefordshire and is an opportunity for you to be briefed on rural Policing; to 'have your say' on Policing this area and to receive advice on Crime Prevention.

The meeting will be chaired by Major Patrick Darling DL MFH – High Sheriff of Herefordshire.

More details will follow in the next briefing.

Kind Regards

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