

>Police Briefing

Wednesday 18th September 2013

>South Herefordshire & Golden Valley

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>Crime Trends

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>Harewood End

>A lorry parked in a layby was broken

onto sometime during the night of Wednesday 11th/Thursday 12th September. The curtain of the trailer was cut open and a large number of boxes of lager were stolen.

>Incident ref 535-s-120913

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>Longtown

>A vehicle that had broken down on the road between Ewyas Harold and

Longtown on Tuesday 17th September was broken into between 3pm and 5pm. A gents wallet, a sports bag containing cricket accessories and a

CD player were among items stolen from the vehicle. Crime

ref 22EB/57641C/13

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>Much Birch

>A quantity of horse rugs and other

equipment were stolen from a container kept in a field with horses in Laskett Lane between 11.30am on Wednesday 11th/11.30am Thursday 12th September. The lock on the container had been forced.

>Incident ref
239-s-120913

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>Wormbridge

>Between 2.50am and 3.20am on Friday 13th

September, two males attempted to gain entry to a business premises just off the A465. The barrier gate to the yard where several businesses are based was open, and the roller shutter doors to the premises had been forced off. There was another roller shutter door leading to a workshop had a hole cut in it, and it was when the males attempted to climb through this hole that the alarm was activated and they made off before the owner of the premises arrived.

>Incident ref
54-s-130913

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>Connected to the above incident, a security light on a neighbouring premises was damaged on the same evening.

>Incident ref
111-s-130913

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>Suspicious incidents

>Longtown

A white Mercedes van AV*3AJJ was seen parking up at 7.45pm on Monday 16th September in the village and three youngish males leaving the vehicle. A letter has been sent to the registered keeper.

Incident ref 559-s-160913

>Moccas

A van was seen acting suspiciously near the deer park at about 10.30pm on Friday 13th September, the occupants were shining a spotlight across the park. When a vehicle slowed down to see what was going on, the spotlight was turned and directed at this vehicle so the driver was unable to see. The registration number was similar to LB0*LUD.

Incident ref 756-s-130913

>Peterchurch

A resident of Wellbrookside spotted a male carrying a piece of wood in their rear garden at 1.30am on Thursday 12th September. The male ran off when lights were switched on, there is no description of the male and the report wasn't made until later that morning so police did not attend at the time.

Incident ref 115-s-120913

>Scams

>A reader has reported the following incident -

>I was called tonight by a woman claiming to be raising money for Red Cross. She asked for £100 on a credit or debit card; when I refused she asked for £50! Checked on 1471 but

>'caller did not leave number'.

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>From Adrian Symonds, Community Volunteers Co-ordinator, Worcestershire and Herefordshire Neighbourhood Watch

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>Please note the following message which I am circulating on behalf of Mr Martin Field.

>Obviously I would encourage you to support Mr Field (and Mr Koenigsbeck) in their efforts, as a fully functioning County-wide Neighbourhood Watch Association will potentially be of great benefit to all members in the longer term, providing support to street-level schemes.

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>Mr Field is keen to take on member's views and his contact details are below.

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>Many thanks.

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>"As

you're a subscriber to one or more of the Neighbourhood Watch circulars sent out by West Mercia Police you will probably be aware that the Herefordshire Neighbourhood Watch has not been fully functioning for some time. In 2012 it was resurrected as the Hereford Shire Watch (the new name being specifically intended to differentiate it from what had gone before). It was overseen by Eardisley's Roger Prout, Juergen Koenigsbeck and Martin Field and great things were expected of it. The new organisation has been registered with West Mercia Police, the Home Office and various other bodies, and it had been hoped that a meeting of Coordinators and other interested parties would be held at a central location, somewhere in Hereford.

>Unfortunately Roger Prout, who was

the leading light behind the new 'Watch' has died suddenly and unexpectedly, leaving the 'Watch' temporarily leaderless. Nonetheless, the idea of having a centrally coordinated Watch, regardless of its name, is too important to simply let go.

>Please bear in mind that the

Hereford Shire Watch is still alive and well.

>Starting almost from

scratch won't be easy but it would be good to know just how much support there is out there for a central Neighbourhood Watch/Shire Watch organisation.

>In Worcestershire, as an aside, their

Neighbourhood Watch group has been promoting Smartwater as a Crime Prevention measure and has so far sold more than £80,000's worth to their members. This shows what can be done to attract publicity and it is assumed that we'd be able to get discounts on the full price. At the very least both we and our members would benefit from bulk buying.

>If

there is a case for putting together a central group to represent Herefordshire's Neighbourhood Watch groups and to act as a central point when it comes to representation, please get in touch and let me know what you think.

>Connecting with West Mercia Police has not been

easy, with several messages left unanswered, but I have excellent contacts, plus 25 years police service, and I'm sure that this can be overcome. I'd like to suggest that, once we know the level of support in the County, we should hold two inaugural meetings, one on each side of the County. This would hopefully eliminate the need for anyone to have to travel too far and would make it easier for us to find halls that hold us all.

>You are all coordinators or people with an interest

in Neighbourhood Watch and in keeping your neighbourhood crime free.

So, this is your chance. What do you need? What has been missing for the last year or so? It's

understood that there could be cash available for Neighbourhood Watch purposes from

Herefordshire Council, and the newly appointed Police and Crime Commissioner. I'd like to think that we can 'hit the ground running', explain just how useful we can be, and then put forward our 'wish list'.

>Juergen and myself can't do this

alone. We need help! Any volunteers out there who'd like to take an active part in the 'Shire Watch' will be most welcome. In the meantime, watch this space and you'll be updated as and when anything happens.

>Never forget that we are all Volunteers. We are here to help. Most

importantly, please remember that, If you SEE something, you should SAY something!"

>Martin Field

>Burley Gate

>01432-820074

>Opportunities for

young people in Madley, Clehonger and Peterchurch

>Over the next few

weeks, the MYLO (Mobile Youth Led Opportunities) bus will be visiting the above villages - see the attachments for details of where and when.

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>Changes to 'Local Policing' in Peterchurch - and beyond!

>There are

a number of changes coming up from Monday 30th September which we'd like to tell you about.

>Local Policing Teams will be known as Safer

Neighbourhood Teams (SNT's) and the Local Police Officer will be the Safer Neighbourhood Officer (SNO).

>Community Support Officers will be
Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's)

>PCSO's will have more
powers including the power to detain; the power to issue fixed penalty tickets for a number of
offences; the power to search for alcohol and tobacco, and the seizure of said items.

>PCSO's will now work until
midnight on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

>There will only be
one Safer Neighbourhood Team working from Peterchurch which will be the Golden Valley team; the
area known as Hereford Rural South will be covered from South Wye Police Station and merged with
the Hinton & St Martin's Safer Neighbourhood Team. PCSO Kevin Powell, who has previously
worked on the area for five years, will be the PCSO responsible for Hereford Rural South along with
the Rotherwas Industrial Estate. He will carry on with the briefings for the area and the briefings
from Peterchurch which Katie and I send out will just cover the Golden Valley area from that date. I
will be e-mailing all those on Hereford Rural South SNT separately to clarify this.

>Peterchurch police station's future is still undetermined; as I write,
several locations are being visited to establish suitability for an office for the Golden Valley SNT as
and when this station is closed.

>PCSO James Cooke will be leaving us (again) and will be working on the
Belmont SNT - thanks for all your hard work over the past six months Jim.

>Briefings from Kington and Ross Safer Neighbourhood Teams

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>Kind regards

>Fiona

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>Golden Valley & Hereford Rural South Safer
Neighbourhood Teams

>PC 2176 Wendy Powell 07811
131525 N.B. Only use the mobile numbers to leave

>CSO
6173 Fiona Witcher 07779 141232 non urgent
messages for us, the phones

>CSO 6366 James Cooke 07779
141232 are not monitored when we are on leave or rest

>CSO 6482 Katie Middleton 07779 141232 days

and your message may not be dealt with

>E-mail - goldenvalley.

lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk for some time if we are away.

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>Non emergency number 101

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