

Police Briefing Friday 10th February 2012

South Herefordshire & Golden Valley

Crime Trends

A battery was stolen from a tractor on a building site in **Blakemere** between 12noon on Thursday 2nd and 10.00 on Saturday 4th February. Incident number [306-s-040212](#)

Between 6pm and 8pm on Friday 3rd February, three cases of wine were stolen from outside a property in **Harewood End**. the boxes were there during the time that the owner was moving into the property. Some of the wines were vintage, and quite valuable.

Incident number [276-s-040212](#) refers.

On Monday 6th February a topiary in a large pot was stolen from outside a house on **Garway Hill**. The topiary, which was of a bear, was stolen between 5am and 5pm whilst the occupant was at work. It was a very heavy object and would have taken more than one person to steal it. Please quote incident [599-s-060212](#) if you have any information.

Sometime during the past week, about 500 gallons of heating oil was stolen from an industrial workshop at **Gooses Foot, Kingstone**. Incident number [335-s-090212](#) refers.

This afternoon (Friday 10th February) between 12noon and 1pm an Ifor Williams trailer was stolen from the auction site at **Stoney Street, Madley**. It is a small trailer, 10' x 4' with the registration number **DK08MTF**, although that's probably been taken off by now. Incident number [118-N-100212](#) refers.

Heating Oil Thefts

There have been several reports of central heating oil being stolen over the past few weeks, often the theft is only discovered once the oil has run out unexpectedly. This is obviously not something you'd want to happen at this time of year, and be without heating until a delivery can be arranged. Please check the level in your tank regularly, there are monitors that you can buy quite cheaply from DIY stores that can be plugged in inside your home so you can see how much oil is left in your tank. There are also ones fitted with alarms that sound if the oil level drops quickly.



West Mercia Police have produced a leaflet giving advice on security of heating oil tanks, if you would like one, either electronically or by post, please let me know.

Scams

One of our readers has reported a 'Hotmail' scam that he received on his computer - see below

ACCOUNT UPDATE VERIFICATION

Dear Valid User,

Our Account users discovered series of illegal attempts on your mail account from different IP locations. This is for your own safety to avoid your account closed, you will have to verify your account by filling out your Log-in below by clicking the reply button. We apologies for any inconveniences.

User name :

Password :

Date Of Birth :

Occupation :

Country Of Residence :

After receiving the information requested you will be able to continue using your Account.

Customer Care 71594822

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The e-mail comes with the Hotmail logo, so it may convince some recipients that it is a genuine request.

SmartWater

I have attached the latest SmartWater newsletter with this briefing which makes interesting reading.

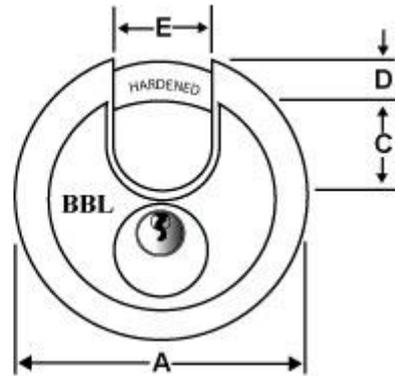
For new recipients of the briefings - SmartWater is a unique property marking solution which is a proven deterrent, and can be obtained from your local policing team at a cost of £25 per kit. Please get in touch if you are interested in knowing more, one of us will call round at your convenience and show how it works.

Shed Bars

We have a few shed bars to sell on behalf of the Herefordshire Crime Prevention Panel, which are the remains of a larger batch that were bought some time ago, most of which were sold. The few we have left were discovered

lurking at the back of an office at Hereford Police Station recently, and would be better put to use on someone's shed!

They were retailing at about £35 but the CPP are happy to take £25 each for them. They come with one BBL padlock so they are a real bargain. They are 900mm wide so would fit a door of about 800mm. First come first served!



That's it for now, thanks for looking!

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