

Police Briefing Friday 20th January 2012

South Herefordshire & Golden Valley

Crime Trends

There is very little to report on the crime front since our last bulletin, which is good news indeed!

A Peugeot Boxer van was broken into overnight last night (Thursday 19th/Friday 20th Jan) in **Allensmore**, and power tools and boxes of screws were stolen. Other more valuable items, including copper piping were left behind, so maybe the thieves were disturbed.

Suspicious Vehicles

A white Nissan tipper truck **GX*2BZP** was seen in the **Craswall** area last Friday 13th January, cruising slowly around the lanes, looking at farm entrances etc. There were two males in the vehicle in their late 40's, police attended the area as soon as the report was made, but were unable to locate the truck.

A blue Ford transit panel van **W5*2PHP** was seen in **Stoney Street, Madley** last Tuesday around lunchtime. There were three males in the van, one in his twenties, one in his teens and a youngster. They were asking for scrap.

Scams

Fake Post Office Calls (From Ringmaster)

We have been informed that a male is making phone calls and saying there is a parcel to be signed for at the Post Office. Giving out the post office number as well; but when the person turns up there is no parcel. The Post Office say they have had a few of these incidents happening in Ledbury.

When the male was asked if his wife could pick it up he was told "No" only he could collect it as his name was on the parcel.

Apparently the males voice sounds "funny".

We just wanted to make you aware of this in case it is a scam and he is trying to see if there is anyone at home or potentially trying to lure people from their homes in order for the property to be left unattended.

As a general rule the Post Office would not make these phone calls and if you were to get one and are suspicious get your local post office number and call them yourself directly - it is advised that you do not use any telephone number this male gives as it is likely to be a false number costing an extortionate amount per minute.

Good News

This evening myself and PS Dave Boote attended Garway Youth Club and presented them with a cheque for £400 - thanks to the West Mercia Police Community Fund. This is a fund aimed at charities, local organisations or community projects aiming to serve a particular community need. Last year the Trustees were particularly interested in groups that provide good diversionary schemes for the youth within the local community and have an existing link with the police, whether it be on a professional or personal basis. We applied on behalf of Garway Youth Club, and were delighted when it was one of the chosen beneficiaries.

Mobile Phones

The mobile phone numbers given for the team at the end of each briefing are for non urgent messages only, as the phones are not monitored when the officer is off duty. We are aware that people have been trying to contact us and have been disappointed not to have been answered. This may have been due to leave, sickness, or simply that the officer was in a part of our patch where there is no signal - and I'm sure you will know all about that! By all means leave a message on the phone, but if you need police attendance please ring 101 or, in an emergency, 999.

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