

## Police Briefing Friday 5th April 2013 South Herefordshire & Golden Valley

Good afternoon everyone! please take a look at the latest briefing from Peterchurch Police.

### Crime Trends

#### Bredwardine

Overnight on the 28th to 29th of March someone forced the doors off a shed and stole a lawn mower from within. There was evidence that the offender had also had a look in other sheds at the same location. Incident number 211s290313.

On the same night a property located less than 100 meters from the one mentioned above had items taken. A set of gates was removed and an Ifor Williams trailer was taken from behind a building (not visible from the road.) The offender's also entered an unlocked outbuilding and took a cement mixer and a lawn mower from within it. Incident number 204s290313.

#### Clifford

Between Monday 18th March and Wednesday 27th March an outbuilding was entered in this location and an Ifor Williams trailer taken from within. Incident number 73n270313.

#### Dorstone

A theft took place between 10:00 on Friday 29 March and 18:45 on Monday 01 April in Dorstone. A resident reported this after coming back from being away for a few days, and noticed a garage door wasn't closed properly. The double garage with up and over doors had a small mark in the wood at the top of the door, consistent with chisel or screwdriver believed used to force the door open. A hedge cutter/bush cutter, 2 chain saws and a magnetic drill were taken from within. Incident number 478s010413.

#### Dulas

Between 19th and the 21st March someone has entered a secure concrete built stable building in a field not visible from the road. They have forced padlock with unknown instrument causing the door to be pulled out of frame. It would appear it was jimmied open and the property from within stolen. Access to the building would have been through a field gate and then an orchard no visible signs of any tyre marks. The items that were removed from within included a lawn mower, a strimmer and a leaf blower. Incident number 326s210313.

#### Eaton Bishop

Between the 20th and the 31st March approximately 400 Litres of domestic heating oil was stolen from a property in Eaton Bishop. The offender/s removed the filter from the bottom of the oil tank and drained the remaining oil from tank. Incident number 216s010413.

#### Ewyas Harold

Monday 1st April at 21:45 a resident in Ewyas Harold came home to find an old 4 wheel drive vehicle coming down their drive. They then saw two people attempting to

steal a trailer which had been pushed to the end of the drive. *Incident number 256N010413.*

### Kingstone

Overnight on Monday 1st April and Tuesday 2nd April a barn situated along a main road was entered. The barn is in a secure yard at the roadside with a thick hedgerow and 6ft security fencing. To the rear of the yard are fields containing livestock. Someone has entered the yard via the fields and have opened an insecure barn door, entered the barn and approached a 135 tractor and they have removed a starter motor and battery from the tractor. None of the other vehicles at this location were touched. *Incident number 159s020413.*

On the same evening someone has approached a unit via a track along the hedgerow. They gained access to a yard in Kingstone via a gap in the hedgerow. They then went to an industrial transformer, located behind the unit, and not visible from the roadside. They took three copper rods, which are approximately 18" long, and 1.5" thick. This transformer was previously targeted by thieves 18 months ago, and the majority of the copper was stripped from it on that occasion. It was not in working order, thus left outside. In addition, the suspects have also approached an insecure storage container at the rear of the yard. They have opened the door and reached in and taken a scrap motor from just inside the door. They have then placed the motor beside the outside of the container and covered it with wooden pallets and it is believed they have placed it there in order to come back and collect it at a later time. *Incident number 100s020413.*

### Longtown

A property in the Longtown area has had both a garage and a shed broken into but nothing appears to have been taken. This happened between 18th and the 24th March. The garage doors were prised open but nothing stolen from within. The shed lies a little further away from the house in the garden. The padlock has been forced off and entry gained but again nothing stolen from inside. Incident *number 444s240313.*

Between the 19th and the 21st March an insecure shed was broken into in Longtown. A lawn mower was stolen from within the shed. *Incident number 656s210313.*

### Madley

Over the weekend of the 22nd March a vehicle was damaged in Madley. The wing mirror had been kicked and the casing damaged in the process. *Incident number 420s240313.*

Since the last briefing it has been reported that a white transit van has been spotted in the Madley area driving around slowly with no lights on. It has also been seen with occupants inside, parked up in the Madley area. Keep your eyes peeled folks we need a registration number to carry out some checks on the vehicle and keeper.

### Peterchurch

Between 9:00 on Friday 29 March and 18:00 on Tuesday 02 April items were stolen from an unlocked garden shed in the Peterchurch area. *Incident number 462s020413.*

Overnight on Tuesday 26th March a wooden garden shed was broken into on the outskirts of Peterchurch. A strimmer and a lawn mower were taken from within. *Incident number 123s270313.*

### Preston-on-Wye

A pedal cycle was stolen from within an insecure outbuilding in the Preston-on-Wye area. This happened anytime between the 17th and the 22nd March. Incident number 40n220313.

### St Owens Cross

600 gallons of domestic heating oil was stolen from a tank near a commercial property. The tank was not locked and it appears that the heating oil was siphoned out from the screwed in cap. This occurred overnight on the 21st 22nd March. Incident number 97s250313

### Vowchurch

Between 09:30 and 12:00 on the 25th March 2013 a detached house with a lean to was broken into. Person/s have walked around the property right the way around the back of the house where there is a lean to woodshed up against the right hand gable end. Using a 20ml wide flat tool possibly a crowbar. They have jammed open a dead locked solid wooden door forcing entry into the lean-to. They have removed a Strimmer, hedge trimmer and two vacuum leaf blowers. Escape has been via the same entrance root. Due to location suspects would have needed a vehicle of some sort. The offenders have only removed property from the lean-to which was being used as a log store and tool shed they have not tried to gain access to the house. Incident number 477s250313.

### Rural watch

I mentioned last week about the possibility of starting up a rural watch scheme in our area. I have had a lot of responses from people across the area who are interested in joining a scheme. I do appreciate many of the people we will be asking to join are farmers who are very busy at present. I have been doing some background work along with officers from Kington to find out what works best, taking a look at how other schemes work and what has proven to be effective. I am also looking into funding for the outdoor signs and some leaflets.

I am now seeking individuals who are willing to take ownership of a particular area for the rural watch scheme. I will invite those individuals to meet with me to discuss the scheme and what you want from it.

Please e-mail me if you are interested.

Thanks for taking the time to read our briefings and please don't hesitate to call if you feel you have any information that could assist us.

Many thanks  
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