

Police Briefing Monday 8th July 2013 South Herefordshire & Golden Valley

Good afternoon to you all. I hope you have been enjoying the rare sunshine we have been experiencing of late.

Here is the latest edition of our briefing.

Allensmore

A resident in Allensmore was woken by a dog barking at 01:30 on Friday 5th of July. Upon investigating the barking the resident disturbed two males attempting to remove the catalytic converter from a vehicle outside the house. The males ran off and the catalytic converter was just hanging on by a wire. The resident could only describe them as two males in dark clothing as no faces were seen. This is very similar to the incident reported in Ewyas Harold a few weeks ago. Crime number 22EB/40835K/13.

Between 19:00 on Sunday 30th June and 07:00 on Monday 1st July someone has made their way onto the grounds of a large farm located in Allensmore. They have gone onto a small grassed area located at front of property by a barn. In this area there were 4 x stone ornate garden mushrooms concreted into ground. Offender(s) have managed (possibly using the rocking method) to detach one ornament from the ground and then removed the top of another these were taken and two were left alone. There was nothing else missing from garden. Incident number 51s010713.

Clehonger

A motorcycle was stolen from the Clehonger area between Tuesday 2nd July and Wednesday 3rd July. The owner had a road traffic collision and went to hospital. He left his damaged bike on a hard standing entrance to a farm field. On returning to collect the bike the following day he discovered it had been stolen. The farmer had not moved the motorbike. Red Kawasaki VRM R5*H*S. Incident number 436S040713.

Clifford

A male drink driver in the Clifford area has been disqualified from driving since the last briefing.

Hoarwithy

On the 7th of July a male in the Hoarwithy area was arrested for failing a breath test at the roadside. His alcohol level was above the legal limit, he awaits court.

Holme Lacy

In the Holme Lacy area between 12:00 and 13:00 on the 7th of July a double glazed living room window was smashed. There was a small hole at the point of impact that damaged both the inner and outer pane this caused the surrounding glass to smash. There was no entry gained to the property. Incident number 310S070713.

Kingsthorpe

Between 10:00 and 12:20 on Wednesday 3rd July a 3ft stone trough was stolen from outside a property in the Kingsthorpe area. Incident number 305S030713.

Little Dewchurch

Someone has approached an outbuilding situated within the grounds of a rural farm in the Little Dewchurch area. They've then used an unknown tool to force off the padlock used to secure the door. Once inside a tidy search has commenced and four STIHL chainsaws and a STIHL strimmer stolen. This happened between 17:00 on Saturday 6th July and 09:15 on Sunday 7th July. Incident [number 53N070713](#).

Longtown

I have had several calls and e-mails regarding loose peacocks in Longtown. After numerous telephone calls and e-mails I think I may have located the owner. I will attempt to get hold of them during my shift today. In the interim please don't feed the peacocks I was advised by the RSPCA that if the locals keep feeding them then they are likely to hang around or return to the area again if they know they will get fed. I will attempt to get them removed before Longtown show this weekend. If my enquires prove to be fruitless I may need someone who is braver than me to help catch them. Wish me luck!

Madley

Between Friday 5th July and Saturday 6th July a vehicle parked up in the Madley area has had its front offside wing scratched. The vehicle was a grey Renault Clio Estate. [Crime number 22EB/41126B/13](#)

There has been criminal damage to the clubhouse at the tennis courts in Madley. This happened between Friday 28th June and Monday 1st July. A steel heavy duty padlock was removed and two double paned windows were smashed but no entry gained. There was also some graffiti left at the scene. Enquires are ongoing. [Crime number 22EB/40370E/13](#).

Peterchurch

Between Saturday 29th June and Saturday 6th July three chainsaws were stolen from a workshop located on a farm. The offender(s) have entered the farm yard either through an insecure gate or via a surrounding lane, and have approached a workshop, which has no door attached, they have entered the workshop and stolen the 3 chainsaws from within. [Incident number 160s060713](#).

Preston on wye

An insecure van had 3 drills taken from within it in the Preston on Wye area. The victim left the vehicle parked in the car park of a Public House overnight. The van was left open although now they are unable to lock the door so the locks have probably been tampered with. This happened overnight on Monday 1st July. [Incident number 138S020713](#).

Home Security

Burglary remains relatively low - fewer than one per cent of homes are burgled each year in West Mercia. The summer months can be a time when your home is more vulnerable, however. Hot weather tempts people to leave windows and doors open and homes are left unattended when people go on their summer holidays.

The good news is that there are lots of things you can do to improve your home security. Most burglaries are carried out by opportunistic thieves rather than 'professional' criminals who are looking for the easiest way of getting into a house without being seen or disturbed. If you can close off these opportunities you are much less likely to be burgled.

- Don't leave side gates open or unlocked
- Fit window locks - and use them! Make sure you shut any accessible windows if rooms are unattended or overnight.

- Don't leave ladders out allowing access to otherwise inaccessible windows.
- Store securely any garden tools which could be used to force entry.
- Keep hedges trimmed and low so they don't provide cover for burglars to break in.
- Keep spare keys properly concealed and secured.

Remember don't be tempted to leave doors and windows wide open whilst you are away in the hot weather and keep slapping on the sun cream!

Many thanks
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