

Police Briefing Saturday 14th April 2012 South Herefordshire & Golden Valley

Apologies for the absence of a briefing last week, our e-mail system has been misbehaving!

Crime Trends

Overnight on 28th/29th March, a catalytic converter was stolen from a Citroen Despatch van parked on a driveway in **Kingstone**.

Incident ref 513-s-290912.

A quantity of climbing roses were stolen from a nursery in **Madley** overnight on 29th/30th March. Several empty pots and labels were found nearby the next day. Incident ref 217-s-300312.

A Stihl chainsaw was stolen from a workshop on a private estate in **Much Dewchurch** during the day on Friday 30th March.

Incident ref 149-n-030412.

Overnight on 1st/2nd April, three more catalytic converters were stolen, all from Ford Rangers, one in **Kingstone**, one in **Clehonger** and one just off our area in **St Martins**, Hereford. Incident ref 53-s-030412.

A shed in an orchard at a farm in **Madley** was broken into between 9pm on Tuesday 3rd April and 7.30am on Thursday 5th April, and an industrial dehumidifier and a quantity of tools were stolen. From outside the shed, three sets of trailer ramps and a tractor battery were stolen. Several of the vehicles around the farm had been left with keys in (!) and several of these keys were also taken.

Incident ref 46-s-050412.

About 40 ewes in lamb were stolen from a field near **Green Crize** sometime around the 4th April. Incident ref 34-s-050412.

Overnight on Friday 6th/Saturday 7th April the yard of a builders merchants in **Pontrilas** was broken into, and a large amount of wire fencing materials were stolen. Incident ref 166-s-070412.

Overnight on 4th/5th April, a quantity of diesel was stolen from a lorry parked in a yard in **Pontrilas**. Incident ref 50-s-050412.

The same vehicle was targeted again overnight 9th/10th April. Incident ref 82-s-100412

A large quantity of wood was stolen from a field in **Kilpeck** sometime between the middle of March and 5th April. There were some very long lengths of matchboarding

taken which would have required a lorry to take it away, some were over 18feet in length.

Incident ref 184-s-050412.

Suspicious Vehicles

A green Ford Transit pick-up **L25*MVJ** called at a farm in **Preston on Wye** last Tuesday 10th April at around noon. Two males from the vehicle had got out and were looking around, when the owner of the farm appeared, they left at haste. This vehicle is of interest to us, so let us know when you see it! Incident number 326-s-100412 refers.

Suspicious Incidents

A householder in **Dorstone** had an unwelcome visitor late one evening recently, a pickup was seen parked at the end of the drive to their property. A male from the vehicle was seen to walk up the drive towards the house, he was described as average height and build, wearing a padded check shirt, with dark hair. He disappeared from view, but shortly afterwards the pickup was seen to drive away, it could be that he was looking at the oil tank as a wheelie bin that had been in front of it had been moved. This was at around 1am, so there was no justification for him being there.

Bike Fest 2012

'Bike Fest 2012' is a series of bike safety events taking place across West Mercia in 2012 supported by the Safer Roads Partnership. The events are aimed at moped, scooter and motorcycle riders. Events vary in terms of what's on offer but all events are aimed at helping riders to improve their skills and be more confident on the roads - whatever bike they ride or how much experience they have.

So if you are interested in being a better rider come along to one of the Bike Fest events!

Sunday 29th April - Hereford Rider Skills Day - 10am to 4pm

Sutton St Nicholas Village Hall, Bayley Way, HR1 3SZ

- Observed ride outs (for full licence holders only) by Worcester and Hereford Advanced Motorcyclists
- Bike simulator
- Police bike
- Blood bike
- Free entry
- Refreshments

For more information visit: www.wham-motorcycling.org

Meet the Team

Below are the dates and venues where we will be over the next few weeks, please come and say hello if you are going to one of these events.

Longtown Village Hall - Library session, from 2.30pm on Wednesday 25th April

Dorstone front Room, Dorstone from 10 - 11am on Friday 27th April

Much Birch Village Hall - Village Market, from 2.30pm on Friday 27th April

Garway Village Hall - Village Market, from 3pm on Friday 4th May

Brightwells, Stoney Street, **Madley** - Plant & Machinery sale, from 10am on Friday 11th May

That's it for now!

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