

Police Briefing Saturday 17th March 2012

South Herefordshire & Golden Valley

Crime Trends

A brick shed with padlocked wooden doors at a property under renovation in **Callow** was broken into between 5pm on 6th March and 12 noon on 8th March. Items taken were all brand new and included a Honda pro 21" roller mower MZBU, a Stihl chainsaw and two Stihl hedge trimmers. Several of these items had been chained up within the shed with wire cables, the cables had been cut through. Incident 265-s-080312 refers.

A two wheeled half tonne trailer with drop down sides, painted green, was stolen from a residential property in **Pencoyd** sometime in the week before Saturday 10th March. Incident no 216-s-120312 refers.

Overnight on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th March, a rear registration plate was stolen from a vehicle parked on a private driveway in **Madley**. Incident ref 58-n-090312

A registration plate was stolen from the rear of a vehicle parked on a driveway in **Kingstone** overnight on Sunday 11th and Monday 12th March. Incident ref 431-s-120312.

A lorry that had broken down on the A465 at **Pontrilas** on Monday 12th March was broken into whilst the driver had gone for help. It happened between 5pm and 6pm, and a passing motorist noticed that a white van had stopped near the lorry and two males were looking inside it. Unfortunately we do not have the details of this witness, or any other details of the white van. The window of the cab was smashed with a brick, and items including a satnav, TV and DVD player were taken. Incident no 598-s-120312 refers.

A child's bike was stolen from outside its owners house in **Garway** between 6pm on Saturday 10th March and 8am on Monday 12th March. It was an aluminium specialised mountain bike. Incident ref 52-N-130312 if you have any information.

At about 8pm on Tuesday 13th March, two bikes were stolen from a driveway in **Archenfield, Madley**. One was a bright yellow 'Mongoose' bike and the other was a blue 'Vibe' with white forks and handlebars. Incident ref 273-n-140312.

Suspicious Incidents

On Wednesday 14th March between 9.50 and 10am, two males were seen acting suspiciously in a field where items are stored near **Hoarwithy**, they appeared to

be about to steal scrap items. A resident disturbed them and they made off, the registration number of their vehicle was taken, a white Vauxhall Vivaro van, and police were called. Later that day, the vehicle was spotted by a CSO in the Ross area, and it was eventually stopped and the two male occupants were arrested after stolen property was discovered in the vehicle, a great result! Incident ref 128-s-140312.

Also on Wednesday 14th March, an 'R' reg Mitsubishi Shogun with a blue top and silver sides was seen in the yard of a property in **Abbeydore** around 1pm. The driver was a male with dark hair aged about 40, and a young boy about 10. Incident 482-s-140312 refers.

Again on Wednesday 14th March, a white Seat car-derived van **S881XOX** was spotted in **Dorstone**, where it is believed the occupants were stealing slates from a rear garden. The same vehicle was spotted later in **Dormington** and the occupants seen to steal several batteries. A search for this vehicle was made across the county, and it was finally stopped later that evening in **Eardisley** with stolen items on board, two males were arrested and enquiries continue - thanks to vigilant members of the public having noted the registration number of the vehicle on both occasions!

Around 5pm on Thursday 15th March, a grey Ford Transit pick-up with a registration similar to **12WH157** was calling at properties in Ewyas Harold for scrap. There were two Irish males in the vehicle. Incident ref 582-s-150312 refers.

At 11am on Friday 16th March, a male called at a property in **Llanwarne** asking if there was any tree felling work available. He was acting very suspiciously, he was described as a white male in his 30's with blonde hair, about 5'8". He was in a green 4x4 with a registration similar to F577FBD, and had a woman and child with him. Incident ref 191-s-160312.

Theft of statue from Weobley last month

I am sending this on behalf of our colleagues at Kington.

Between 19:00 hours on Saturday 19th of February 2012 and 09:00 hours on Monday 20th of February 2012, the Athena statue show below was stolen from the front garden of a property in Weobley.

The statue is 4 foot tall and made of stone.

This has been sent out on Kington rural news alerts recently, enquiries are continuing and this theft is very distressing to the victims due to the sentimental value. Any information please do not hesitate to contact us on the contact details below.

Calling all knitters!

Officers from West Mercia Police's Family Protection Unit (FPU) in Hereford made a recent appeal for help from 'knitters' across the county as part of a new initiative that has recently been launched.

The aim of the new initiative is to provide every child that is formally interviewed as part of a child abuse investigation with the opportunity to choose a teddy bear to accompany and comfort them through the whole process as a special companion.

Interviews relating to child abuse - be it sexual, physical or emotional - are often harrowing experiences for the victims who unfortunately can be as young as three-years-old when they start to recount their suffering.

The teddy bear they choose will not only act as a loyal companion as their case progresses, but it will then become theirs to keep and will hopefully become part of better times in their life as they move forward.

These Teddy bears will greatly assist officers to build a rapport with each child - and ultimately gain the best possible evidence - but most importantly they will help ensure the investigative process is as easy as it can be for the child.

We will provide the pattern to follow but what we really need now is people to come forward and offer their knitting skills to us. We'd be very grateful to anyone who can help out. Please contact us and we will send the pattern out - it is important to follow the pattern we provide so all bears are the same, although they can have different colour clothing.

That's all for today!

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