

Police Briefing Sunday 1st July 2012

South Herefordshire & Golden Valley

Crime Trends

Just after 11pm on Friday 22nd June a flatbed lorry was stolen from **Madley Industrial Estate** in Stoney Street. A witness was nearby outside when the vehicle came crashing through the gates and drove towards Kingstone. It was found shortly afterwards in Allensmore where it had been abandoned when the suspects saw police, it is believed they may have made off in a white sports car as one had been seen by the witness, but no further description was given. Incident ref 767-s-220612

A Challenger trotting cart with blue wheels along with two bridles, girth, hoggles attached to trotting equipment, bridle blinkers, a skull cap in white with yellow logo, and a breast plate were all taken from a stable yard in **Kingstone** overnight on Friday 22nd/Saturday 23rd June. Incident ref 236-s-230612

Overnight on Monday 25th/Tuesday 26th June, an electric fence preventing horses from straying from their field was cut several times in **Orcop**. Incident ref 263-s-270612

Between 10.30am and 4pm last Tuesday 26th June, a 10' Ifor Williams stock trailer was stolen from a barn in the yard of a smallholding in **Wormelow**. A padlock and chain on the main entrance gate, and a padlock on the barn door had been cut off, the trailer had been chained up inside the barn, that chain too had been cut, but none of the chains had been left at the scene. The trailer was displaying the registration **V739EEJ** at the time of the theft, and the victims postcode was painted on the roof. Incident ref 455-s-260612

A JCB lawnmower and a mini electric compressor were stolen from a lean-to at a property in **Hoarwithy** between 8am last Tuesday 26th and 3pm on Wednesday 27th June. Incident ref 565-s-270612

A set of metal steps were stolen from the roof of a van parked outside a property in Tump Lane, **Wormelow** at around 11.30pm last Thursday evening (28th June). Two males were seen by a neighbour who shone a torch from their bedroom window, one male was on the side of the van attempting to take a set of ladders that were also on the roof of the van, but jumped down, swearing loudly, when he realised he'd been spotted. They both ran back down the road, and a vehicle then sped off. There are no descriptions other than the male that swore had a local accent. Incident ref 144-s-2906

At about 3.30am yesterday morning (Saturday 30th June) a vehicle parked in **Pontrilas** village was broken into, setting off the alarm. A coat was taken from the rear seat before the offenders made off. Incident ref 151-s-300612

A quantity of generators were stolen overnight last night (Saturday 30th June/Sunday 1st July) from a motocross event site in **Pontrilas**. However, the would be thieves were forced to abandon their getaway van soon afterwards when it got stuck in mud! The generators were all found nearby dumped in a ditch. Enquiries with the registered keeper of the vehicle are in hand.

Incident ref 251-s-010712

Suspicious incidents

Two field gates which has been securely tied shut were deliberately left open during the night last week in **Wormbridge**, and several horses were on their way onto the A465 when luckily they were spotted in time. There seems to be a trend of deliberately leaving gates open with a risk to livestock in this area, which is worrying, especially when the fields are near main roads. Any information about this would be very useful.

At around 6am last Tuesday morning (26th June) two males and a large dog were seen in a field just off Barrack Hill in **Little Birch**. The men had airguns and were shooting, the shots had awoken a neighbour, who looked out and saw the males. They had left their car, believed to be a red Ford KA in the road with all the doors wide open! The males were described as in their early 20's, one was dark skinned with shoulder length dreadlocks. The dog was described as large, resembling a cross between a German shepherd and a greyhound, but it wasn't a lurcher. The owner of the field had given no-one consent to shoot there, and there is a mare and newly born foal in the field so there are concerns for their welfare. Please call us if you may know the identity of these males.

Scams

I have mentioned this e-mail scam before, but two readers have contacted me this week saying they have the below e-mail asking for help. Hackers get into a persons e-mail address book and send an e-mail to all the contacts in there. Some people are taken in by this as they recognise the e-mail address it comes from.

I really hope you get this on time. I didn't tell you about our travel to Spain for a short vacation, but unfortunately we were robbed at the hotel where we lodged along with other folks. We didn't bring our phones here and the hotel telephone lines were disconnected during the incident. So I have access to only emails. Please I'm going to need some sort of loan from you for us to relocate to another hotel close to the embassy and also to get us another flight ticket. Those thieves made away with our credit cards as well which is why this can't be resolved instantly.

We've been to the Embassy and the Police here but they're not helping issues at all and our flight leaves tomorrow..Please, Let me know if you can help us out?I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

If you do receive a similar e-mail, let the person know that their address book has been hacked into.

Noise Nuisance - how Herefordshire Council can help

Herefordshire Council is getting ready to repeat last year's night-time noise response scheme, which will operate throughout the county every weekend from Friday 22nd June to Bank Holiday Monday 27th August inclusive.

The scheme is to be repeated as a result of last year's successful trial. It involves setting up a dedicated noise team who operate after 9pm at the weekends. Residents complaining of unreasonable noise nuisance from parties or neighbours during the summer can get their complaints dealt with quickly by environmental health officers. Marc Willimont, acting head of environmental protection and licensing, said: "With what we hope will be warm, long summer evenings ahead, many people like to hold barbecues and parties. But sometimes these can cause unacceptable noise nuisance to their neighbours.

"Before our noise team was set up, people would have to wait until after the weekend to report such incidents. Now we can respond when the nuisance is actually happening by sending one of environmental health officers to the address concerned to sort the situation out.

"Last year, we were able to reduce the impact of the majority of noisy parties by simply speaking to and negotiating with the people involved. However, the environmental health officers will retain the power to serve noise abatement notices if necessary. A survey of the 57 households who used the noise team last year showed that it was very well received by residents and that an overwhelming number were more than satisfied with the service. The police also reported a significant reduction in night time calls to them about noise, which allowed their officers to concentrate on other policing matters.

Marc added: "We hope this return of the noise team will have a positive impact on the lives of many people who would normally have to wait and phone us on the Monday morning following a weekend of noise which has prevented them from sleeping. The service comes as a result of savings made elsewhere in environmental services last year and aims to focus on providing support where it is needed most.

The Noise Response team can be contacted on 01432 261761 after 9pm over the coming weekends up until the August Bank Holiday.

<mailto:info@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Community Resolution

A 16 year old lad from Kingstone, who had caused damage to trees in the school grounds, spend two hours collecting litter from the playing fields last Monday.

A reminder about 101

I know I have mentioned this before, but to clarify the new non-emergency number for West Mercia Police is **101**. This can be dialled from any phone. This number can be used wherever you are in the Country and the switchboard will automatically connect you to your nearest Police Service. This number is worth saving in your mobile phone to use when out and about on your travels.

Teddy Bears

Many, many thanks to all of you who have generously given your time to knit bears for our child protection unit at Hereford, in response to an appeal we put out in March. We have been deluged with bears from all over the county - word spreads very quickly! We will be finding good homes for them, luckily we don't have that many children that need to be interviewed by our child protection team.

So, you can put down your knitting needles for now, I think we have enough bears for some time to come!

Thanks again to everyone who has sent some in.

Best wishes

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