

# Police Briefing Sunday 23rd December 2012

## South Herefordshire & Golden Valley

### Allensmore

Two pints of milk and a bottle of orange squash were stolen from a doorstep in the village between 5am and 9am on Friday 7th December.

Incident ref 171-s-071212

A K reg Diahatsu fourtrak was stopped by police and the four male occupants searched and asked to give an account for their movements at 11.30pm on Friday 7th December near Locks Garage, after a call from a member of the public. It is believed they were trespassing on land with the intention of poaching, nothing was found in the vehicle but they were sent on their way and asked not to return!

A number of bags of dog food, cat food and potatoes were stolen from buildings on a farm on the A465 sometime during the night of Thursday 13th/Friday 14th December. The thieves parked up by the main road and walked across a field to where the items were stored.

Incident ref 146-s-141212

### Callow

An isolated property was broken into whilst the owners were away between Friday 7th and Sunday 16th December. Two attempts were made to gain entry, at the front door and a side window, before the suspect smashed a rear patio door. Someone had been all through the house but it doesn't appear that anything was actually stolen.

Incident ref 175-s-161212

### Clehonger

A large roof light was stolen from the cab of a Landrover Defender overnight on Sunday 9th/Monday 10th December whilst it was parked on a driveway in Gosmore Road.

Incident ref 125-s-101212

### Dorstone

A vehicle drove into the wall of the church causing damage to the wall sometime during the night 27th/28th November, and we are appealing for witnesses. Please call 101 and quote the below incident number if you know anything about this.

Incident ref 477-s-281112

### Hay on Wye

A white and green Iveco lorry Y773TKM with 'Hay & Brecon Farmers' livery was stolen from their yard at 6.20pm (according to CCTV footage) on Wednesday 19th December. The lorry was loaded with horse feed and as yet has not been recovered. Keep an eye out for it parked up somewhere unusual!

Incident ref 55-n-201212

### Hoarwithy

An isolated solar park site had a quantity of copper cabling stolen between 7pm on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st December.

Incident ref 146-s-211212

### Madley

An Ifor Williams twin axle trailer was stolen from a workshop on a farm between Madley and Preston on Wye between 12 noon on Wednesday 12th December and 1.30pm on Tuesday 18th December.

Incident ref 408-s-181212

### Michaelchurch Escley

A 16' long seasoned oak beam was stolen from a Dutch barn in an isolated location overnight on Wednesday 12th/Thursday 13th December. A male was seen loading it onto a white flatbed truck, enquiries are ongoing.

Incident ref 260-s-131212

### Much Birch

The front and rear registration plates were stolen from a Suzuki Swift while it was parked outside the school between 7.30 and 8pm on Wednesday 12th December.

Incident ref 612-s-121212

## Action Fraud

From 1 January 2013, members of the public in Warwickshire and West Mercia who wish to report any kind of fraud or financially motivated internet enabled fraud (cyber crime) will be directed to Action Fraud.

This service is run by the National Fraud Authority - the government agency that helps co-ordinate the fight against fraud in the UK.

Action Fraud is the UK's national fraud reporting centre and the place for you to report fraud and scams, or to get advice if you're not sure what to do.

If you've been a victim of fraud, you can report it to Action Fraud via the internet using the [secure online fraud reporting tool](#). You'll be given a crime reference number and your case will be referred on to the relevant police force that will investigate the incident.

### **Why Contact Action Fraud?**

Sometimes people choose not to report fraud because they are embarrassed that they fell for a scam.

Remember that fraud is a crime and that fraudsters will constantly reinvent themselves to find new ways of tricking people. Anyone could be a victim.

Some people also think that fraud is a victimless crime, or that it's not as serious as other crimes. This is not true. Fraudsters are often part of serious organised criminal gangs, who use the money to fund other crimes such as human trafficking, illegal firearms trade and terrorism.

Fraudsters rely on silence. We can beat fraud if we talk.

## Top Five Tips To Prevent Fraud

1. Do not give any personal information (name, address, bank details, email or phone number) to organisations or people before verifying their credentials.
2. Many frauds start with an email. Remember that banks and financial institutions will not send you an email asking you to click on a link and confirm your bank details. Always question whether an email could be bogus.
3. Destroy and preferably shred receipts with your card details on and post with your name and address on. Identity fraudsters don't need much information in order to be able to clone your identity.
4. If you have been a victim of fraud, be aware of fraud recovery fraud. This is when fraudsters pretend to be a lawyer or a law enforcement officer and tell you they can help you recover the money you've already lost.
5. To report fraud or if you need advice, [visit Action Fraud's website](#).

However, we are aware that people have been receiving calls purporting to be from Action Fraud - please read the information below.

## Bogus callers claiming to be from Action Fraud

**Derbyshire Constabulary has received reports from people who have been contacted by fraudsters claiming to be from Action Fraud [19 December 2012]**  
**Bogus callers claiming to be from Action Fraud**

Conmen frequently impersonate officials in an attempt to convince people that their offer is genuine. We are aware of a recent scam where fraudsters impersonate an Action Fraud representative to trick people into sending money.

The caller states that they are from Action Fraud and that the person they are calling is entitled to compensation from a recent incident. The scammer then asks for money to be sent via a Ukash voucher in order to process the compensation claim. The amount asked for is usually in the range of £200 to £400.

Action Fraud is warning people not to pay these bogus telephone callers; people should treat Ukash payments as if they were cash transactions. This is a scam. You will lose your money.

Action Fraud is in no way affiliated with these scammers and would never under any circumstances be involved in processing claims for compensation. The genuine Action Fraud is the UK's national fraud reporting centre where consumers can report if they have been scammed or defrauded.

You can report fraud [online](#) using Action Fraud's reporting service.

Finally, I have attached that two latest Kington Rural Newsletters for those of you that may be interested, and one from Ross on Wye.

Also attached is a message from the safer Roads Partnership.

**To all the Community - wishing you a very Happy  
Christmas and a safe and peaceful New Year.  
From the Golden Valley Local Policing Team**

Best wishes

*Fiona p.p.*

Golden Valley & Hereford Rural South Local Policing Teams

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**Non emergency number 101**