

Police Briefing Sunday 2nd June 2012

South Herefordshire & Golden Valley

Crime Trends

Overnight on Thursday 24th/Friday 25th May, a large steel barn in **Wormelow** was broken into and several items were stolen, including an 'Ifor Williams' single axle trailer with mesh sides and drop down end, bearing the registration number **T56JKJ**. Also stolen was a brand new 'Mountford' ride-on mower, only purchased the previous day, a yellow 'Stiga' ride-on mower, and two petrol trimmers, a 'Ryobi' and a 'Kawasaki'. Possibly linked to the incident was a report of two males in a low-loader seen nearby at 8.30pm, they were seen looking at the rear of a garage premises, but when challenged, they drove off. Unfortunately, no registration number was taken. Incident number 81-n-250512

A white Nissan pick-up was stolen from a farm near **Much Dewchurch** overnight on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th May, but found abandoned in Hereford later on the Saturday morning. The keys had been in the ignition when it was stolen, and were still there when it was found, and nothing else was taken. Incident ref 328-s-270512

A Honda quad bike was stolen from a farm in **Cusop** overnight on 28th/29th May. It had been in a locked building on the farm, the padlock had been cut from the lock. Incident ref 146-s-290512

Overnight on 31st May/1st June, two hanging baskets were stolen from outside a house in **Longtown**. Incident ref 195-s-010612

Suspicious vehicles

A blue Ford transit van **W562PHP** was seen in **Little Birch** last Friday, 25th May, at around 10.30am, the three male occupants were asking for scrap.

A white Ford transit van **N198HKH** called at premises asking for scrap on an industrial estate in **Kingstone** last Tuesday 29th May at 1.40pm. There were two males in the vehicle, the passenger was describes as in his early 20's.

Around 11.30pm last Monday evening (28th May), a white ford transit van **SD05CK*** was seen acting suspiciously in the **Hay on Wye** area. The caller followed the vehicle for a short while, seeing it turn into farm driveways, so called police. A search was made but the van wasn't found.

I have had two reports of a dark green Landrover discovery with two male occupants in their early 20's driving off road through crops and fields of livestock, with total disregard for the landowners property. They were seen in the areas of **Much**

Dewchurch and in **Tretire** on Friday evening, and also on a couple of previous occasions a week ago, although it wasn't reported at the time.

The registration was taken down as **L453XWP**, but this an incorrect number, enquiries are ongoing, but if you have had a similar experience, please report it on 101, quoting incident ref 307-s-030612.

I have had this information second hand however, with no-one actually reporting a crime, so if someone has suffered criminal damage (driving through crops would surely damage them?) please report it so if we catch up with these individuals they can be dealt with accordingly.

A witness did manage to get a very good photo on her mobile phone of the passenger.

Scams

Below is a copy of an e-mail sent to one of our 'readers' allegedly from 'Talktalk' and probably a scam.

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Tackling Rural Crime

West Mercia's Operation to combat Rural crime is still running.

In 2011-12 we were running at an average of 30 offences a week. We are currently averaging half that.

The price of scrap is higher now , so the incentive to steal it remains.

What is making the difference, is the day to day targeting of the key individuals and the patrolling we do in the designated areas. This coupled with a more robust regime

with Scrap dealers checks and cross border/inter force information sharing and co-operation is making a real difference.

Working in tandem with this is a campaign to improve levels of responsible crime prevention by our/your communities.

This is where you come in, we still rely on information from yourselves of any suspicious vehicles/ activity.

If you get a cold caller or you see somebody paying particular attention to a property then please let us know. You can reach us on the new 101 number which you can dial anywhere in the country and will automatically take you to the control room for the force relevant to that area. This is also only charged at 15p no matter how long you are on the phone.

We again advise you to tighten your home and garden security, and if you need any advise then please let us know and either a member of the local policing team or one of our crime risk managers will be happy to help.

Results

A white flat bed lorry with an orange light on top of the cab and a blue bonnet, **R212AUK** was in the **Wormbridge** area on Friday 25th May, asking for scrap. At the time it was seen there were several items on the rear, including two sofas and a washing machine. Police were alerted and a patrol went to the area, but the lorry had disappeared.

A call was made to the Councils Community Protection Team, who happened to be at the tip in Rotherwas at the time, and the lorry was seen to arrive and put the sofas in the skips there (at least they weren't left in a ditch which is what I was afraid of!). The driver will now be prosecuted for collecting scrap without a waste carriers licence. This is a great example of partnership working, instigated by a call from one of our 'readers'.

From CSO Kevin Powell's Rotherwas bulletin-

At approx 18:45 on 29th May A staff member at a unit on Coldnose Road saw a vehicle drive around some units. Occupants of the vehicle loaded some metal into the vehicle and drove off. The staff member called the Police straight away and passed a full registration of the vehicle.

Officers found the vehicle on THORN industrial estate and stopped the vehicle. 3 Occupants were ARRESTED. Their vehicle was also seized due to being used in crime. An excellent call from the member of public and a good job done by the attending officers.

Thefts of lead/scrap in Worcester

Although this incident was not on 'our patch' it is an excellent result, not only for West Mercia Police but also for Smartwater, the property marking system. As you will all be aware, I am a great advocate of this type of product as a way to mark your property. Not only does having your property marked with stickers and signage deter would be thieves from stealing it, but if the worst happens and your property is stolen it can result in having your property returned to you, the rightful owner.

A WORCESTER scrap dealer has been arrested for handling lead stolen from a church roof following a police raid. Officers descended on the Jansen Metco scrap yard in Shrub Hill recently and arrested a man on suspicion of handling stolen goods and seized more goods they believed could be stolen. The raid followed checks on a strip of lead seized from the scrap yard during a visit on March 14 and has been identified by Smartwater as belonging to a church in south Staffordshire. Officers were accompanied on the raid by Steve Lloyd, regional manager of Smartwater's client support unit, and Richie Evans, of the BT metal theft taskforce. They also served a holding notice so the scrap dealer could not dispose of other metal the police say could be stolen, which included a full one ton sack and three part-full ton sacks containing various cables.

That's it for now, thanks for taking the time to read it.

Enjoy the Jubilee celebrations, whatever the weather!

Fiona (with thanks to Katie for the bunting at the top!)

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