

Police Briefing Sunday 2nd September 2012

South Herefordshire & Golden Valley

Abbeydore

A stone plaque was stolen from inside the church between 11am on Sunday 26th August and 12 noon on Tuesday 28th August. The stolen burial plaque commemorates Bishop of Hereford John De Breton and is extremely unusual. Please click on the link to see a photo and more details about the incident

<http://www.westmercia.police.uk/news/news-articles/stone-plaque-stolen-from-herefordshire-church.html>

Please be vigilant around our rural churches and note any registration numbers of suspicious vehicles and ring in the details on 101 immediately. This is the second such theft on our area, and the fifth in Herefordshire - Foy in January, Grosmont in March, Castle Frome (a heart burial stone also) in May and Much Dewchurch in July.

Incident ref 83-n-280812

A white Ford transit van **X303*BT** called at an isolated property around 11am on Tuesday 22nd August, with two males on board. They were asking the property owner for scrap. A letter was sent to the keeper of the vehicle who did subsequently contact me. He claimed he was not asking for scrap (I had pointed out in the letter the requirement for a waste carriers licence!) but was taking a mate to look for a car that was for sale in the area - another tall story! The details of the vehicle owner have been passed to our colleagues in the councils Community Protection Team who deal with these issues.

Clehonger

A 27 year old male from Hereford was arrested on Thursday 23rd August in the recreation ground for suspected possession of cannabis. He was later cautioned for the offence.

There is a 'Planning for Real' event in the village hall next Saturday 8th September from 12 noon to 5pm, and members of the team will be in attendance for part of the day, so hope to see you there.

Craswall

Reports have been received regarding off road bikes on the mountain which is common land, which is an offence. The latest report was received this morning regarding an incident yesterday evening, there is little we can do after the event, so please ring at the time and if there is a patrol in the area we will attend. Whether or not we can catch them is another matter, we can but try!

Incident ref 187-s-020912

Cusop

A new Mitsubishi battery, still in it's delivery box, and a jerry can containing 25litres of petrol were stolen from an open shed sometime between Wednesday 15th August and Saturday 25th August.

Incident ref 90-n-300812

Ewyas Harold

An incident of anti-social behaviour took place in Bridge Farm sometime overnight on Friday 31st August and Saturday 1st September, when empty wheelie bins and plant pots were taken from the front gardens of properties, and placed on parked vehicles.

Incident ref 140-s-010912

Hay on Wye

(Yes, part of Hay on Wye is covered by us!)

Damage has been caused to the greens at Summerhill Golf Course by vehicles doing 'doughnuts' overnight on Wednesday 29th/Thursday 30th August. It is the third incident in three weeks.

Incident ref 112-s-300812

Hoarwithy

Two large lime green patio umbrellas were stolen from outside the pub between 1am and 10am on Saturday 1st September. The umbrellas had the logo 'Crabbes' written on them, and are very distinctive.

Incident ref 275-s-010912

Kentchurch

A red Rover 220 saloon **R97*RDB** was seen in the yard of a farm at 4pm on Friday 24th August, but drove out again when the farmer approached it. The vehicle parked in a field gateway further up the road, and were challenged. There were three males in the vehicle, early to mid 20's with strong Welsh accents. They claimed they were looking for their dog (heard that one before!) as they had been ferreting. They were asked where the ferrets were, but didn't have an answer to that one! A letter has been sent to the owner and I await a reply!

Incident 123-n-240812

Kingstone

A white Iveco van **MX*3WUK** was seen acting suspiciously in the village at around 8.15pm on Monday 27th August. The caller said it was paying particular interest in properties with vans or pick-ups outside. It headed towards the Dene Industrial

Estate. A patrol attended shortly after, but the vehicle had gone. A letter has been sent.

Incident ref 247-n-270812

Madley

A blue Vauxhall Meriva VO5*YMM with three males on board called at a property in Lulham, Madley, at 7pm on Wednesday 22nd August, asking for scrap and showing an interest in a car on the yard. The property is along a track and not immediately obvious from the road. The keeper of the vehicle was later visited by myself, he gave a story that he was dropping off a mate nearby and happened to see the car and thought they'd see if it was for sale! Words of advice given!

Incident ref 692-s-220812

At around 5pm on Thursday 23rd August, two males carrying what looked like a pickaxe and another long bag, possibly containing a gun, were seen on land just outside the village on the road towards Blakemere. They were described as white males in their late teens to early 20's, one wearing a yellow top. They were seen by the witness to be digging, he called police fearing they were digging out a badger sett. Police arrived soon afterwards but the males had left, officers found a badgers sett but saw no sign of disturbance. No vehicle was seen by the witness.

Incident ref 589-s-230812

Peterchurch

A quantity of diesel was stolen from a garage premises in the village overnight on Friday 17th/Saturday 18th August, the second time this garage has been the target of fuel thefts recently. The premises is surrounded by a high wire fence, a hole had been cut and the fuel taken from a vehicle parked in the compound.

Incident ref 161-s-180812

A 50 year old male from Peterchurch was arrested in the village on Saturday 18th August on suspicion of theft, and is on police bail.

There is an Open Day at St Peters Centre in the church on Saturday 22nd September from 10.30 am to 4pm. CSO Middleton will be there with a stand, so hope to see you there. Attached is a poster.

Wormbridge

An attempt was made to steal about a tonne of roadside timber overnight on 29th August/Thursday 30th August- it was dumped a short distance away.

Incident ref 240-s-300812

Finally - there is an open day at Hereford Police Station on Saturday 15th September, in conjunction with an open day at Hereford Fire Station. Attached is a poster advertising the event.

Best wishes

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