

Police Briefing Thursday 1st March 2012 South Herefordshire & Golden Valley

Crime Trends

About 650 litres of diesel was stolen from a tank on a farm in **St Weonards**. The theft was discovered on Tuesday 21st February and it is believed it happened the evening before. Incident no **412-s0-210212**

A quantity of scaffolding poles were stolen from outside a property in **Harewood End** overnight on Thursday 23rd/Friday 24th February.

Incident number **102-s-240212**.

A large caravan parked in a field on **Dorstone Hill** was damaged for a third time by having the windows smashed sometime in the week leading up to 25th February. Incident no **320-s-260212**.

A vehicle parked in **Cusop Dingle** was entered during the day on Monday 27th February, and a bag of groceries was taken. Incident no **228-n-280212**.

Twelve steel panels were stolen from a field near Webton Business Park, **Kingstone**, sometime between 18th and 26th February.

Incident no **255-s-290212**.

A Quad bike was stolen from a farm in **Peterchurch** at 7.40pm last night (Weds 29th Feb) but the theft was witnessed by two of the occupants of the farm who gave chase. The bike made off across fields and was soon found nearby but with no sign of the thief. The bike is being examined for any forensics. Incident no **269-n-290212**.

Suspicious Vehicles

On Thursday of last week (23rd Feb) a Ford transit flatbed **PN*76VR** called at a farm in **Craswall**, the two male occupants, described as in their early 20's, were asking for scrap. The vehicle had a deep blue cab, and 4' high sides round the flatbed.

The same vehicle was calling at properties in **Newton St Margarets** yesterday morning (29th Feb).

Scams

Most of the scams that are reported to us nowadays are computer related,

hopefully you found the 'Love your Computer' tips helpful in the last briefing. This one however, was sent in by a lady who received a call from someone purporting to be from BT.

The BT scam involved several reportings of a fault on my line and they had organised an engineer to come out and fix the problem (at a cost to me), which in fact did not exist. In order for this to have been arranged the person must have had my account number. I was able to stop the engineers visit and BT have put in all security on my account they can. The supervisor at BT advised me to contact the police.

Warning - Jequirity bean bracelets

This important information has been circulated by the NHS

We have received an alert regarding the sale of the following bracelets that have been on sale at Eden Project in Cornwall and another 36 retailers across the UK; urging customers to return the red and black bracelets made from the Jequirity bean, the deadly seed of the plant *abrus precatorious*. It contains the toxin abrin, a controlled substance under the Terrorism Act that if swallowed can kill in doses of just 3 micrograms. Abrin is chemically similar to ricin, a chemical warfare agent. People who have bought the bracelets are being urged to bag them and then wash their hands and avoid touching their eyes.

Good News

A male has been arrested and charged with several offences of burglary after extensive enquiries by officers and Scenes of Crime officers, three of these burglaries were reported in the briefing last year - one in **Vowchurch**, one in **Grafton** and one in **Allensmore**.

PC Lea has been out with his speed gun on the patch again, and has issued several tickets. Speeding is the most common complaint we receive from the local community (you!), so we will carry on the campaign - you have been warned!

Meet the Team

We regularly attend local events such as Village Markets, Parish Council Meetings etc, so we thought it might be a good idea to circulate the details of where we will be and when (call outs permitting!)

If you would like to speak to us in person, take some crime prevention or legal advice leaflets, purchase SmartWater etc, please come and see us. Below are the details of where we'll be in March.

Garway Village Market Thursday 8th March 2.30 - 4.30pm. Garway Village Hall

Little Birch Book Exchange - Saturday 10th March - 10am - 12 noon. Little Birch Village Hall

Dorstone Front Room - Friday 23rd March - 10am - 11am . The old shop building opposite the pub!

Much Birch Village Market - Friday 23rd March - 2.30 - 4.30pm. Much Birch Community Hall

If anyone is connected with running a similar club/event where we might have a regular slot, or even a one off visit - we give talks too! - please get in touch.

Thanks for reading this, and keep your eyes open and the calls coming in!
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