

Police Briefing Tuesday 19th March 2013

South Herefordshire & Golden Valley

Good afternoon everyone! please take a look at the latest briefing from Peterchurch Police.

Crime Trends

Allensmore

Between Wednesday 13 March and Thursday 14th March a garage that is detached from a residential property was broken into a socket set and a compressor was taken from within. It is not known how the offenders gained entry to the garage. Incident number 0100S 140313.

A stable was broken into over the past couple of weeks in the area of Allensmore. The locks were unscrewed and removed from the stable doors and entry was gained. The offender(s) did not take anything from within the stable although I don't think they were expecting it to be filled with household items and not riding equipment. Incident number 53n110313.

Cannon bridge

A farmer tending to his lambs overnight on the 19th March 2013 saw two males, mid 20's, with thick Welsh accents, dressed in dark clothing walking in the vicinity of Cannon bridge. They were challenged by the farmer and claimed that they were lost. They had a vehicle with them a dark coloured Volkswagen Passat no registration number was obtained. The farmer thought it was suspicious that they were there given the time of day. A registration number was not obtained. Incident number 0035S 190313.

Dorstone

During the night of Friday 15 March someone has approached an outbuilding on a farmers land (the outbuilding is detached and has no roof) Offenders have climbed over the wall into the outbuilding and have stolen items from within, offenders have then let themselves out of the door to the building making good their escape. Incident number 0095S 160313.

A White transit van with red doors registration **LB*5LD*** was spotted lamping in the area of Dorstone. The occupants were challenged by the land owner and when asked what they were doing they stated they were lamping with permission. The landowner explained that he knew they didn't have permission as he was the landowner and had not given it. The police stopped the vehicle with three male occupants inside and escorted them back to the border with some very strong words of advice. The landowner strongly believes that these individuals were not just in the area lamping so keep your eyes peeled for that vehicle. Incident number 0015S 160313.

Eaton Bishop

A bird scarer and a gas bottle were taken from an insecure field in the Eaton Bishop area. This happened between Friday 15th March and Monday 18th March. Incident number 0366S 180313.

Garway

Between Friday 15 March and Monday 18 March someone broke lock off a storage shed set within the grounds of a school causing damage. There was garden and sporting equipment in the shed but nothing was stolen or disturbed. Incident number 0218s180313.

Kingstone

On the 17th March 2013 someone has attempted to break into a shed of a residential property. They were disturbed by the owners and made their way across the fields. We believe that they would of parked a vehicle in the madley area.

Incident number 0235N 170313.

Between the 18 February and the 11 March 2013 an insecure garage in Kingstone was entered and power tools were taken from within. Incident Number 299s110313. The local policing team have received several reports of anti-social behaviour from youths within Kingstone we are strongly urging anyone who feels this is happening to them to ring us on 101 (our non emergency number). We are currently working very hard to ensure that these individuals reform their behaviour and need any incidents recorded formally so we can move forward with this. Your help will be greatly appreciated. (see section at the end of the briefing for information on Anti-social behaviour.)

Little Dewchurch

Between 28th February and 11 March a chainsaw was stolen from within some private woodland in the Little Dewchurch area. Incident number 101s110313.

Madley

Nine youths in Madley received Anti-social behaviour warning letters this week due to numerous complaints from residents about their behaviour at the start of the month. All the youths were either causing problems or were with the group causing problems. We are currently working with them and their parents to ensure it does not happen again. (see section at the end of the briefing for information on Anti-social behaviour.)

Moccas

Overnight on Friday 15th March and Saturday 16th March 2013 the rear of a farmhouse has been attacked by damaging a rear external kitchen door and a internal kitchen door. A tidy search was made of the ground floor but no items were taken. A container was accessed but again no items taken. A trailer was removed and the front drivers window to a motor vehicle was smashed. The yard has a padlocked double gate which was left secure. Incident number 0107S 160313.

At 03:45 on the 16th March a farmer spotted a vehicle driving very slowly in the area of Moccas. The farmer hid his truck and waited to see where they went. The vehicle eventually made its way up to the farmers location and pulled in through the gates they spotted the farmer and sped off. The farmer followed the vehicle towards Hay-on-Wye and got the registration number and reported it to the police. The vehicle was a green ford focus registration **Y13*XO***. Incident number 0229S 170313.

Much Birch

A farmer heard strange noises on his farm at 03:30 on the 16 March 2013. When the farmer investigated in the morning it was clear that someone had been on his farm with a vehicle. There was no reason for anyone to be on his land and he believes that someone was having a good look around. Incident number 0318S 160313.

Preston-on-Wye

In the early hours of 19th March 2013 a vehicle was stolen from Preston-on-Wye. The offender(s) left a push bike at the scene which will be forensically examined.

The vehicle stolen was a Grey and blue DIATZU VRM **E7*9TVJ** Did you see this vehicle in the early hours of the morning? If so please contact us and quote incident number 90 S 190313.

Thrupton

Two vehicles in this area were seen parked up on 11 March 2013. The police were called as they were parked outside a property and the caller thought this was suspicious. Police were quickly on scent and established the occupants identity and carried out vehicle checks. All was in order on this occasion and the occupants were advised on more suitable places to park up. Incident number 45s110313.

Suspicious Vehicles

Below are some vehicles seen in suspicious circumstances either in the Golden Valley or Hereford Rural South. These vehicles are of interest to us and so if you see them whilst you are out and about we would like to know. We recommend that you do not challenge any of the occupants within the vehicles and report it to us as soon as possible.

S13*JN* a red panel van. This vehicle was seen near the Pontrilas area it is believed the occupants are involved in lamping in our area.

R6*6SM* a red Peugeot 306. This vehicle was seen with four male occupants the vehicle was being driven around the same area in a loop and it was being driven very slowly at night.

Householders' duty of care

Fiona mentioned in the last briefing about the importance of checking a persons waste carriers license when they call and ask to remove your scrap. Below is some information from Herefordshire councils community protection team. The community protection team works to improve Herefordshire's environment for the benefit of local communities.

Householders have a duty to ensure their waste goes to an authorised person or to a licensed carrier. If you ask someone to remove waste for you, or if someone offers you a waste removal service, ask to see their Waste Carrier's Registration Certificate. A genuine waste contractor will be happy to show you the proper documentation. If you allow your waste to be removed without checking the carrier's credentials and it is subsequently dumped, you may be liable to prosecution. Please be particularly careful with cold callers at your door, who offer to remove any waste for cash.

You can confirm a trader has the necessary credentials by calling the Environment Agency on 03708 506 506 and requesting an instant Waste Carrier Validation Check.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-social behaviour is the term used to describe actions or behaviour that cause damage or affect the quality of life of people in a community. Common examples include vandalism, graffiti and intimidation.

Reducing anti-social behaviour is a high priority for West Mercia Police. Our aim is to raise awareness of the impact it can have on other people and encourage communities to respect and tolerate each other.

Local policing teams across the force work hard with partners such as local councils, housing associations and schools on a wide range of initiatives designed to reduce anti-social behaviour, particularly among young people.

Youth engagement activities have included organised football and tag rugby sessions and the setting up of new youth clubs.

In return, young people have become more involved with their communities, taking part in litter picks, cleaning graffiti off fences and buildings, planting bulbs and shrubs and helping out at old people's homes.

Other issues that local policing teams have been dealing with include illegal or inconsiderate parking and littering.

You will all be pleased to know that we have heard from Fiona and she appears to be having a wonderful time.

Thanks for taking the time to read our briefings and please don't hesitate to call if you feel you have any information that could assist us.

Many thanks
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