

Police Briefing Tuesday 21st May 2013

South Herefordshire & Golden Valley

Crime Trends

Allensmore

A silver Vauxhall astra car-derived van was seized by police on Sunday 5th May at 2pm near Winnall Common. The owner, a 28 year old male from Merthyr Tydfil, had no insurance to drive the vehicle. The vehicle will be stored until the owner can produce a valid certificate of insurance and pay a hefty fine and storage fees.

Clehonger

Overnight on Friday 10th/Saturday 11th May, a large wooden outbuilding was broken into at the rear of a house, but nothing appears to have been taken.

Incident ref 387-s-110513

2500 litres of white and 1750 litres of red diesel were stolen from locked tanks in the yard of a business premises. This happened between Friday 10th May and Monday 13th May.

Incident ref 80-s-130513

A 23 year old male from Hereford was arrested in the village for possession of a controlled drug on Sunday 12th May. He has been bailed to Hereford Magistrates Court.

Dorstone

The Bowling Club was broken into between 6.30pm on Sunday 5th May and 10am on Tuesday 7th May. A crowbar or similar instrument was used to force entry into the clubhouse. Keys to a wooden storage shed were taken and the shed was opened but nothing taken. A second storage shed was also broken into, but nothing taken from there either.

Incident ref 322-s-070513

Garway Hill

An attempt was made to gain entry to the rear door of a property whilst the occupants were away on holiday, the attempt was discovered by a neighbour who was checking the house on a daily basis. It occurred between 6pm on Sunday 12th May, and 9pm on Monday 13th May.

Incident ref 24-n-140513

Kingstone

A unit on the Dene Industrial Estate was broken into for the second time recently, this time it was between Thursday 2nd May and Thursday 9th May where an Ifor Williams

flat bed trailer and two table saws were stolen. The items had been in a locked shed, the chains and padlock had been forced off.

Incident ref 262-s-090513

Overnight on Saturday 11th/Sunday 12th May, a unit on the Gooses Foot Industrial Estate was broken into, through the rear fire door. Several items were taken from the unit and placed into a minibus that was being stored there, and the bus was then used to break a metal bollard in order to exit the unit. The main gates to the unit had been lifted off their hinges and the bus and items were driven away. The minibus belongs to Dore Community Transport and is a VW transporter, registration number **VK62ELV**.

Incident ref 164-s-120513

Michaelchurch Escley

Overnight on Monday 6th/Tuesday 7th May, a wooden garden shed in the rear garden of a property was broken into. A Stihl chainsaw and strimmer, a Hayter lawn mower and a Robin hedge trimmer were amongst the items stolen.

Incident ref 56-s-070513

A 57 year old male from the village was arrested on 7th May for assault. He is on police bail.

Madley

Between 8pm on Tuesday 14th May and 12 noon on Thursday 16th May a lock-up in a field in a remote area was broken into, but nothing appears to have been taken. Another lock was broken off a nearby chicken run, but no chickens were missing.

Incident ref 287-s-160513

Much Birch

A 40 year old male from Northampton was arrested at 6.30pm on Sunday 5th May for driving whilst disqualified. He was charged and bailed to court.

Newton St Margarets

A barn in the grounds of an isolated property was broken into between 7pm on Thursday 16th and 7pm on Saturday 18th May. A Strimmer, water pump and a metal container were stolen.

Incident ref 631-s-180513

Peterchurch

Between Monday 6th May and Monday 13th May, while the occupants were on holiday, a garden shed at a rural property was entered and a Robin strimmer was stolen.

Incident ref 114-s-130513

Pontrilas

An attempt was made to break into a metal container cabin at the rear of industrial premises overnight on Friday 3rd/Saturday 4th May. A lock had been forced off but no entry had been gained.

Incident ref 56-n-050513

At 3.20am on Tuesday 7th May, two males were disturbed trying to break into containers at an industrial estate, police were called but no trace of the intruders were found. The next morning the owners of the unit found a load of wire cabling and tools by the perimeter fence, and a container broken into from where the items had been taken.

Incident ref 81-s-070513

Between Friday 3rd May and Saturday 11th May, two lorries at a unit on an industrial estate were tampered with, and both had damage to fuel filler caps, but no fuel was stolen.

Incident ref 191-s-110513

Approximately 200 litres of diesel was stolen from a lorry parked in a yard between 6pm on Friday 17th and 5.30am on Monday 20th May.

Incident ref 43-s-200513

St Owens Cross

A 33 year old male from Ross on Wye was relieved of his Peugeot 306 by police on Saturday 11th May at 2pm as he had no tax for the vehicle.

Vowchurch

Overnight on Friday 10th/ Saturday 11th May, a brick shed in the rear garden of a property was broken into and a hedge trimmer was stolen.

Incident ref 53-n-110513

Overnight on Monday 20th/Tuesday 21st May, sheds and outbuildings were broken into at four properties on the common, various items were stolen, including strimmers, and a chainsaw, all Stihl make.

Incident ref 68-s-210513, 145-s-210513, 63-n-210513, 122-s-210513

Suspicious Vehicles

M3*26CD is a black Mazda 'motor caravan' which has been seen on a couple of occasions late at night in the **Pontrilas** area.

W60*ROG is a white Ford transit van that has been seen several times on our area, touting for scrap, recently seen in **Llandinabo**.

BN*5XNB is a white Ford transit, the occupants were calling for scrap in **Madley**.

Rural Crime Operation

Another of our operations stopping vehicles alongside colleagues from VOSA and Customs & Excise took place two weeks ago in Hereford, the emphasis on our part to

detect crime. A stolen trailer was recovered that had been stolen from Monmouth last year; two arrests were made for drug offences and two vehicles were found to have red diesel in their tanks and were dealt with by officers from C&E.

One thing that I have been asked to bring to your attention concerns trailers - about 3 in 4 of the drivers stopped were committing offences and had the trailers prohibited from further movement by VOSA so had to be fixed at the site or taken away on another trailer.

The offences ranged from faulty or no brake lights, no breakaway mechanism (all trailers must have a breakaway mechanism attached) and unlicensed drivers.

That's it for now, thanks for reading!

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