

Police Briefing Wednesday 12th June 2013 South Herefordshire & Golden Valley

Allensmore

The tail of a horse was cut sometime between 8pm on Saturday 8th and 8pm on Sunday 9th June while it was in a field adjacent to the owners property. The animal was not harmed but the tail hair was hacked off in a very untidy manner. The motive may be jealousy as the horse is shown regularly, but the owner has no suspicions as to who could have done it.

Incident ref 515-s-100613

Two large sheds were broken into on a farm overnight on Monday 10th/Tuesday 11th June and several bags of dog food and some bags of chicken feed were stolen. It is thought that the offenders parked their vehicle in a layby on the A465 and walked across a field to the rear of the farm and carried their spoils away, hence only a few bags taken.

Incident ref 40-n-110613

Bolstone

Overnight on Tuesday 11th/Wednesday 12th June several gates were left open on a farm, and four sheep are missing. They are all elderly females, around 13 years old with white faces, they may have ear tags on. It is unclear whether they have been stolen or wandered off.

Incident ref 308-s-120613

Craswall

A silver Audi **V55*JR** was seen driving erratically in the village at 7.15pm on Friday 7th June; it was noticed because it was driving very slowly, then sped off and turned up a track. Shortly afterwards it was seen again, back on the road. A letter has been sent to the registered keeper asking him to account for his movements.

Incident ref 204-n-070613

Dorstone

Sometime between 12noon on Sunday 2nd and 12.30 on Tuesday 4th June, a catalytic converter was stolen from a Mitsubishi Shogun parked on a driveway in the village.

Incident ref 219-s-040613

A shed in a private garden was broken into overnight on Wednesday 5th/Thursday 6th June, but the shed was alarmed and no entry was gained.

Incident ref 550-s-060613

Ewyas Harold

An attempt to steal a catalytic converter from a Mitsubishi L200 parked near Elmdale was made just after midnight on Tuesday 4th June. A neighbour saw a male underneath

the vehicle, and another male standing nearby. Both offenders ran off and in the morning the vehicle owner discovered that a cut had been made in the exhaust system.
Incident ref 44-s-040613

Harewood End

A remote property under renovation was entered sometime on 1st June using keys that had been taken in a previous break-in. Nothing was taken on this occasion, but it may be that the suspects were disturbed.

Incident ref 205-s-010613

Kingstone

A catalytic converter was stolen from Mitsubishi L200 parked in Green Lane overnight on Sunday 2nd/Monday 3rd June.

Incident ref 127-s-030613

Another catalytic converter was stolen from a Mitsubishi Shogun parked near Green Lane between 2pm on Sunday 2nd and 8.30am on Wednesday 5th June.

Incident ref 73-s-050613

Llancillo

A JCB was left temporarily unattended between 7pm and 8pm on Tuesday 4th June in a field with the keys in the ignition while the farmer took a pre-arranged group to see some red kites. On his return, the key to the JCB had been taken. The JCB was 3 fields away from the road at the time, the lock has now been changed.

Incident ref 670-s-040613

Longtown

A farmer was woken at 2.30am on Wednesday 5th June by the sound of a vehicle engine running nearby. By the time he got outside, the vehicle had gone but the gates to the yard had been opened. Several police units attended the area but there were no vehicles around.

Incident ref 5-s-050613

Two garden sheds in neighbouring properties at the lower end of the village were broken into overnight on Wednesday 5th/Thursday 6th June, but in both cases nothing was stolen.

Incident refs 572-s-060613 & 192-s-060613

A red Ford Transit van X84*JRN was seen around 12.15 on Tuesday 11th June driving slowly through the village. Two white males in their 40's, one with a camouflage jacket on, were in the vehicle. Patrols attended the area but could not find the vehicle. A 'what were you doing?' letter has been sent to the registered keeper.

Incident ref 219-s-110613

Madley

A gold Landrover discovery had a tyre slashed whilst parked on a driveway in Patterson Close overnight on Saturday 8th/Sunday 9th June.

Incident ref 479-s-110613

Much Birch

Another theft of a catalytic converter was reported on Friday 7th June, this one was taken from a Peugeot Motorvan which had been parked in the driveway of a property in Tump Lane. The vehicle is not regularly used, so the theft may have occurred anytime between Wednesday 29th May and the date of the report.

Incident ref 98-s-070613

Much Dewchurch

The front and rear number plates were stolen from a Renault Clio vehicle whilst parked on a driveway overnight on Sunday 2nd/Monday 3rd June.

Incident ref 46-n-030613

Peterchurch

Between 4pm and 7pm on Monday 3rd June the mane of a horse grazing in a field between Peterchurch and Dorstone had its mane plaited, the owner was concerned that it may have been singled out to be stolen later but so far, that has not happened. The owner had been told by a resident from the village that 3 males had been seen hanging around by her paddock and looking at her horses on Thursday 30th May; they had a white transit van but no registration number was taken.

Incident ref 530-s-030613

Two local males were seen shooting an air rifle in the churchyard at 10.20am on Tuesday 4th June. They were identified and the weapon has been seized by police. Enquiries are still on-going at this time.

Incident ref 134-s-040613

Walterstone

A garden shed was broken into overnight on Wednesday 5th/Thursday 6th June and a Stihl strimmer and a Stihl chainsaw were stolen, along with two hedge cutters.

Incident ref 260-s-060613

Thefts

As you will have read, there have been several thefts of catalytic converters from vehicles on our area this past week or two.

We have some leaflets and 'STOP' cards that can be placed in your vehicle warning thieves that the catalytic converter has been property marked.

There have also been several shed break ins, we have leaflets with security advice and cards to put in the window of your shed, please contact us if you require any, or any other crime reduction leaflets. I have attached a copy of the garden shed leaflet and the shed card.

Rural Watch

I know that Katie had made a request for coordinators for Rural Watch schemes in your area, and that some of you have responded; we are still at the planning stage and are hoping to arrange meetings in several areas across the patch to set the schemes up. We'll advertise the dates and locations of the meetings as soon as we have them.

Thanks for your patience; meanwhile, please be vigilant and keep the calls coming in, we do follow up all the sightings of suspicious vehicles.

Finally, I have also attached a copy of the Ross on Wye and the Kington briefing - it is worth noting that in Ross on Wye they have had a spate of thefts of Acer trees from peoples gardens. Some in pots but some actually dug out of the garden!

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