

Police Briefing Wednesday 13th June 2012

South Herefordshire & Golden Valley

Crime Trends

Between 10.30am on Saturday 2nd June and 10.30 on Tuesday 5th June, a set of vehicle recovery ramps were stolen from an insecure vehicle on the rear of a recovery truck in **Kingstone**. Incident ref 165-s-050612

A set of metal wheels from a Cambridge roller were stolen from a premises in **Orcop Hill** sometime in the week leading up to 6th June. Incident ref 56-n-060612

Sometime in the week leading up to 7th June, approximately 250 litres of heating oil were stolen from a domestic heating oil tank in **Tump Lane, Much Birch**. Incident ref 99-s-070612

Damage has been caused to children's play equipment at a nursery in **Kingstone** sometime over last weekend (8-10th June). Several outside toys and two planters with herbs growing were sprayed with orange and white paint. A new shed has also been covered in paint. Incident ref 35-n-110612.

A Stihl leaf blower was stolen from a garage in **Llanwarne** between 11.00am and 12 noon on Monday 11th June. Builders were on site at the time and the gates to the property were open, as was the garage. Incident ref 463-s-110612

Suspicious Vehicles

A silver Vauxhall astra **W20*LNU** was reported by one of our 'readers' being parked up in **Bacton** for several hours on Wednesday 6th June. Police attended, and enquiries with our colleagues in Dyfed revealed that the vehicle is known to be connected with rural crime on their area.

The vehicle was seized by police and enquiries are ongoing to establish who was using the vehicle at the time.

On Tuesday 12th June at around 10.15am a white Ford transit van **HN11WV*** was driving slowly along Hollybush Lane, **Much Birch**. The two young male occupants were having a good look around. The vehicle is believed to be being used by someone well known to us, so please report any other sightings.

From Ringmaster

1) Man Arrested In Missing Woman Investigation

Police officers who are investigating the disappearance of a 63-year-old woman from Herefordshire earlier this year, have confirmed that a local man was arrested earlier today (12 June).

Mrs Alethea Taylor was last seen at her home address in Orleton at around 8.30am on Thursday 19 January 2012.

Despite extensive searches by specialist police officers and many people from the local community, she has not been seen since.

Speaking about this arrest, Detective Inspector Dave Williams said:

"A man in his 60s was arrested at just after 7am on suspicion of murder and he is now in custody in Hereford.

"Investigative work is ongoing following this arrest and it is extremely unlikely that any further information about this development will be released today."

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2) Police Name Man Found In River - Hereford

Police in Hereford have named a man who was found dead in the River Wye last month.

The body of Arturs Polonankins was discovered on Wednesday, 30 May in water near to The Old Bridge in the city. The 44 year old was pulled from the river by the emergency services but sadly, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The death is not thought to be suspicious. The matter has been referred to the Herefordshire Coroner and an inquest is due to be held later this year.

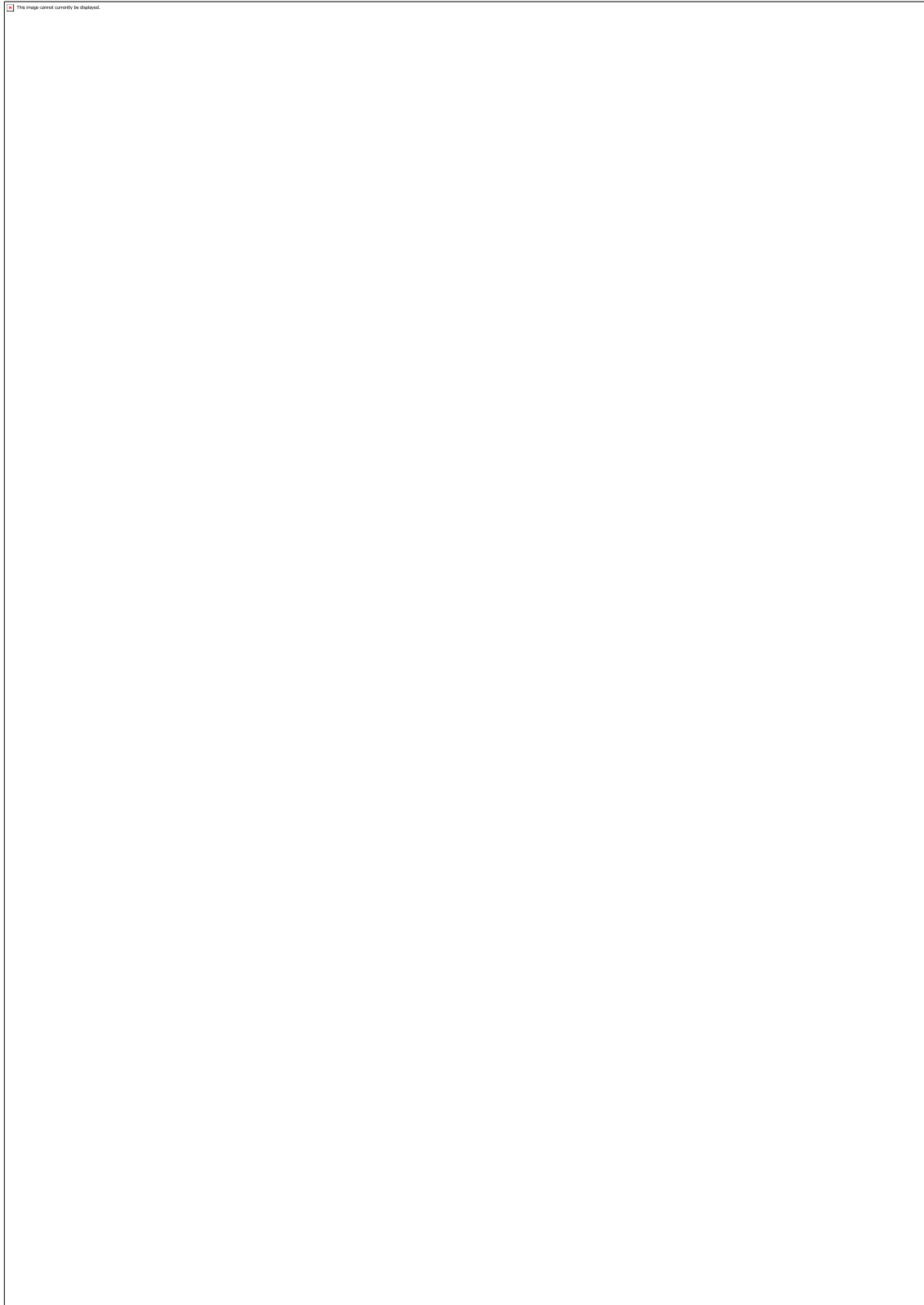
Detective Constable Catherine Taylor from Hereford CID was involved in the investigation into Mr Polonankins' death: "He was of Latvian nationality and had recently moved to Herefordshire to live and work. Because of this, unfortunately it did take us some time to identify him.

"However, Mr Polonankins' family have now been notified of his passing and our thoughts are with them at this sad time.

"During this investigation, we received a number of calls from members of the public and I would like to personally thank them all for their assistance."

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Finally, as you are all probably aware, the Queen is visiting Hereford on July 11th, and I have attached a poster that you are welcome to print off and display in your area. Lets hope the rain has stopped by then!



Best wishes

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