

# **Police Briefing Wednesday 28th November**

## **2012**

### **South Herefordshire & Golden Valley**

#### **Clehonger**

Two Bosch drills were stolen from the garage of a property in the village sometime during the past three weeks.

Incident ref 349-s-281112

A 25 year old male from Ledbury was arrested in the village on Wednesday 21st November for harassment. He is on bail.

#### **Dorstone**

Two pints of milk were stolen from outside an isolated property between 2pm and 3pm on Tuesday 27th November.

Incident ref 512-s-271112

#### **Ewyas Harold**

An elderly resident of Glenside in School Lane reported seeing a young white male at the rear of his property in the morning of Monday 19th November. The male, described as in his early 20's wearing a dark coat, made off when he saw the occupant.  
Incident ref 507-s-191112.

Another elderly resident was surprised to see a woman in her back garden on Saturday 24th November at around 1.30 - 2pm in Orchard Grove. The woman was described as white, in her mid 30's with straggly blonde shoulder length hair. She made off when she saw the occupant sitting in her living room, which is at the rear of the property. House to house enquiries in the rest of the street did not reveal any further sightings of this lady.

Incident ref 507-s-251112

#### **Kentchurch**

A 28 year old male from the village was arrested on warrant for theft on 26th November, he has been charged and is on bail to appear in court.

#### **Kingstone**

There have been more incidents of anti-social behaviour in the village - On Friday 23rd November youths were reported to be throwing mud and other items at garages and properties in Coldstone Cross, and damaging fence panels, although we weren't made aware of it until the following day. Incident ref 110-n-241112.

At around 5pm on Tuesday 27th November, youths were climbing on the roof of the primary school, but had run off when CSO Middleton arrived a short while later. Enquiries are ongoing. Incident ref 156-n-271112.

## Llanwarne

The donation box in the church was broken into sometime between 4th and 20th November. It would appear that the thieves used bolt cutters to cut open the lock on the lid. It is unknown how much money was in there as it had not been emptied for about a year.

Incident ref 126-s-201112

## Longtown

A quantity of diesel was stolen from a tank on a farm between 6.30am and 2pm on Wednesday 21st November. The padlock had been cut off and damage had been caused to the tank in order to get the fuel.

Incident ref 442-s-211112

A 31 year old male from the village was arrested in Ewyas Harold at 9pm on 18th November for refusing to provide a specimen of breath for analysis and obstructing a constable in the execution of his duty. He is on bail.

## Madley

An Ifor Williams 7ft single axle trailer with ramp on the rear was stolen from Brampton between 6pm on Tuesday 20th November and 8am on Wednesday 21st November. At the time of the theft the trailer was displaying the registration number **CA05CKW**. Incident ref 54-n-211112

An isolated house outside the village was burgled between 8.30am and 6pm on Monday 26th November while the occupant was at work, and several items were stolen including wine and champagne, a DVD player, a laptop and a quantity of jewellery. Entry was gained by breaking a window at the front of the property.

Incident ref 509-s-261112

## Suspicious incident

At about 11.15 am on Friday 23rd November, a motorist was travelling along the **B4352** towards Hereford near **Bredwardine** when a car coming from the opposite direction flagged him down. He wound his window down expecting to be told about a hazard up ahead, but the driver of the other car asked if he was English, and then went on to explain he had come out for the day and realised he had no money with him. He tried to give the bemused motorist a ring and a card, and asked for £10 in exchange so he could buy some petrol. His offer was refused and the motorist drove away. There were two other people in the car, including a woman. The driver spoke in broken English, he may have been Eastern European, and the car was possibly an Audi.

Incident ref 108-n-231112

A very similar incident happened the following day on the same road, but between **Madley** and **Clehonger**. One of our readers was driving along when he was flagged down by a male in the road. The male asked our reader if he could borrow some money

and started taking his jewellery off. He said he was German, although he looked and sounded eastern European, and that he had just arrived in the country and his credit cards had been blocked! Our reader told him he didn't have any money on him, so the male asked to borrow his credit card! This was also declined, and our reader drove away. He was aware of a vehicle parked up by the side of the road with one other person in it.

Incident ref 102-n-241112

If anyone else is approached with a similar story, if possible can you get details of any vehicle? This scam has been going on for some time but not in this area as far as we know.

Operation Tornado - Update

Last Thursday 22nd November several agencies including Customs & Excise, DVLA, VOSA and members of the Community Protection Team joined police at Pontrilas on the A465 in an operation to check vehicles for various offences. Despite the weather, it was quite a successful day (depending how you view it!). The outcomes were as follows - 36 vehicles stopped,

1 vehicle seized for driver having no driving licence,

1 on red diesel(paid fine of £530),

18 offences dealt with by VOSA for vehicle and trailer offences (7 immediate prohibitions, which meant that the vehicles had to be repaired or recovered from the check site).

2 endorsable fixed penalties issued by Police and one reported for no MOT.

6 drivers given warnings for minor defects, one for waste carriage offences(not metal related).

One recurring theme of these checks is the use of large double axle trailers without the driver having passed the right test or having a tachograph fitted if it is used commercially away from its base(50kms).

Tyre and lights offences are still prevalent.

Further checks will be made with DWP and local Benefits offices.

I noticed that the Customs and Excise Officers were dipping vehicles for red diesel at Locks garage last Sunday afternoon (yes, on a Sunday!) I gather three drivers were fined on the spot for having red diesel - the fines are usually in excess of £500, and one vehicle was seized because the driver was unable to pay the fine.

Best wishes

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