

Hampshire Horsewatch Bulletin

(incorporating information from around the country)

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Editor's Welcome

Dear All

The National Equine Database (NED) has now been launched to the public at www.nedonline.co.uk

On the site you can check passport details to ensure the horse you are about to buy (or even currently own) is recorded correctly. Just like the HPI scheme for cars using NED should be your first check when considering the loan or purchase of a new horse.

There is a media pack with FAQs at <http://www.nedonline.co.uk/public/pdfs/THEMEDIAPACK.pdf>. The site also contains breed records and competition results, and is well worth a few minutes to have a look around it.

Although horse passports are an EU regulation related to equines entering the human food chain we can make them useful to us all by treating them just like a car registration document. Never buy a horse (car) without a passport (reg doc) and ideally identify it with a freeze brand (number plate).

Changes next year will mean all new or replacement passports will require the animal to be microchipped (by a vet) so the cost will naturally increase. If you do not have a passport then now is the time to get one. The animal will also have to be accompanied by their passport whenever they are moved (except on foot). There is currently a Government consultation and Horsewatch has been invited to comment. More news next year as we hear it.

STOLEN

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South East Region

Essex, Kent, Sussex, Hampshire, Surrey, Thames Valley, Bedfordshire,
Hertfordshire and the Met

HAMPSHIRE

Hampshire Horsewatch Mobile 07762 754788 or 07790 440478

DI D Collings (Force Equine Liaison Officer) 07867 972868

Hampshire Horsewatch, C/O Hampshire Constabulary, Police Headquarters, West Hill, Romsey
Road, Winchester, Hampshire, SO22 5DB.

Non emergency number 0845 045 45 45 Email: equine@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
www.hampshire.police.uk

44080546079 - Suspicious person - Folds Farm house, Godshill Wood, Fordingbridge

Friday 5 December 2008 14:15 hours. Limited information but keep your eyes open for this car especially in Hampshire Dorset and Wiltshire BUT always be mindful that travel across counties is very quick and easy!

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Young man caught by staff within farmyard photographing a horsebox. When challenged he gave a feeble excuse. Details given to staff. Male travelling to scene in Mazda MX3 L782 WBX which also contained 3 other persons.

44080547027 - Burglary other - Belle Vue Farm, Frogham Hill, Fordingbridge

Between 18:00hrs on 9th December and 07:20hrs 10 December 2008. Between the times stated, person/s unknown have gained access to a stable block, removed padlocks using bolt cutters, from two tack room doors and removed tack from the interiors, having made an untidy search of the interiors.

*** linked to 44080547100 ***

Burglary at tack room premises in Blissford Fordingbridge

Probably overnight 9/10 December 2008. Forced entry into building. Stolen a saddle and 2 bridles

THAMES VALLEY

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www.thamesvalleyhorsewatch.org.uk tvhorsewatch@btinternet.com

Thames Valley Horsewatch has brought out a "Christmas menu", consisting of a checklist to help people keep thieves at bay. The menu was sparked off by a recent spate of thefts in the area, in which nine trailers, seven Shetlands, two horseboxes and a large amount of tack have been stolen in the past six weeks.

"There's a lot of it around at the moment," said Thames Valley Horsewatch co-ordinator Helen Evans. The Christmas menu is to jolt people into choosing something positive they can do to prevent themselves becoming a victim of crime," she said. "Also, it's about getting rural communities together - keeping your eyes open and being suspicious of everything."

The menu features 14 security measures, under the headings "starters", "mains" and "dessert", from post-coded saddlery to CCTV to a yard inventory.

Ms Evans points out that by incorporating some of these measures, owners will be assisting police. "It's not just about having stuff stolen, but finding it again," she says. "It's no good you saying you'll recognise your stolen tack. If a policeman, who knows nothing about saddles, stops a white van at 2am in the morning - how will he know who it belongs to? If it has a postcode, he could check to see if there's a crime reference number otherwise he has no reason to hold the suspect."

Yorkshire horse owners have suffered the most of late. The latest Horsewatch Bulletin reports 11 tack thefts in the county during October and November. One raid included 20 saddles, another 14 saddles and 11 bridles, another £30,000 worth of tack. And good security is not always sufficient deterrent. The Horsewatch newsletter advises: "Some thefts are well planned, with thieves arriving with large vehicles. You can help deter these professionals by varying your daily routines not to be too predictable with your arrival times. And check your fencing. You may find your wire has been cut in readiness for a crime."

HORSEWATCH CHRISTMAS MENU

STARTERS

- * FREEZE BRAND FOR HORSE
- * POST-CODED SADDLERY
- * SECURITY TAGGING FOR TRAILER
- * TRACKER FOR THE HORSEBOX

MAINS

- * BETTER PADLOCKS
- * STRONGER CHAINS
- * SECURITY LIGHTS
 - * ALARM
 - * CCTV
- * POSTCODE FOR ROOF OF BOX/TRAILER

DESSERT

- * DESCRIPTION OF EVERYTHING WRITTEN DOWN
- * YARD AWARENESS OF SECURITY PLANS
- * EMERGENCY NUMBERS TO HAND
- * COMPLETE SECURITY REVIEW

SURREY

S.A.F.E. Surrey Action for Equines (Surrey Horsewatch) Tel: 01420 487625 www.surrey-action-for-equine.co.uk

Sheep attacked Between 7.45 and 8.45 on Thursday 4 December around 30 sheep were killed and several others badly injured after being attacked by a Black German Shepherd in company with a white Jack Russell in a field on Fairchildes Farm, Fairchildes Lane, Chelsham. Local farmer shot at the German Shepherd but missed .. Both dogs ran off towards Saltbox Lane.

Suspicious Vehicles Following vehicle drove along driveway of property in Crowhurst Road, Crowhurst when challenged by occupant, driver stated he was selling road surfacing items .. drove off .. Silver Ford Transit index HG08 TDZ incident happened around 15:25hrs today (Friday 5 December 2008)

And

Seen near to the Church in Tandridge lane, Tandridge Village at 09.55hrs this morning Black Landrover Discovery index BG57 VVZ

Poaching Once again Tandridge Lane, Crowhurst/Lingfield area has been subject to more poaching incidents, between 1800 and midnight last evening (Thursday 4th) pheasant pens entered and several taken.

Please keep 'em peeled and report any suspicious vehicles seen late evenings, especially lights or vehicles across fields

Barn broken into Between 1/12/08 and 4/12/08 offenders have gained access to barn by forcing padlock and stole 2 x chainsaws, strimmer, hedgecutter, angle grinder. Incident happened in Brickhouse Lane, Blindley Heath.

Please remember to quote the NI (Neighbourhood Issue crime ref) when reporting any farm related incident TD/08/3058

Afternoon all

The below came out some weeks ago ... except I never saw it! Anyway, I managed to liberate some of these screws and have a quantity for my Countryside Alert readers in the Tandridge Area. With my poor standard maths (Grade 5 CSE Maths 1978) I think I have enough to do 50 cars. So if you wish to have some left me know ... And I will try and drop them off ... or you collect ... or something. I think some are still available at the locations below

Best Wishes Pc 1460 Nick Shrapel

Tandridge Rural Affairs & Bletchingley & Nutfield NSO

Beat the thieves and secure your number plates

Police in East Surrey are giving residents the opportunity to protect their number plates by giving away special security screws designed to make life difficult for potential thieves. The clutch-head screws, which can be easily fitted with a screwdriver in place of existing screws, but are incredibly difficult to remove, are being given away free by Surrey Police and are available from station front counters across the division. You can get yours from Reigate and Banstead

Crime Reduction Advisor Steve Aylin-White said: "Replacing standard screws with clutch-head screws is a great way to try to beat the thieves and reduce your chances of becoming a victim of

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crime. Number plate theft is a nationwide issue, so it is a good idea to take steps to protect your vehicle. Stolen plates can be fitted to vehicles involved in crime, so it is vital any theft is reported to police immediately, because if you do not, you could run the risk of becoming falsely implicated in criminal activity.

"We have a large number of clutch-head screws to give away across the four neighbourhoods, so if you're in the area, why not pop into your nearest police station to pick some up – they take minutes to attach, but could save a great deal of inconvenience."

The clutch-head screws are available from front counters at:

Reigate and Banstead

Reigate Police Station
Banstead Police Station
Horley Police Station

Mole Valley

Dorking Police Station
Leatherhead Police Station

Tandridge

Caterham Police Station
Oxted Police Station

Epsom and Ewell

Epsom Police Station

Regards

MIKE BESSENT PC1836, Crime Reduction & Crime Prevention Design Advisor

MOLE VALLEY Tel - 01483 637410

HERTFORDSHIRE

Email: eastherhorsewatch@hotmail.com Jill.dockley@herts.pnn.police.uk 01992 533043

The scheme is running in the Eastern area but will be rolled out across the county later.

Missing pony

Freezemark 87G marked on nearside saddle area brown Shetland gelding – 9.2 hh. Missing from Hatfield Broadoak in Herts.

Pony was last seen the evening of Monday 8 December and was discovered missing this morning – 9 December. He is in his twenties and is a driving pony. He was wearing a bottle green rug.

The owner is Karen Exall and she can be contacted on 01279 718035 or 0797 3855670

The freezemark is reasonably clear albeit he will have a thick coat. However, Karen says that the mark can be seen and read as 87G. Karen has reported him missing to the Loughton police and the crime reference number is 9/12/244

ESSEX

Valerie.crawford@essex.pnn.police.uk Tel: 07796 473908 www.essexhorsewatch.org.uk

Editor's note

Please note that we don't get much information from Essex Horsewatch but looking at their site it is evident that the county does experience equine crime so for any Essex references please go to their web site www.essexhorsewatch.org.uk

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SUSSEX

Telephone: 01403 733819

sussexHwatch@aol.com www.sussexhorsewatch.org

Dear All,

The owner of the 3 missing ponies has now been located and I understand they are being collected. Nothing sinister. PLEASE ALL CHECK YOUR FENCING - horses and ponies do wander off in search of the greener grass, especially at this time of the year.

Thank you
Sussex Horsewatch

BEDFORDSHIRE

Police Contact: Phil Cannings phil.cannings@Bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

Ringmasters: Sarah Stevens: sarah.stevens@safer-beds.org and Dean Doyle: dean.doyle@safer-beds.org

Rowena James: Rowena-james@supadooper.com

Kerry Willis-Jones: Kerry.Willis-Jones@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk

David Layton: David.Layton@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

Suspicious vehicle/occupants

At 15.00hours on Sat 29/11/08 a white Ford Transit van with AD BLY CONSTRUCTION on the side VRM EN57BUP was seen at Wood End Farm, Water End, Cople, Bedford looking at horses in the field and taking photographs.

The farm is a livery yard with 20 or so horses. The farmer approached the vehicle, which contained 2 white males, approximate age 60, Irish, who stated they liked horses and just wanted to take some photographs. They had a 10 year old (approx) boy with them. The farm is private although there are numerous footpaths running through it. The vehicle is registered to AD BLY, NUP END FARM, OLD KNEB WORTH, HERTS, SG3 6QJ. Further enquiries are being made.

Regards,
Claire. Inspector 1336, Operations and Contingency Planning, Uniformed Protective Services,
Halsey Road
Kempston, Bedfordshire, MK42 8AX, Tel. 01234 842431 Mobile 07920 766555

A burglary took place at a stable yard, in Eaton Bray, overnight on the 7-8 December. The offender entered the location and forced open a door at the end of the stable block. The messy search took place. It is not yet known if any property was taken. Bedfordshire Police ask rural businesses, and owners of livestock to be vigilant. Please report any suspicious visitors or vehicles immediately, to the Police Control Centre.

If you have any information about this crime, please call the Police Control Centre on (01234) 841212 for North and Mid Beds, or (01582) 401212, for South Beds, and quote crime reference, J/,5,3,6,7,4,/2008.

KENT

Contact Number: 07751 203216 kenthorsewatch@hotmail.co.uk
www.freewebs.com/kenthorsewatch

No information received.

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WILTSHIRE
No information received
North East Region Northumberland, County Durham, Cleveland, North, West, South & East Yorkshire and Humberside
SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE Contact: Mrs Joanne Kennedy, Equine Liaison, MAPP Unit. Ext: 8302 fax: 8885 Tel: 0114 2523302 fax: 0114 2523885 Email: Joanne.Kennedy@southyorks.pnn.police.uk
No information received
Eastern Region Lincolnshire, Derbyshire, Cambridgeshire, Nottingham, Suffolk, Norfolk.
No information received.
DERBYSHIRE Contact: Lesley Manger (DERBYSHIRE Pony Rescue) Telephone: 01773 831251 mobile: 07842 240494. lesleykenstudponyrescue@gmail.com 07970 848416 Insp Erika Green Erika.green.1765@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk
No information received.
CAMBRIDGESHIRE Cambridgeshire Countryside Watch Regional Officer - Stefan Gidlow, Tel: 07890 455959 sgidlowccw@tesco.net www.cambscountrysidewatch.org.uk
No information received.
NORFOLK 07798 635746 (Danny/Sue Cracknell) horsewatch@tiscali.co.uk
No information received.
Midlands Region Northamptonshire, West Mercia, Staffordshire, Leicestershire, Warwickshire
No information received.
WORCESTERSHIRE www.worcestershirehorsewatch.co.uk admin@worcestershirehorsewatch.co.uk Telephone: 07500 475708
No information received
SHROPSHIRE www.shropshirehorsewatch.co.uk admin@shropshirehorsewatch.co.uk
No information received.
Herefordshire Horsewatch www.freewebs.com/herefordshirehorsewatch herefordshirehorsewatch@googlemail.com Telephone: 07794 453911
Check out this website: http://www.herefordtimes.com/news/features/equestrian/3970115.Herefordshire_Horse_Watch___It_s_all_about_postcodes/

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North West Region Greater Manchester, Cheshire, Lancashire, Merseyside
No information received.
Wales Dyfed-Powys, South Wales, Gwent, North Wales
No information received.
Northern Ireland
No information received.
Eire
No information received.
GLOUCESTERSHIRE The below named officer is the horse watch coordinator at Gloucestershire Constabulary. PC 1623 Sarah Ward, Licensing, Telephone 0845 090 1234 Ext 6147, Email sarah.ward1623@gloucestershire.police.uk
<u>Horsebox stolen</u> Between 1200hrs on Tuesday 9 December and 0830hrs on Friday 12 December 2008 a horsebox was stolen from an open air locked compound in Greet Gloucestershire. The registration number of the vehicle is P901 SFL and it is a Leyland DAF FA45, 7.5 ton. It is red in colour with a silver aluminium Birchall container. It carries 4 horses and has day living. The living is not integral and has 3 saddle racks on the wall. It also has a brass horse shoe bridle rack in the living. There are 3 partitions in the lorry that are padded orange leather and then has rubber skirt to the floor. They do have the head partitions also. One of the partitions has been chewed and the stuffing is starting to come out. If anyone has any information in relation to this horseboxes whereabouts please contact Gloucestershire Police on 0845 090 1234 and quote incident number 81 12/12/08. PC 1623 Sarah Ward, Licensing, 0845 090 1234 Ext 6147
Dorset Information HorseWatch Co-ordinator anita.rigler@dorset.pnn.police.uk
<u>Horsewatch 11 Dec 08 East Dorset and Verwood NHW</u>
<u>Tack stolen</u> 4 saddles and bridles were stolen from an insecure outbuilding in Horton Way, Verwood possibly during the day on 10 Dec. I did also have a shed/garage burglary in Woodlinken Drive, Verwood that day and a report of a male knocking on a door asking for £10 to go somewhere (not sure why) and I am wondering if this is connected and maybe he was checking to see if anyone was home. That afternoon I understand 2 males in a dark coloured van were cruising the other side of Dewlands Common, where this tack theft occurred, acting very suspiciously although of course I have no evidence any of the above is connected, just worth bearing in mind. The van was described as not as small as an Escort van but not as big as a Transit.
<u>Discounted shed alarms</u> Next week there will be some excellent shed alarms available from Verwood police station and Verwood Town Council in Vicarage Road. They are being discounted by Verwood NHW for £8.00 including batteries. Just ask for "Watch discount" otherwise you will be charged £10.00. Please take the correct money with you or a cheque payable to V&3XNHW.

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If you have any information regarding this message please call the Dorset Police on 01202/01305 222222 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Thank you Dorset Police Ringmaster Circulation. If you are receiving this message by fax, but have an email facility, would you like to change to email? Please contact ringmaster-bournemouth@dorset.pnn.police.uk if you are in Bmth/Poole. or ringmaster-eastern@dorset.pnn.police.uk for the rest of Dorset.

AVON & SOMERSET

Justin Gay 07795 503242 PCSO Justin.Gay@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk
Tessa Smith 0845 456 7000 ext 62025 Tessa.smith@avonandsomerset.police.uk
(Somerton and Wincanton South Somerset)
Carol Barnett chathamrow@ukonline.co.uk

No information received.

DEVON & CORNWALL

Gina Dale C/O Okehampton Police Station, Exeter Road, Okehampton, Devon, EX20 1NG

No information received.

NORTHAMPTON

PC 449 Glynne Malkin, Force Countryside & Wildlife Officer,
Glynne.malkin@northants.pnn.police.uk Tel: 01604 703199
Community Policing and Partnerships, Office 7, Block 2, Mereway, Northampton, NN4 8BE
David Robins, Ringmaster Andy.roberts@northants.pnn.police.uk
Andy Roberts, Press officer David.robins@northants.pnn.police.uk

No information received.

WEST MIDLANDS

Helene Elder, Community Partnerships Officer
0845 113 5000 (Switch board) Ext/Internal 79116879 h.elder@west-midlands.police.uk

No information received.

Stolen Horse Register

www.stolenhorseregister.com

Farmkey

Tel: 0870 870 7107
info@farmkey.co.uk

No information received.

UK Horsewatch Alliance

www.ukhorsewatch.org.uk

Useful contacts

Crime prevention – don't be a victim of crime

www.ukhorsewatch.org.uk
www.rug-ID.co.uk
467737

The website of the UK Horsewatch Alliance
Email info@rug-ID.co.uk for rug marking or contact Dee on 07747

www.crimestoppers.co.uk
www.smartwater.com
www.farmkey.com

Or call 0800 555 111
Property Security
Call 0870 870 7107

www.freeze-mark.biz

Email: mary@freeze-mark.biz for freeze marking for horses.

Saddleguard:

Email info@saddleguard.co.uk or call 01707-652577 or 07778-501915

www.equisecurity.co.uk

Dedicated to equestrian security - vehicles, tack and horses

www.icebands.org

Rider and Horse Safety.

Crime detection – find your stolen property

TrailerWatch UK For trailer security, Tel 01206 337580 Fax 01206 337579

www.nfed.co.uk/horsewatch

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www.stolenhorseregister.com
www.equinemarketwatch.org.uk Equine Market Watch Welfare
www.tracingequines.co.uk
www.virtualbumblebee.co.uk or email info@virtualbumblebee.co.uk for Recovery Property

Selection – Don't be a receiver of stolen goods – check before you buy!

www.virtualbumblebee.co.uk or email info@virtualbumblebee.co.uk for Recovery Property
www.securedbydesign.com Crime Prevention Associations and Firms Accredited by ACPO
The Equipment Register (TER) 01225 464599 to check that item is not stolen
<http://www.norr.co.uk/police/> The national off road register for off road motorcycles quads & mules.
www.equinemarketwatch.org.uk Equine Market Watch Welfare
www.tracingequines.co.uk
www.animalsonline.org.uk
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/northern_ireland/7407932.stm
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/essex/7373167.stm>
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