

Editor's Welcome

Dear Horsewatch Member

Stolen horses are a horse owner's worst nightmare. The incidents below highlight the fact that thefts are occurring and at present thieves are targeting Shetlands or perhaps similar in size. References to the thefts will also appear in individual sections within the bulletin.

Theft of horses is very difficult to prevent for all the obvious reasons. However, there are deterrents to prevent thefts and importantly identify horses to owners and this is freeze marking. The decision to do so is with YOU the owner. As with all stolen property the item taken is invariably only worth something if someone is prepared to buy it. So as horse owners or someone thinking of buying one only do so if you know who you are buying from.

YOU - the community have it in your power to prevent many horse thefts by closing down the possibility of a sale. YOU know that at present Shetlands are being stolen.....if you know someone who is selling, advertising Shetlands for sale, make some enquiries and if needs be report the matter to the police. Genuine sellers of horses have nothing to fear. YOU, the community, are best placed to enquire and investigate on behalf of your fellow horse owners who may be the victims of a horse theft.

Always remember never to put yourself in any danger if enquiring into any matters. Gathering information and passing it on to the police or your county Horsewatch will be just as useful.

Another worrying trend following on from the theft of horses is that the thieves will contact the owners of the horse saying they know where the horse is or can arrange for its recovery. The owner is only too grateful to recover the horse that they will gladly give up money as a reward! If YOU should be in this position seek advice from your police. Always make sure YOU know who your investigating officer is so you can keep him/her informed.

Subject: stolen Shetlands

There has been a run on stealing Shetlands in the past week or so. 7 have gone missing to date. At a recent sale this type would make up to £1000 each so are a quick and easy way of making money. Please be on the lookout for new ponies in your areas and guard against the theft of your equines. Remember that the only visible deterrent against theft is a freeze brand. This also makes the horse instantly identifiable to anyone and much harder to sell on.

Hertfordshire

Little pony stolen from stables. The pony is believed to have been loaded into a van. A Shetland pony which stands just 32ins tall (81cm) has been stolen from stables in Hertfordshire. The nine-year-old pony, called Cotton Candy, is Palomino or cream-coloured, and has whorls on the centre of the forehead and back. It was stolen from stables on the Lower Luton Road in Wheathampstead between 19 and 20 October. Those responsible are believed to have loaded the animal on to a van and police have appealed for witnesses. PC Andrew Yuill said: "This incident has been extremely upsetting experience for the owners of the pony and has caused much inconvenience and unnecessary distress."

Hampshire

Stolen from near Cheriton, Hampshire, believed to have gone between 6pm 16 October and 8am 17 October 2008. Two miniature Shetlands, one mare, one yearling filly, chestnut and white skewbalds. Much loved family ponies, owned and shown by an 11 year old. Please keep your eyes open, heartbroken family and distraught daughter who just want their ponies back. Contact with any

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information: Donna Brealey - 07799 791632 or 01962 771403.

Oxfordshire

4 ponies stolen between Saturday 7pm and Sunday 8am from Shotover, Wheatley, Oxfordshire. Owner does not have photo of the fourth pony, a 3 year old cream dun filly, as it was only bought at the recent sale at Bulth. Any information to Mrs Shirley Webb on 01865 872952 or 07779450851

Grey mare in foal, 12 years old
Chestnut dun in foal, 4 years old

STOLEN

(Hyperlinks - CTRL + click to follow link)

[Carriage & Trailer](#)

[Palomino Shetland Mare](#)

[53 Saddles](#)

[4 ponies, 2 in foal](#)

[2 miniature shetlands](#)

[50 pheasants, chainsaws, generators & more in Surrey](#)

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

Stolen saddles from Forest Area

October 22 2008 at 11:27 AM

Crime References RMS 44080469978 and RMS 44080468282

We have had reports of two separate thefts of saddles in the forest area. Three children's saddles have gone from one location and fifty from another. Twenty five of these saddles are new and are of various makes. If you become aware of any being sold in suspicious circumstances please contact police. Reference number 44080468282. Please, if you are a horse owner, do not leave tack in any vulnerable locations

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Suspicious vehicle

Seen in slightly suspicious circumstances on 16 October 2008 a red 4x4 vehicle in the area where the Shetlands were stolen. The reg number may be something like M430 MWV. This number is not correct hence the advisory note that it is "something like".

However any vehicles seen in suspicious circumstances should be reported as soon as possible...but please endeavour to get correct details of the vehicle.

THAMES VALLEY

Thames Valley Mounted Section 01908 686075
Watch Administrator – Thames Valley Police 0118 9181644

Christine.seal@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk
www.thamesvalleyhorsewatch.org.uk tvhorsewatch@btinternet.com

STOLEN: carriage and flatbed trailer

Crime ref MH 3202575/08 stolen from Sheephouse Farm, Henley 20/21-10-08 and Italian 2 horse 4 seater open carriage in natural wood with camel coloured leather hood.

Also stolen was the Ifor Williams flatbed trailer it travels on, no serial number but does have yellow road paint splashes on it.

SURREY

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

Countrywatch Newsletter 17 October 2008

Evening all,

Quite a bit for you all including some from Cranleigh and info from Sussex.

Crime ref: TD/08/3625 on 10 October 2008 between 1500hrs and 2330hrs

Court Farm, Church Lane, Chaldon. Offenders have gone to a large wooden bird pen surrounded by 6 foot crops and not visible from the road, inside the bird pen is 50 pheasants and a few ducks. Offenders have killed 47 birds by way of hitting them and stabbing them. Offenders have then piled the dead birds into separate piles and left the scene. No vehicles seen.

Crime number: MV/08/3029 10 October 2008 at 1150hrs

Ranmore, Theft from car in Ranmore Common National trust car park, car broken into and handbag stolen.

Crime number: MV/08/3055 12 October 2008

Beare Green, Theft of a generator from a caravan at Henfold lakes

Crime reference: MV/08/3092 between 11 and 13 October 2008

Mill way, Leatherhead Wildlife Trust, offenders attempted to break into generator shed and caused extensive damage.

Police reference: P08334136 13 October 2008 at 1440hrs

Betchworth, suspicious vehicle white Vauxhall Vivara **KU57BZE** trying to sell tools and this vehicle previously linked to scrap metal thefts

Police Reference: P08335749 on 14 October 2008

Swires firm, Henfold lane, Beare Green, fly tipping of asbestos overnight on the driveway.

Crime reference: MV/08/3111 14 October 2008 overnight

Hall Farm, Gadbrook Road, Betchworth. Offenders have gone to 4ft electric gate and caused damage to stainless steel security pad and smashed outer casing from pad ripping the wires out and making off.

Police reference: P08337612 16 October 2008 at 1600hrs

Lyefield Lane, Walliswood suspects have fly tipped large amount of fertiliser bags and roofing tiles.

Jo Morris PC2987, Dorking West Neighbourhood Specialist Rural Affairs & Wildlife Crime

Dorking Police Station Tel: 01483 632225

Farm Watch (Cranleigh)

There was one call on the night operation last Sunday from a farm on the Ewhurst Road, Cranleigh reporting suspects with a dog who arrived in a Renault car. An hour or so later the same vehicle crashed into a building on Mead Road, Cranleigh and the local driver was traced and arrested. He has been charged with drink driving and perverting the course of justice (the dog was given a warning) . There were no other calls to farms that evening

Next (notified) night operation will be: 6-3am on Sunday 10 November 2008

CRIME TRENDS:

- **Sheds and outbuildings** continue to be targeted for garden machinery, lawn mowers, chainsaws etc...Bramley has been particularly hit with sheds being broken into at private

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dwellings, workshops forced at a school and an attempt to take items from a workshop at a farm in Thorncombe Street - the offenders made off in a **small red hatchback** vehicle

- Animal carcasses found in the area of Loxwood Road, Alfold suggest **poachers** are active - some with lurcher type dogs
- Two males using a white Vauxhall Astra van registration **similar** to **A Y 0 2 N M E** attempted to steal a copper tank from a business in Alfold
- Thieves made off with **3 x Stihl chainsaws** from a farm in the Baynards area of Cranleigh overnight Tuesday 14 October having forced padlocks to get into a workshop.

Regards John

PC 496 John Hockley

Neighbourhood Specialist Officer (Alfold, Dunsfold, Ellens Green, Gypsy & Traveller Liaison)

[From The Aviation Security Unit Gatwick](#)

This operational unit is based at Gatwick Police Station and they have the responsibility for the security of flying aircraft at Gatwick. Their role incorporates all aspects of Counter Terrorism and they ask all farmers and land owners in Surrey and Sussex to be vigilant whilst working on their land.

If you suspect anyone is acting in a suspicious manner, please report it immediately to your local police force. When doing this, please request to be given the Incident or CAD number. Later please email this and the information to: aviation.watch@sussex.pnn.police.uk where the incident will be looked at by the ASU and who will then take on-going, appropriate action. Remember.....Vigilance Saves Lives

Countryside Alert e-mail newsletter

Hi

This is a quick e-mail giving a thumbs up for **Crimestoppers**. How effective do *you* think Crimestoppers is?

Calls actioned in 2007-2008 .. 81,690 calls

Arrests for **Murder 52**

All arrests **6237**

Drugs recovered **£13.2 million**

Property recovered **£35 million**

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111. As you can see Crimestoppers does a fantastic job ...remember all callers can remain anonymous ... even if they wish to claim a reward

Keep 'em peeled

Pc 1460 Nick Shrapel

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HERTFORDSHIRE

Email: easterthorsewatch@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.

STOLEN: Palomino Shetland mare

Shetland Pony Helawi Cotton Candy

Picture not added due to the fact that pictures "crash" some members' computers. For pictures of the pony go to the stolen horse register web site www.stolenhorseregister.com or Hampshire Horsewatch web site www.nfed.co.uk/horsewatch

Message from the owners

Please could everyone help to spread the word. Our mare was STOLEN ON 19. 10. 2008.FROM FIELD IN WHEATHAMPSTEAD, HERTS. LOCK SMASHED TO GAIN ENTRY. SHETLAND MARE. PALOMINO. 32". VERY KIND NATURED WOULD WILLINGLY GO OFF WITH ANYONE. NOT IN FOAL DUE TO ILLNESS AFTER LAST FOAL. SUBSTANTIAL REWARD FOR SAFE RETURN. PLEASE ANY INFO CALL SHELLY COATES 01582 700640 OR 07957 117753.

Very grateful. We would do anything to get her back. Thank you.

Shelly Coates and Lilian Coates

ESSEX

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

No information received.

SUSSEX

Telephone: 01403 733819
sussexHwatch@aol.com www.sussexhorsewatch.org

No information received

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

No information received.

KENT

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

No information received.

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.

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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

You may be aware of a web site that shows general photos but also gives OS map locations. See www.geograph.org.uk This has worried many people as there are pictures of their horses and property. This may explain some of the photographer reports we had recently.

If you are concerned then you should complain to the web site or the ISP to have your images removed. The photos are hard to act on but if someone has been on your property to take the images then that may be a good lever.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Cambridgeshire Countryside Watch Regional Officer - Stefan Gidlow, Tel: 07890 455959

sgidlowccw@tesco.net www.cambscountrysidewatch.org.uk

I have just heard from Cambridgeshire Countryside Watch that a number of remote dwellings and farmhouses in Cambs close to Beds borders have been broken into since last Friday, and shotgun cabinets have been raided, as well as ammunition stolen.

Please be on your guard, report anything suspicious to your local police. Dial 999 if you believe a crime is in progress. If you have firearms keep them hidden and secure.

Apologies if a) you get this more than once, and b) that it is not horse-related, but I think we can all see the potential for disaster if more guns get into the wrong hands. Horse-owners are routinely out and about in remote areas, and may see something that is vital to the police. If it is safe, take photos or note reg nos on your mobile phones, but do NOT put yourself or anyone else in danger.

Thanks

Row

[Rowena James](#)

Beds Horsewatch

NORFOLK

07798635746 (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

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SHROPSHIRE www.shropshirehorsewatch.co.uk admin@shropshirehorsewatch.co.uk
No information received
Herefordshire Horsewatch www.freewebs.com/herefordshirehorsewatch herefordshirehorsewatch@googlemail.com Telephone: 07794 453911
No information received.
North West Region Greater Manchester, Cheshire, Lancashire, Merseyside
No information received.
Wales Dyfed-Powys, South Wales, Gwent, North Wales
No information received
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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 at Churchdown police station Gloucestershire. Tel 0845 090 1234 ext 5282 Email sarah.ward1623@gloucestershire.police.uk
No information received
Dorset Information
No information received.
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

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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

The website of the UK Horsewatch Alliance

www.rug-ID.co.uk

Email info@rug-ID.co.uk for rug marking or contact Dee on 07747 467737

www.crimestoppers.co.uk

Or call 0800 555 111

www.smartwater.com

Property Security

www.farmkey.com

Call 0870 870 7107

www.freezemark.biz

Email: mary@freezemark.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

www.nfed.co.uk/hhwlogo

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

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http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/north_yorkshire/7434372.stm

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/surrey/7431907.stm>

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