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Editor's Welcome

Dear All

This week we have two large catch-up reports from two regions for the months of November and December as well as a seasonal increase in crime throughout the country. Take a few minutes to cast your eye over the items stolen and ask yourself if you own similar items. If your belongings were stolen and then recovered by the police could you tell them apart from the items listed in this bulletin?

Did you know that if you can't prove recovered goods are yours (by means of postcoding, microchipping or clear photographs, relevant paperwork) then the police will in all probability have to return them to the person they were seized from. That person may in fact be the thief or handler.

Can you imagine how much that galls us to have to make that phone call to arrange for goods to be returned? Help us this year return property to its rightful owners by postcoding, uniquely marking in other ways your belongings. The task will only take a couple of hours (unless of course, you happen to be an equine shopaholic!)

It just remains to wish YOU a Very Happy New Year from every one connected with Hampshire Horsewatch

STOLEN

(Hyperlinks - CTRL + click to follow link)

Sorry – too many thefts reported in this bulletin to provide this service.

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

HAMPSHIRE

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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 Email: equine@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
www.hampshire.police.uk

Attempted theft of a foal

Hedge End, Southampton. 1633 hrs 29 December 2008. A report has been received that an attempt was made to remove a foal from a field. Foal is still with its mother. Circumstances are such that it is believed the incident is a genuine attempt.

General warning then to keep a good look out for anything suspicious. Bear in mind horses this size can be transported in cars! The foal in question is black and white.....just in case you should see one

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sat in the back seat of a carbut then any horse sat in the back seat of a car should ring alarm bells! Couple of years ago a MPV was stopped in Hampshire with a stolen Shetland on board...so it does happen. Reference: RMS 44080573684

Attempt theft of Stallion

Friday 26 December 2008 during the evening, Totton area, near Southampton. Persons unknown by means unknown have stolen very large chain and padlock from gate of field and have tried to steal a stallion, which was recovered earlier today in Calmore Road, Totton. This was about the 4th incident involving this horse and its owner.

Should you experience any interference with gates, chains etc to your equine property please report it. If you are in the Totton area quote RMS number 44080570888 so officers are aware and can link the occurrences.

Stolen Shetland

Tommy is a black 20 year old 9hh Shetland gelding, stolen from Hatfield Broad Oak on the night of 8th/9th December, after 5.20pm and before 7.30am. Neighbours heard a vehicle in the late evening, but no details. He was taken from his field, no fence disturbances can be seen. He was wearing a green rug, but underneath is freeze branded, 87G, so they may be in a hurry to get rid of him once they are aware he is freeze branded. He has just a few grey hairs under his mane.

Please go to www.nfed.co.uk/horsewatch to see pictures of Tommy OR go to the stolen horse register www.stolenhorseregister.com

THAMES VALLEY

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

No information received.

SURREY

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

Countryside Alert e-mail Newsletter

Evening all

No news for you, just a message to wish you all a Merry Christmas. Many thanks for the support and participation of all *Countryside Alert* readers during 2008. The reporting of suspicious incident/persons and vehicles has risen dramatically over the year and various crimes have been detected and various "low life" have been stopped and dealt with due to the support of the local community.

I would personally like to thank everyone for *getting involved* with Countryside Alert. I am looking forward to the launch of Countrywatch in 2009 which I am sure will move forward our aim in keeping you informed in what's going on in *Your community*

I am now on annual leave, back on Monday 29 December, so the next newsletter will be then.

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Hopefully there will be little crime to report!

With best wishes

Nick

Merry Christmas

Good News - Horses seized

7 horses were seized from a field in the Smallfields area by PC Paul Baker today. The alleged owner, a Smallfields resident, also had his vehicle seized ... much to the merriment of long suffering local residents. The 7 horses will be having a better Christmas this year. Excellent joint effort with the RSPCA and SAFE (Surrey Action for Equine)

More Good News

A male was arrested following a burglary at rural location in Itchingwood Common Road on Saturday 13 December. Enquiries are progressing well in relation to some recent arrests following incidents of pheasants being killed in the Caterham area (more details soon)

Drink drive campaign has started ... already some drivers, hell bent on causing misery to other road users, have been stopped and taken off the roads by extra Police patrols.

That's enough good news ...

Recent burglary at stableyard in Blindley Heath

Overnight Monday 15 December and Tuesday 16 December, offenders gained access to tack room located within large stable yard in Hare Lane, Blindley Heath. Some of the saddles taken are:-

- Black leather Amerigo Pinerolo saddle 17.5" THIS IS MARKED WITH NUMBER 17.5N 3093097
- Black leather Kieffer Garmisch GP saddle
- Black leather Bates Caprilli saddle
- Various bridles MORE DETAILS SOON

Please REVIEW your security arrangements ... you can contact your local Crime Reduction advisor who will do a site survey and give you good sound advice. Remember to have your saddles marked to make them identifiable

There has been another stable-yard broken into in Petworth Road, Chiddingfold, Godalming which has very recently been reported details are limited but I assume it happened overnight (Wednesday/Thursday)

Keep 'em peeled

PC 1460 Shrapel, Bletchingley & Nutfield NSO and Tandridge Rural Affairs Surrey Police - Tandridge Borough Tel 0845 125 2222 (to report incidents or crimes) Tel 01483 637503 (for my landline - non urgent messages only)

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Tel 999 in an emergency

& Lizzie Charlton, Tandridge Neighbourhood Co-ordinator - Countrywatch Scheme

HERTFORDSHIRE

Email: eastherthorsewatch@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.

No information received.

ESSEX

<u>Valerie.crawford@essex.pnn.police.uk</u> Tel: 07796 473908 <u>www.essexhorsewatch.org.uk</u>

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.essexhorswatch.org.uk

SUSSEX

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sussexHwatch@aol.com www.sussexhorsewatch.org

No information received.

BEDFORDSHIRE

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beds.org

Rowena James <u>Rowena-james@supadooper.com</u>

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

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

Saddles stolen

A burglary has taken place in a farm, in Old Warden Park, Old Warden, Biggleswade, between 7:15, and 8:45 in the evening, on the 12 December.

Offenders have attended the location, by a vehicle, and gained entry to the tack room, by breaking through a brick wall, next to an alarmed door, which is the only entry. The offenders have stolen 5 horse saddles, and left possible in a dark grey, Ford Mondeo, possible L or M registered.

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,/5,4,1,4,0,/2008.

KENT

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

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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

EQUINE CRIMES / INCIDENTS

West Yorkshire for the months Nvember - December 2008

MOOR HEY, RASTRICK, CALDERSALE

Suspect/s approached a remote stable block, using a crowbar to force off padlock and hasp, which they secreted behind some bags of shavings. Opened wooden door to tack room and entered room which activates the pir alarm, suspect/s made off, no property is taken.

FARM - COOKRIDGE, LEEDS

Suspect/s gained entry into double detached garage by forcing the padlock. Untidy search made inside and property stolen. Suspect/s then gained entry into the stables by forcing the padlocks and property stolen from within. Suspect/s made off unseen.

Value: £560.00 (various bridles, bits and breastplates)

Value: £70.00 (brown leather Swarovski crystal cob bridle with breastplate)

Value: £450.00 (black leather ideal GP saddle)

Value: £450.00 (brown Cliff Barnsby pony club saddle)

Value: £850.00 (black ideal international event saddle (id chipped and beavers horse shop stamp)

Value: £1,318.00 (several items of tack including bridles, stirrups, bits, blankets and breast plates)

Value: £900.00 (collegiate saddle, postcoded IS16 6EN)

Value: £490.00 (set of dressage reins, set of leather plaited reins, set of rubber reins, 2 x girths, 2 x

sets of stirrup irons, 1 x stud guard, 1 x set of spurs, approx 10 bits for bridles)

Value: £94.00 (sets of stirrup leathers)
Value: £60.00 (black leather breastplates)

Value: £35.00 (bridle)

Value: £80.00 (2 x leather bridles) Value: £200.00 (synthetic saddle)

value: £1,200.00 (2 x black leather saddles)

FARM, EMLEY, HUDDERSFIELD

Suspect/s entered yard and gained access to open barn. Once inside suspect/s used unknown means to remove maroon coloured Ifor Williams trailer and made off with same unseen. Ifor Williams trailer – approx £3,000

FARM, HALIFAX

Person/s gain entry to stable block through unlocked door. Once inside use unknown implement to force padlock on tack room from which numerous saddles are taken. Offenders then removed her quad bike from same stable block making good escape unseen.

Kawasaki klf400 quad bike

value £4,000

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9 x saddles and other equestrian equipment - value £10,000

ROSEMARY HILL, SIDDALL, HALIFAX: Offenders gained entry to outbuilding; go to tack room and force lock; gained entry, untidy search made, remove riding equipment; made off with property.

Stolen, saddle, riding hat and bridle -£9,000

ROUNDINGS LANE, OUTLANE, HUDDERSFIELD Person/s unknown enters insecure barn on farm site, removed property and made off unseen.

Honda 400 quad bike - £3,000

Harnesses - £300

HAIGH MOOR ROAD, MOOR VIEW, WAKEFIELD: Suspect/s approach detached stable in vehicle, suspect/s gain entry into stable via insecure door, once inside force wooden internal door causing damage gaining entry into tack room, no property removed, egress as entry, make off in vehicle. Vehicle involved – white Ford Escort van

EDGE END LANE, HOLMFIRTH: suspect/s drove to detached garage and combined stable. Go to up and over door bending same, gain entry, make untidy search wrenching off padlocks from doors within stables. Removed property. Made off seen.

Chain saw £1,500 2 x saddles & 2 x bridles £1,500

<u>BALIFF BRIDGE</u>, <u>BRIGHOUSE</u>, <u>CALDERDALE</u>: Suspect/s used hammer type implement to break three padlocks from wooden door of stables. Entry gained, tidy search, remove saddles and bridles, egress as entry, made off unseen.

7 x saddles & 10 bridles £6,000

ROBERTTOWN, LIVERSEDGE: The attached property is a metal container situated on a large farm/stables down a quiet lane. The farm is surrounded by fields and woodland. The metal container was locked via a padlock attached to a metal strip on the door. Persons unknown have approached container and with crow bar type instrument have ripped of the metal strip on the door, gaining access to container. Once inside untidy search made and property stolen, believed taken in a vehicle due to the amount of property used and faint tyre tracks. Agress as entry and made off unseen and in unknown direction.

- 3 x saddles & 3 x bridles £1,300
- Leather and stirrup irons, bates black leather saddle
- 2 x bridles & horse rugs and horse bits £990

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THUNDERTON LANE, SOWERBY BRIDGE

- Sporting goods: Other sporting equipment / Stolen / Value:60.00 (BELL BOOT AND 4 BRUSHING BOOTS)
- Tack: Bridle / Stolen / Value:40.00 (HORSEWEAR WITH FLASH BRIDLE)
- Tack: Saddle / Stolen / GP SABRE / Value:700.00
- Tack: Saddle / Stolen / WINTEC / Value:350.00 (17INS)
- Tack: Bridle / Stolen / SABRE / Value:90.00
- Rifles: Air / Stolen / Value:300.00
- Machinery or tools: Power saw (all types) / Stolen / STIHL / Value:190.00 (chainsaw)
- Machinery or tools: Other machinery/tool / Stolen / STIHL / Value:150.00 (strimmer)
- Sporting goods: Fishing equipment / Stolen / Value:100.00 (full kit of fishing gear)
- Tack: Other / Stolen / Value:88.00 (Blue shores bridle bag and bits on all the bridles)
- Tack: Other / Stolen / Value:158.00 (Numnah brown sheepskin x 2, Swede seat saver, new market exercise sheet)
- Tack: Stirrups / Stolen / Value:120.00 (Stirrup leathers pair and brown pair Jeffries Wimbledon, black Cliff Barnsby, strip irons x 3)
- Tack: Other / Stolen / Value:30.00 (Two Jeffries saddle covers and Moody mares fleece saddles cover)
- Tack: Bridle / Stolen / Value:40.00 (horsewear full black flash bridle with plaited reins)
- Tack: Bridle / Stolen / Value:50.00 (full black sabre show snaffle bridle)
- Tack: Bridle / Stolen / Value:50.00 (full brown (Havana) in hand show bridle)
- Tack: Bridle / Stolen / Value:120.00 (Extra full Brown (Havana) Flacon bridle with rubber rein)
- Tack: Bridle / Stolen / Value:90.00 (full size Falcon black hunter bridle with Jeffries plain reins)
- Tack: Saddle / Stolen / Value:500.00 (Anthill black 17 inch GP saddle)
- Tack: Saddle / Stolen / Value:700.00 (17 inch Idea VSD black BS66 35 size med scratch underneath right saddle flap)
- Tack: Saddle / Stolen / Value:900.00 (18 inch Jeffries Stamford Working hunter 7 W 116 size wide)
- Tack: Saddle / Stolen / Value:900.00 (18 inch Jeffries Stamford Working hunter I2T 111 size w)
- Building materials: Door / Damaged / (and locks)

BARNSLEY ROADY, HUDDERSFIELD: persons entered barn and removed trailer and other items – no damage as the door was unlocked.

- Ifor Williams trailer £4,500 (has the name Emma Chapell on the side).
- Tack: blanket / stolen / value:250.00 (also horse brushes and a green rug with Emma Chapell written on side) Tack: bridle / stolen / value:200.00
 Tack: saddle / stolen / value:500.00

<u>COMMON LANE, DENBY DALE, HUDDERSFIELD</u>: premises are brick built barn/stable block on grounds of isolated farm. Suspect/s unknown used welding equipment to burn padlocks off doors,

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entry gained. Make selective search, items removed egress as entry. Made off unseen. No cctv.

- Sporting goods: Tack / Stolen / Value:4,165.00 (12 x bridles, 2 x breast plates, 5 x martingales, 5 x reins, 5 x canvas girths, hanging roller, 3 x leatherhead collars, misc. equine equipment)
 - Machinery or tools: Other machinery/tool / Stolen / Value:400.00 (chop saw and 9" grinder)
- Machinery or tools: Generator / Stolen / HONDA / Value:700.00 (petrol generator)
- Machinery or tools: Power washer / Stolen / KARCHER / Value:4,800.00 (1 x large pressure washer, 1 x pressure washer)
- Machinery or tools: Other machinery/tool / Stolen / Value:200.00 (belt sander)
 - Machinery or tools: Other machinery/tool / Stolen / Value:1,400.00 (industrial drills x 7)
- Machinery or tools: Other machinery/tool / Stolen / Value:500.00 (laser level)
- Machinery or tools: Chain saw / Stolen / STIHL / Value:900.00 (CHAIN SAW x 2)
- Machinery or tools: Power saw (all types) / Stolen / STIHL / Value:1,350.00 (SAW x 3)
- Other article: Security equipment / Damaged / (3 X PADLOCKS DAMAGED)

BRAMHOPE, **LEEDS**: Sporting goods stolen, value: £630.00 (riding whips, 8 plastic bins containing horse food, sinaquin horse medicine (tablets) Other article: Other/Damaged / (padlock)

LOWER EDNGE ROADY, ELLAND, HALIFAX: person/s approached stable and have used bolt cutter type instrument to gain entry. Once inside items were thrown outside and property stolen. Person/s then made off unseen.

- Other article: Other / Damaged / (padlock)
- Tack: Bridle / Stolen / Value:300.00
- Tack: Saddle / Stolen / Value:1,200.00

<u>SWAN LANE, HUDDERSFIELD</u>: Suspect entered insecure temporary building housing stable block and houses offices and broke into tackroom, removed saddles and as made their way out. Is disturbed by complainant, drops saddles and makes good escape in waiting vehicle.

NEW LAITHE HILL, NEWSOME, HUDDERSFIELD: break into storage container in field, steal, unseen.

- Tack / Stolen / Value:123.00 (2x black halters (£18 each) / 2x lead reins (£8 each) / 1x riding hat (£85) / 1x pair of riding gloves (£12)
- Sporting goods: Tack / Stolen / Value:2,000.00 (LEATHER SADDLES X 2, LEATHER BRIDLES X 2)
- Building materials: Fastenings/Fixings / Damaged / (CONTAINER LOCK AND DOOR)

BAR LANE, MIDGLEY, WAKEFIELD: persons unknown approached one of three wooden tack rooms located on farm, entry gained by forcing padlock on front door of tack room, entry gained and saddle removed from within. Made off in direction unknown.

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Stolen – Jeffries Albion Eventa Saddle £1,000

<u>CRAWSHAW LANE, FLOCKTON, WAKEFIELD:</u> As seen on cctv two male suspects arrive in BMW vehicle, break into tack room and barn, causing lock damage. Remove property from within. Made off in vehicle with property.

- Machinery /tool / DRONCO SPECIAL AS36 / In / [EAPS] Main Store Unit 37:EAPS / P00399712 / (Dronco Special AS36 T-BF Circular saw) / P00399712
- Machinery / tool / Seized / In / [EAPS] Main Store Unit 37:EAPS / P00399709 / (Circular cutting blade with blue label) / P00399709
- Sporting goods: Other sporting equipment / Stolen / Value: £5,000.00 (6 SADDLES, 6 BRIDLES, DRIVING HARNESS,)
- Other article / Damaged / (BROKEN LOCKS;)

<u>MILL HILL LANE, BRIGHOUSE, HUDDERSFIELD</u>: Suspect/s approached detached stable in field, suspect/s attacked rear wooden door removing same from fitting, entered stable, removed property, made off.

- Machinery or tools: Generator / Stolen / B & Q PERFORMANCE POWER / Value:130.00 (1200 WATT OUTPUT)
- Machinery or tools: Generator / Stolen / Value:500.00 (2.3 KW OUTPUT)
- Tack: Blanket / Stolen / MARK TODD / Value:100.00 (WITH SILVER PIPING)
- Tack: Saddle / Stolen / ANVILLE / Value:290.00 (15.5" LEATHER)
- Tack: Saddle / Stolen / CLIFFE BARNABY / Value: 360.00 (17" LEATHER)
- Tack: Saddle / Stolen / KNOWLES LAND / Value:385.00 (16.5 " LEATHER)
- Tack: Saddle / Stolen / M & J / Value:700.00 (16 " LEATHER)
- Building materials: Door / Damaged

GAWTHORPE GREEN LANE, GAWTHORPE, KIRKHEATON

Suspect/s arrived in a white transit van and approached barn at rear of farm. Entered insecure barn and stole quad bike and placed it in van. Then forced open door on another out building and stole a saddle. Suspect/s disturbed and made off in the vehicle.

Farm, Overton, Wakefield,

The men described below and transit van seen at approximately 1100hrs Fri 19 December 2008. Ford Transit in white containing three white males. Driver was 30 to 40 years white male wearing a beanie hat with Irish accent. The other two males were approx 20yrs with blonde/gingery hair. The vehicle attended at the Farm/Stables/Livery centre. When challenged they asked if there was any scrap that they could take. However according to complainant it was evident the men were taking stock of the lay out of the livery yard and the security arrangements in place, including their cameras. They left after being told there was nothing.

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Lastest information on equine related crimes.

Please ensure that all property is marked with your Postcode, so that stolen property can be returned to the rightful owner.

Stolen Harthill, Rotherham, 18.12.08 - Saddles x 20 CRIME REF C/143642/08

<u>Stolen</u> 17.12.08 from Shafton, Barnsley - Halters and lead ropes CRIME REF B/143248/08

<u>Stolen</u> 14/15.12.08 from Beighton, Sheffield - Richardson blue double trailer CRIME REF K/142245/08

<u>Stolen</u> from Austerfield 12.12.08 - Breastplate, brown/Poly Pad, black/3 Girths x 3, black, brown. One has Wexford painted on in white/Farrington 17" brown saddle/ Hunter Saddle, black, 17"/ Black synthetic saddle/ 17" brown saddle x 2/ Western brown saddle/2 racing saddles

CRIME REF A/141236/08

<u>Stolen</u> from Oxspring, Barnsley on 03.12.08 -Blue stable rug/brown cooler rug/leather bridle CRIME REF B/137765/08

<u>Stolen</u> from Dore, Sheffield on 29.11.08 - Saddles x 3/stirrup leathers, irons, girths, bridles/blue saddle cover/blue back protector/hat carrier with riding hat/riding boots in boot bag/clippers/2 rugs/lunging head collar and rope/2 headcollars

CRIME REF K/138420/08

<u>Stolen</u> 26/27.11.08 from Askern, Doncaster - 18" black GP, med/wide fit saddle with irons and Thorowgood black 50" girth/16" brown deep seat saddle with irons and Cottage Craft blue, 46/48" girth/Sabre brown saddle/ Sabre brown saddle

CRIME REF A/135574/08

<u>Stolen</u> 26/27.11.08 from Barnby Dun -Large container taken which includes headcollars, riding hat and various other equestrian equipment

CRIME REF A/135546/08

Joanne Kennedy, Equine Liaison Tel: 0114 2523302 Fax: 0114 2523885

Suspicious incidents

Incident One.17.12.08

During the morning about 10.30 - 10.45am, we were in the barn on a farm at Hatfield Woodhouse whilst horses were shod inside the barn. The farrier's van was pulled right up to the barn doors. A silver VW people carrier (don't know the model) VRM BD04 KYU pulled up alongside the farrier's van.

The farrier said the two male white occupants, 25yrs approx, with Irish accents were eyeing up all the stuff in his van. The owner went to speak to them and they said they wanted riding lessons for their daughter. Apparently the number was false, and a vehicle fitting the description had been stolen from Armthorpe last week.

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Incident Two. 18.12.08

A car has pulled up on yard this afternoon at Staveley asking to buy a bale of hay. It was seen to go next door a few minutes before and it had been to the farm down the road. It is thought the car was a Citroen or similar, blue/green in colour and reg N242 WFT. There were 3 male occupants, the one spoken to was quite well built, ginger hair and an Irish accent.

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<u>Stolen</u> 21/22.12.08 from Handsworth, Sheffield - Wintec black saddle, girth/leathers, irons, sheepskin seat cover x 2. CRIME REF K145027/08

<u>Stolen</u> 20.12.08 from Skelbrooke, Doncaster - Albion Legand dressage saddle with girth/Stubben stirrups/ Stirrup leathers/ Saddle bag. CRIME REF A/144627/08

<u>Stolen</u> from Slade Hooton,Rotherham on 20.12.08 - Anerigo black saddle/ Ideal Working Hunter suede seat saddle/ Ideal Working Hunter leather saddle/Jeffries bridle/Jeffries bridle/Keefer Dressage saddle/Diamante black bridle/Other bridles. CRIME REF C/144298/08

Stolen 17.12.08 - horse rug from Welsh Section A whilst in field.

An orange Landrover Freelander was sighted at the scene of the Skelbrooke offence.

Eastern Region

Lincolnshire, Derbyshire, Cambridgeshire, Nottingham, Suffolk, Norfolk.

From Friday 12 December to Sunday 14 December 2008 there have been several thefts from farms where offenders have been targeting horse tack/saddles in the North Nottinghamshire area.

On12 December at one of the attacked farms the two males were seen in the white van, which is possibly a white Mercedes van. The van has two orange lights on the roof at the rear of the vehicle and also two aerials on the front of the van making it quite distinctive.

Male 1 is described as having a heavy Irish accent, scruffy looking, in his 30's, ginger hair and 5 foot 10 tall.

There is no clear description of the second male other than he is white and wore what looks like a broad banded striped jumper/top possibly blue/grey. Age could be in his 30's

There was a third male in the van no description other than white male.

Can members please be aware of the van and any occupants seen. If you see any vehicle in suspicious circumstances call the police. If you believe what you see warrants immediate police attendance use the 999 system

In non-emergency situations call your police via the telephone number listed for your county. Invariably police forces have a centralised telephone so it would be useful to you to find out that

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number. In Hampshire the number is 0845 045 45 45

The OIC for the crime above is: PC 2655 GARROW, Worksop Volume Crime Team, Tel 01909 500999 ext 7234 Mobile 07894482841

Information from Nottinghamshire regarding a white Mercedes van seen in suspicious circumstances where thefts of tack have occurred in North Notts area. The van has two orange lights on the roof at the rear and has 2 aerials on the front of the van. There are three males connected to this vehicle, one having ginger coloured hair and approximately 5'10".

A black BMW Series 5 was sighted connected to offences in the West Yorkshire areas of Flockton and Bretton, Wakefield.

DERBYSHIRE

Contact: Lesley Manger (DERBYSHIRE Pony Rescue) Telephone: 01773 831251 mobile 07842 240494.

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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 <u>sgidlowccw@tesco.net</u> <u>www.cambscountrysidewatch.org.uk</u>

No information received.

SUFFOLK

Julie Dennis Suffolk Police Tel: 01473 613994

SUFFOLK TACK THEFTS IN DECEMBER

Date	Crime Reference	Stolen Equipment	Identifying marks	<u>Notes</u>
07/12/08 – 08/12/08	MH/08/2761	1 x Brown Suede saddle 1 x black Ideal Saddle 1 x brown Jefferies Saddle Rugs Bridle Headcollars		Padlocks bolt - cropped on boundary gate and tackroom
08/12/08 – 09/12/08	HD/08/2065	Stübben bridle		Padlock to access gate bolt-
		Various bits		cropped
		Western saddle pads		

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		Purple Airoflow Endurance		
		saddle pad		
		Dr Cook Bitless bridle		
		Lovatt & Rickett saddle	serial number 11401	
		Billy Cook Western Saddle #B412 CLASSIC REINER TMER: Classic resort, revibide SEAT SIZE: 16", 16 19", or 17", HORN: Low reiner, leasher covered. SWELLA 17" hand tooled. CNCGLONG. In skill with stainless stend does in mar. SKIRTS Artificial wood lined. CNCGL Mahair. FINISH: Olded & polished.	serial number 03-57258	
		Honda EV10I generator	serial number EZGA3231498	
10/12/08 – 11/12/08	ST/08/3882	2 x brown leather saddles 1 x black synthetic saddle		Chain to gate bolt-cropped Tackroom door jemmied
10/12/08 – 11/12/08	ST/08/3855	Nothing stolen		Attempted burglary Chain & padlock to gate bolt- cropped
10/12/08 – 11/12/08	ST/08/3890	Lead rope Grazing muzzle 2 x headcollars 2 x bridle c/w bits Shetland saddle pad Pony saddle Brown leather saddle		Tackroom door padlock bolt-cropped
11/12/08 - 12/12/08	HD/08/2089	Nothing Stolen		Attempted burglary Bolt to tack room bolt-cropped
13/12/08 – 14/12/08	ST/08/3915	1 x Brown leather full-sized leather headcollar with brass fittings 1 x Lead rope		Stolen from outside stable
16 /12/08 – 17/12/08	ST/08/3924	1 x bridle – English leather 1 x Argentinean leather saddle – 16" brown 1 x Wintec synthetic saddle – black		

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16/12/08 (daytime)	ST/08/3925	1 x Olympus GP saddle – 17" brown bridle parts 1 x Zilco bridle with night/glow 1 x bridle & reins – brass studded browband & French link eggbutt snaffle 1x bridle with gag bit – black 1 x VSD saddle – 16" brown 1 x Barnsby saddle – 17" brown 1 x Equxstra dressage saddle with adjustable tree – brown 1 x Equxstra Terranger endurance saddle – 16.5" brown	Tack room door jemmied
15/12/08 — 16/12/08	ST/08/3926	1 x Huskquana chainsaw (orange) 1 x Bridle with brass browband & Fulmer snaffle 1 x Bridle – black 1 x Australian style saddle - tan	Tack room door padlock bolt-cropped

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

Farm break-in - Fernhill Heath

There was a break into farm buildings on Station Road, Fernhill Heath overnight between 1700hrs on 16th and 0800hrs on 17 Dec, although it seems nothing was taken at that time (Incident ref 169-S-171208). The following night, however, there was an attempted theft of one Land Rover, whilst a silver Land Rover Discovery reg K723SAB was stolen. (Incident ref 111-S-181208)

Farm break-ins, Hartlebury

There were two separate incidents at farm buildings at locations in Harltebury overnight 16th/17th December. in both items such as chain saws were stolen. (Incident refs 159-N-171208 and 124-S-171208).

Please mention this to your members, and if you or they saw anything suspicious/possibly related, please report it to the Call Centre, via the Switchboard on 0300 333 3000, quoting the relevant

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incident ref number (as above). Please do not reply to this message - if you wish to reply, please send your email to adrian.symonds@westmercia.pnn.police.uk - thanks.

Thank you.

Regards,

Adrian Symonds, Neighbourhood Watch Administrator, South Worcestershire

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

Gwent Police Horsewatch message

Stolen

Saturday 20th December 2008, at the Causeway Undy, the following items have been taken by unknown person/s overnight.

Honda Generator and portable bosun

Horse rugs and diesel.

(no other information known at this time)

Stolen trailer

Stolen off driveway of a property in Llangua, Abergavenny overnight 17th/18th December 2008 was a maroon Ivor Williams HB505 double axle horsebox. It was stolen with its active hitch lock.

Please ensure all tack/valuables are securely locked away, as your insurance could be invalid.

Contact Gwent Police on 01633 838111 quoting the above reference number with any information. Many thanks, Ruth James, CO139, Severnside Neighbourhood Policing Team Tel. 01633 880308

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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

Stolen tack – Gloucestershire

Between 18.30hrs on Tuesday 16th and 07.30hrs on Wednesday 17th December 2008 unknown offenders have climbed over a locked gate, cut the padlock off a stable door and entered the tack room of a property in Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire.

Once inside they took a saddle described as an old black saddle (20yrs old), with a brown humane girth, black polypad with roadrunner cartoon motif, black Prolite pad and synthetic stirrups. The saddle is very heavy.

The offenders then left the tackroom, the bolt on the door had been closed, and the padlock fed back through so that it appeared untouched. This does seem a strange crime as there were another 6 saddles in the tack room that have not been touched.

If you have any information in relation to this offence please contact Gloucestershire Constabulary on 0845 090 1234 and quote crime number 45107/08. Many thanks Ruth James, CO139, Severnside Neighbourhood Policing Team Tel. 01633 880308

Suspicious characters

Sunday afternoon, unknown persons entered a field in Sandy Lane, Caldicot, by cutting the chain off the gate, which had horses inside. Horses are safe and well.

Monday night, several, believed males were seen in the same field, but on being seen by the owner ran off

Please report any suspicious incidents to Gwent Police 01633 838 111 or in an emergency 999. Many thanks and Merry Christmas to you all.

Ruth James, CO139 Severnside Neighbourhood Policing Team. Tel: 01633 880308

Broken loan agreements

On the 30 November 2008 a horse that was on loan to an Annette Wells and stabled at Longhope, Gloucestershire was removed without the owners' consent. It is believed that Annette Wells has moved to an address somewhere in Kent. The loan horse that has been taken is called Gracie a 14.1hh, Welsh section D mare, aged 5, dark bay in colour with 4 white socks. She did have a bib and gullet clip at the time. Annette also owns another 3 ponies, one of which is an 11.2hh bay mare called Minnie. Photographs are available on www.nfed.co.uk

If anyone has any information on the whereabouts of Gracie or Annette Wells please contact PC Sarah Ward at Gloucestershire Constabulary on 01242 276147 or email sarah.ward1623@gloucestershire.police.uk.

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Stolen horse box - Greet!

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 horseshoe 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

To Dorset Members this information is limited and we are waiting for more information. We have not received any information from the police in Dorset and the below has come from a Dorset member.

A report has been received from Dorset member of recent tack thefts in Weymouth and surrounding areas. Apparently five yards have been broken into and attempts elsewhere have been made. One of the yards they broke into was at 6.30 in the evening! The thieves have apparently been watching yards to find the best time then make their move!

Given that thieves have the ability to travel distances the usual warnings of being vigilant and report all suspicious sightings remains a good line of defence. Always get a reference number when you report matters to the police. This will help if you need to contact them again about the same matter or if you need to get an update.

AVON & SOMERSET

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

Theft of tack from Chard, Somerset

Sometime between 10pm on 10 December and 6am on 11 December a stable yard in Chard was victim to a high value tack theft. Offenders forced a rear gate which allowed access directly into the yard where the horses are kept. Entry was gained to 2 separate tack rooms at the premise by forcing door locks and removing wires from the alarm system.

The following items were stolen;

- Several leather head collars
- GP saddle 17' with girth and stirrups
- Pony jumping saddle with girth and stirrups

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- GP saddle 18' with girth and stirrups
- Fylde Emma saddle 15' with girth and stirrups
- Fylde Samantha saddle 18' with girth and stirrups
- Fylde Ray saddle 19' with girth and stirrups
- Fylde Ray saddle 17' with girth and stirrups
- Full size exercise bridle with 2 ring bubble gag
- Full size Bespoke bridle, made to measure with Sam Marsh bit
- Pony jumping snaffle bridle
- Brand new, Mark Todd bridle with flash nose band and martingale
- Snaffle bridle with raised crank noseband
- Elevator bridle with Neuesheule bit and breast plate
- Pony double bridle with raised crank noseband and pelham bit
- Pony double bridle with 3/4' flat noseband with a 2 ring bubble gag with copper rollers
- Pony jumping bridle Neulesheule snaffle with grackle noseband and breastplate with running martingale
- Pony trainer bridle with 3/4' flat noseband with 2 ring bubble gag with copper rollers
- Pony double bridle with 3/4' flat noseband.
- Set of shaver/clippers.

Anybody who may have any information relating to this theft or thinks they may know the whereabouts of the stolen items now are being urged to contact the Police immediately on 0845 456 7000 or Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111

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

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WEST MIDLANDS

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

No information received.

Perth and Kinross Horsewatch Fiona Stuart Tel: 01350 727116 pkhorsewatch@hotmail.com

**** WELCOME ***

Scotland's First Horsewatch - Perth and Kinross Horsewatch

Tayside Police is pleased to support Perth and Kinross Horsewatch. There are many other Horsewatch groups in England but this is the first one in Scotland. Although Perth and Kinross covers an area of 5,286 square kilometres and has a population of 142,000.00 it remains a predominately rural county.

I am aware of regular updates regarding equine related crime from these other groups and I am very glad to say that my good news is that I do not have any news for you!.

This situation could of course change quite literally overnight. With increased use of crime prevention measures by the Police and those interested in equine matters down south it may well be that criminals may seek what they might perceive as softer targets in Scotland. There has already been instances of attacks on horses in the Moray area this year and the occasional theft of tack. It is essential that we do not become complacent and ensure that our premises, animals and equipment do not become an easy target for theft or ritualistic attacks on horses.

There is lots of advice on the Horsewatch Websites and would recommend that you have a look at what you can do to improve your security. Look at it as if you were giving your property an M.O.T. Areas to look at are fences, gates, perimeters of buildings, security lighting, alarms, quality locks and most important of all be observant, be nosey if you like, and report anything suspicious such as a strange vehicle parked up near your field or stable. Note down its registration number. You might not be the target this time but it could well be your neighbour whom they are watching.

Speaking of M.O.T.'s, don't forget to check over your horsebox or trailer and make sure it is legal for the road and fit for work in the coming year. It is a sad fact that most of the time that Tayside Police have contact with Horse owners/riders is after there has been an accident or their vehicle has broken down on the road.

If after reading the advice offered by other Police Forces on the existing website you still want to speak to someone about your security please do not hesitate to call me on 01738 892937. You can also call Police anonymously with information about crime on 0800 555 111.

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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

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

Or call 0800 555 111
Property Security
Call 0870 870 7107

<u>www.freezemark.biz</u> Email: <u>mary@freezemark.biz</u> for freeze marking for horses.

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

www.equisecurity.co.uk I Dedicated to equestrian security - vehicles, tack and horses

www.icebands.org Rider and Horse Safety.

<u>Crime Detection – Find Your Stolen Property</u>

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

<u>Selection – Don't Be a Receiver of Stolen Goods – Check Before You Buy!</u>

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 guads & 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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