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Editor's Welcome

Dear All

Do you remember your parents or teachers telling you "If at first you don't succeed try, try again"? Well, it wasn't only all the good boys and girls who were told it – the bad lads were told it too! Since the last bulletin there have been a number of attempted thefts, fruitless break-ins and messy burglars who have gone home empty-handed.

On one hand this is good – they are being disturbed, thwarted by better security and deterred by property being marked. On the other hand, it is bad news because wanna-be criminals can be just as persistent with their attempts to achieve what they want as you and I can with our more legitimate endeavours. Unfortunately, the occasional failures will not make them give up crime.

So don't give them the chance of success at your yard or farm. Keep on marking your property, especially all those bargains you've brought in the January sales. Double chain and lock your gates, put large logs or rarely used farm machinery across isolated gateways to make access, or should I say "escape" easier. Consider lining the inside of old wooden/garden sheds with a roll of wire mesh to thwart any efforts to remove planks or windows. It may be a morning's work but then so is clearing up after a visit from thieves, reporting the crime to the police and your insurance company and going out to buy replacements!

STOLEN

(Hyperlinks Hold down CTRL + click to follow link)
Saddle & Harness
<u>Frailer</u>
<u>Horsebox</u>
Saddle
Livery Yard Broken Into
Five Saddles / Eight Bridles
Chestnut Gelding
Three Shetland Ponies
Two Bridles
for Williams Trailer
South East Region Essex, Kent, Sussex, Hampshire, Surrey, Thames Valley, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and the Met

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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: <u>equine@hampshire.pnn.police.uk</u> <u>www.hampshire.police.uk</u>

Saddle and harness stolen

44090021151 - Burglary other - Sloe Stables, Lower Chase Road, Waltham Chase occurred between 2100 Thursday 15 and 0745 Friday 16 January 2009. Aggd reporting her horse stables were left locked and secure, during times stated, the stables have been entered, a box has been opened and items of horse tack taken, by person/s and means unknown. Stolen Torition saddle and a leather harness.

Attempted burglary in tack room at Rose Tree Farm Little London Tadley. Between 1830 15 January 2009 and 1828 16 January 2009. RMS: 44090022068.

Burglary at tack room in stables at Soberton. Between 1700 18 January 2009 and 0600 19 January 2009. A couple of head torches stolen. RMS 44090025534.

Suspicious vehicle

Manor Farm, Hurstbourne Priors, Whitchurch on Monday 19 January 2009 1409 hours. The following vehicle was seen in suspicious circumstances in rural location. White van registration number S983 CAA. Occupants drove off when challenged. RMS: 44090026147.

Burglary at stable. Nothing stolen but messy search made of premises between 0001 22 January 2009 and 0830 23 January 2009 at North Waltham, near Basingstoke. RMS 44090032049.

Stolen Horse Trailer

25 January 2009 from Wash Common, Enborne Newbury. Although stolen within Berkshire this crime has a Hampshire Crime Reference number indicating that the area is policed by Hampshire. Description of horse trailer: Rice pony box in royal blue. Tailboard with white canvas. On rear - possibly bottom right - large stet plate bolted on. The box is not in good condition and the brakes are binding. RMS 44090035356

Stolen converted horse box

Colour white. It was stolen overnight on the 26-27 Jan 09 from Wellow nr Romsey. Reg Number HJ02 XNM. It was stolen from car sales and not a private yard or home. RMS 44090038185.

Two missing ponies in the New Forest area

At this time these ponies are recorded as missing not stolen. Mr. David Niven has lost two ponies from a field at the back of MacDonald's leading up to Shelly Lane (this is the Ower area – not far from the roundabout). They were in with several others and had only been placed in the field relatively recently – he doesn't think they have been stolen as they are not broken and would be difficult to catch – he thinks they may have wandered off.

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The two ponies are both dark roan with black mane and tail, no white markings. They are branded SS - near side saddle mark – they are two geldings aged 4 and 5 – roughly 13'2 to 13'3. Should anyone find them please either ring Mr Niven on 07729 490004. Police and relevant agencies within the New Forest area are aware that the ponies are "at large".

THAMES VALLEYThames Valley Mounted Section 01908 686075Watch Administrator – Thames Valley Police 0118 9181644Christine.seal@thamesvalley.pnn.police.ukwww.thamesvalleyhorsewatch.org.uktyhorsewatch.org.uk

[THAMES VALLEY COMMUNITY MESSAGING - Milton Keynes - D 02/01]

This is a Ringmaster message from the Milton Keynes Watch office on 3 February. This message has been received from Bedfordshire Police.

A Burglary took place in Steppingley, Bedfordshire, between 3:30 in the afternoon, on the 1st, and 4:00 in the afternoon, on 2 February.

Offenders entered the rear garden, approached two stable blocks, and moved a tractor which is parked outside the door of one of the stables. They are believed to have pushed it. Offenders then cut the padlocks from the door. Offenders then removed several large items of garden equipment. The other stable block was also broken into, but it does not appear anything has been taken. Due to the weight, and size of the equipment, a vehicle would have been used.

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If possible anchor down items, like bikes and lawn mowers.

Consider an alarm and make sure your security lighting is covering your shed and garage.

Thank you

Helen Sharratt

SURREY

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

Countryside Alert e-mail newsletter

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Afternoon all

Nice seasonal weather! My garden currently looking as good as the best garden in the road Care required on side roads

Some items for your attention

Theft of horse

White/Brown 14.3hand Gelding appaloosa horse has gone missing from field off Tillingdown Lane, Woldingham overnight 22 and 23 January

Recent reported crimes

Between 19-20 January a green coloured bird feeder was stolen from woodland off Haxted Road, Haxted.

Between 03/08/08 and 26/01/09 offenders forced padlocks to weir control (on river) and removed several boards (which increased water flow). This occurred on land off Wilderness Road, Oxted

Plant item (muck spreader) and trailer stolen from stud premises in Itchingwood Common Road, Oxted overnight 1 and 2 February

Between 1300-1900hrs on Monday 19 January offenders lifted five bar gate off hinges, post damaged, gate left at scene on farmland off Ledgers Road, Chelsham

Flytipping zones

Northdowns Road j/w Church Road, Woldingham between 2100-2200hrs on 28 January. Tipper was seen in area sometime prior to incident

Between 1945-2015hrs on Sunday 1 February in Godstone Road, Caterham. Vehicle seen further enquiries being made

PC 1460 Nick Shrapel Bletchingley & Nutfield NSO and Tandridge Rural Affairs Surrey Police - Eastern Division - Tandridge Borough

HERTFORDSHIRE

Email: <u>eastherthorsewatch@hotmail.com</u> <u>Jill.dockley@herts.pnn.police.uk</u> 01992 533043 The scheme is running in the Eastern area but will be rolled out across the county later. No information received.

ESSEX

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

No information received.

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SUSSEX

sussexHwatch@aol.com

www.sussexhorsewatch.org

No information received.

Telephone: 01403 733819

BEDFORDSHIRE

Police Contact: Phil Cannings <u>phil.cannings@Bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk</u> Ringmasters: Sarah Stevens: <u>sarah.stevens@safer-beds.org</u> and Dean Doyle: <u>dean.doyle@safer-beds.org</u>

> Rowena James: <u>Rowena-james@supadooper.com</u> Kerry Willis-Jones: <u>Kerry.Willis-Jones@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk</u> David Layton: David.Layton@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

Bedfordshire Rural Crime and Arson Conference

On the behalf of Bedfordshire Police and Bedfordshire and Luton Fire and Rescue Service, I am writing to invite you to the above event on Thursday 5 February at Redborne Upper School in Ampthill. Doors open at 7pm and the first speaker is due to start at 7.30pm. Light buffet refreshments will be served.

The Bedfordshire Rural Crime and Arson Conference is taking place to launch a revised information pack jointly developed by Bedfordshire Police and Bedfordshire and Luton Fire and Rescue Service and is aimed at farms and rural businesses.

The pack contains updated information on protecting your business or premises from criminal activity, including arson. Arson Prevention Bureau figures show that every year 1,600 farm buildings and 85,000 areas of grassland are destroyed by fire. A frightening statistic is that up to 80% of businesses never fully recover from a serious fire.

The provisional speakers are as follows:

Chief Supt Street - Bedfordshire Police Group Commander Willoughby - Bedfordshire and Luton Fire and Rescue Service Mr Len Allen - Bedfordshire and Luton Fire and Rescue Service Mr Les Geary - NFU Bedford

Bedfordshire and Luton Fire and Rescue Service have asked me to draw your attention to the Fire Safety Order 2005 that came into effect on 1 October 2006. Are you aware of this legislation? If the answer is no, and you have not recently completed a fire risk assessment and undertaken a review of the fire safety measures within your premises, then you may be in breach of the above law.

To help small businesses and farms comply with the above legislation, the Fire Safety Technical Officer for Bedfordshire and Luton Fire and Rescue Service will be speaking on the Fire Safety Order 2005 at the Conference.

Places are limited and demand for the free places is likely to be high so book early. For refreshment purposes, bookings must be received no later than 30th January 2009.

Please respond by Friday 30th January 2009 to Thomas Warner, Arson Task Force Officer by telephone 01234 351081 ext : 5524 or email: <u>thomas.warner@bedsfire.com</u>.

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With kind regards

CRO 2484 LARA CURTAYNE Vehicle Crime Reduction - J Division Commercial Premises Crime Reduction - North Beds Greyfriars Police Station, Bedford MK40 1HR

Attempted trailer theft, saddle and bridle stolen

A burglary took place at a rural address in Potters Cross, in Wotton, on Sunday 25 January, between 4:15, and 9:00 in the evening. The offender used a vehicle to break through the electric gates at the front of the property.

An attempt was made to move a horse trailer at the location. A garage at the location was forced open, and 2 mountain bikes, and a saddle and bridle were 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. { For more information on reducing rural crime visit <u>http://www.safer-beds.org/rmwebportal/rm_desktop/files/Watch%20Countryside%20-%20Crime%20Reduction.html</u> and for information relating to equestrian crime visit <u>http://www.safer-</u>

beds.org/rmwebportal/rm_desktop/files/Watch%20Horse%20-%20Crime%20Reduction.html }

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,/,3,4,6,3,/2009.

Burglaries

Two burglaries have taken place, affecting farms and rural businesses in South Beds.

The first burglary incident took place in a farm in Houghton Conquest, Bedford, between 7:20 in the evening, on the 31 January, and 9:30 in the morning, on 1 February. Offenders are believed to have come across the rear fields, from the lane, and approached a rear brick outbuilding, on farm land. The offenders have then smashed the glass within the rear door, possible using a rock, and climbed through. Offenders have then conducted a search, and left via the entry point. The offenders then approached various insecure stables, and conducted searches. A computer laptop, power tools, and other item were taken, and offender made off. The associated crime reference number is J,/,0,4,4,6,7,/2009.

The second burglary incident took place in Toddington, Dunstable, between 6:30 in the evening, on the 29, and 8:30 in the morning, of 30 January. Offenders went to the premises, which are on a farm, enclosed by a wire fence. Offenders are believed to have driven from the field, and climbed over the fence, and gone to a work shop at the location. Offenders gone to workshop, and smashed the padlock, and force off the padlock. Items have been stolen, including a number of tools. The associated crime reference number is J,/,0,4,1,3,8,/2009.

If you have any information about this crime, please call (01234) 841212, for North and Mid Beds, or (01582) 401212 for South Beds, and quote the crime reference number. Alternatively text your message to (07786) 200011 { or email your message to <u>chc@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk</u> }

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[Safer Beds Community Web Site - Bedford - 03/02/09 Countryside + Horse Watch Texting service]

This is a Ringmaster message to all members of Countryside Watch and Horse Watch, from Bedfordshire Police.

As part of a 12 month trial project, members of Countryside and Horse Watch will be able to receive some alerts as Text messages.

Due to the character limit with a text messages, any lengthy messages will be continue to be sent as either an email or voice message.

All members of the service are asked to add 2 phone numbers to their mobile phones, which they can use to reply to any texts that they receive.

To speak to an operator members should contact the Control Centre on (01234) 841212.

To send a text message to the Control Centre please use (07786) 200011.

Please do not reply to the ringmaster text directly, but use one of the 2 numbers given.

The main objective of this new service is to provide information relating to local crimes, and suspicious activity, which may be linked to Rural Business crime series.

A test text message will be sent out to all existing members that have provided a mobile phone number.

Any member that does not receive the test Text, and would like to be added for Text message, should contact Sarah Stevens by calling (01234) 275288 or by email at sarah.stevens@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

To contact the Ringmaster Systems Administrator, email ringmaster@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

To reply to this message please use the following link. <u>http://www.safer-beds.org/rmwebportal/replytomesg.aspx?mesg_id=a16e009a-6d95-468b-8c82-2a65304a694d&email=-1&web=-1</u>

[Safer Beds Community Web Site - Bedford - 03/02/09 223 Horse Burglary Steppingley]

This is a Ringmaster Message from Neighbourhood Watch and Bedfordshire Police. Please pass the details of this message onto any friends, and neighbours, in the area.

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If possible anchor down items, like bikes and lawn mowers.

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{ For more information on securing your shed visit http://www.safer- beds.org/rmwebportal/rm_desktop/files/Crime%20Reduction%20-%20Shed.html or for securing your garage visit http://www.saferbeds.org/rmwebportal/rm_desktop/files/Crime%20Reduction%20-%20Garage.html }

Report any suspicious activity, or vehicles, in the area. 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./,0,4,6,2,7,/2009. Or call crime stoppers in confidence on (0800) 555111.

Alternatively text your message to (07786) 200011 { or email your message to chc@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk }

Thank you for your support.

To contact the Ringmaster Systems Administrator, email ringmaster@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

To reply to this message please use the following link.

http://www.safer-beds.org/rmwebportal/replytomesg.aspx?mesg_id=205c63e0-76a1-464e-98eca127c93c1f7e&email=-1&web=-1

KENT HORSEWATCH

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

www.freewebs.com/kenthorsewatch

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Livery Yard Break-in on 15.1.09 in Ash, Kent

A small livery yard in Ash, TN15 were victims of theft on 15.1.09. The thieves removed the back wall of the tack room and took everything inside - all liveries tack, rugs, riding equipment i.e. hats, body protectors, even down to lunging equipmen, grooming kits and headcollars and leadropes. Items stolen included:

15W GFS Havanna GP pony saddle and matching snaffle cavesson bridle with rubber reins,

A 141/2M Ideal Working hunter saddle in Havanna,

A brand new Thorowgood 15W pony club saddle in brown.

All had girths, stirrups, leathers and saddle covers,

A Jefferies in-hand bridle.

A body protector – child's Medium, which was in a carry case with tags still attached although the protector has done its job and is muddy.

Leather pony brushing boots,

2 lunge lines black padded

2 short whips

Childs riding boots long leather size 13

A hat although not sure of size but it was a crash hat with a black velvet cover.

An all-in-one lycra bodysuit for the pony. Size xs in navy blue (like dress circle but bought from Ebay and custom made not branded).

One livery client lost everything. They took absolutely everything of hers - all turn out rugs and all stable rugs that weren't being worn at the time. All her tack, her Pessoa lunge aid the list goes on.

KENT HORSEWATCH Contact Number: 07751 203216

kenthorsewatch@hotmail.co.uk www.freewebs.com/kenthorsewatch

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: <u>Joanne.Kennedy@southyorks.pnn.police.uk</u>

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. <u>lesleykenstudponyrescue@gmail.com</u>

07970 848416 Insp Erika Green Erika.green.1765@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk

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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

07798635746 (Danny/Sue Cracknell) horsewatch@tiscali.co.uk

No information received.

Midlands Region

Northamptonshire, West Mercia, Staffordshire, Leicestershire, Warwickshire

Tack Theft

There has been a theft from stables in Wolverley, Kidderminster between 7pm 16/01/09 and 11am 17/01/09. Five Saddles and Eight Bridles plus other tack items have been stolen. Anyone with information please call 0300 333 3000

Thank you

Kate Easthope, Police Community Support Officer 6239. Kidderminster Rural Local Policing Teams Tel: 01562 828290 Ext: 3914 <u>kate.easthope@westmercia.pnn.police.uk</u>

Chestnut Gelding Stolen

Crime Ref 20090120/253. Not Freezemarked or microchipped,

Photo on <u>www.stolenhorseregister.com</u>

Breed	WELSH SECTION C
Gender	Gelding
Description / Comments	Sex: Gelding Colour: Chestnut Height:13.1 Breed: Welsh Sec C White markings: White Irregular Blaze, 4 White Feet White Speckles on under belly. White dot on back of right knee
Colour	Chestnut and White
Height	13.1 HH
Age	Not Known
Stolen from	Taken on 18th Jan 2009 from: Tean, Stoke-on-Trent. Any Information call Cheadle Police Station on 0331234455
Date of Theft	19-01-2009
Region	Staffordshire Horsewatch c/o Crime Reduction Unit Police Station, High Street Wombourne Staffs WV5 9EE Tel: 01785 234429 or 07880 576504 E-Mail: staffs@stolenhorseregister.com

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WORCESTERSHIRE www.worcestershirehorsewatch.co.uk admin@worcestershirehorsewatch.co.uk Telephone: 07500 475708

Please note that the following vehicle has been seen in suspicious circumstances in the Broadway area on a couple of occasions, with the occupants enquiring about scrap metal. The vehicle is a white flat bed Ford Transit reg P326 MVT - please mention this to your members - please report any sightings as soon as possible please to the call centre via the switchboard on 0300 333 3000 quoting incident ref 439-S-270109.

Many thanks.

Adrian Symonds, Neighbourhood Watch Administrator.

Please contact us with any information or click the following link:

http://www.southworcscommunitymessaging.org/rmwebportal/replytomesg.aspx?mesg_id=de8e4077-98b2-4a29-bdbd-fcedc9e46ce1&email=-1&web=-1

Warwickshire

Julie Dale, Watch Co-ordinator, Warwickshire Police email <u>watch@warwickshire.police.uk</u> Telephone 01926 41500 ext 8185

We will launching a Horse Watch in Warwickshire in January as a sub scheme of Rural Watch. Watch This Space!

SHROPSHIRE

www.shropshirehorsewatch.co.uk admin@shropshirehorsewatch.co.uk

Suspicious Vehicle

At around 10:00 27/1/09 a White Transit type van, WRM ?L54 FXT entered a premises in the Prizeley area of Cleobury and drove around for some time. The vehicle may also be connected to other incidents in South Shropshire and we would be interested in any sightings. Ref: 0166S 270109.

Please ring 0300 333 3000 to report any information or concerns you may have. You can also contact us by clicking the following link: <u>http://www.safer-shropshire.org/rmwebportal/replytomesg.aspx?mesg_id=23be4be0-043d-4430-ae17-507b7294a360&email=-1&web=-1_THIS LINK IS NOT TO REPORT CRIMES ON</u>

Northamptonshire

Three Shetland Ponies Stolen

Theft of 3 Shetland ponies from farm premises in Barby, Nr Rugby. A member of Rural Watch in Barby has made us aware that sometime during the night of 31 January into 1 February offenders stole 3

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Shetland Ponies from two fields on their farm premises. At some point between 9.30pm on Saturday night and 12 noon yesterday the offenders cropped the lock off the gate to one field and stole two ponies. They then made their way through two other fields on ponies before stealing a third from the second field.

The ponies in question are:

Pinglewood Lilly - 29" yearling skewbald filly Pinglewood Geraldine - 27" yearling skewbald filly Pinglewood Ebonie - 29" 2 year old black filly

The owner of the horse is:-

Brenda Twining 01788 824418 (H) 07939 509 012 (M)

The ponies photographs will appear on the Stolen Horse Register <u>www.stolenhorseregister.com</u> and will be on the Hampshire Horsewatch web site <u>www.nfed.co.uk</u>. Take a good look at their photographs (they are on the Hampshire web site as of now)

Herefordshire Horsewatch www.freewebs.com/herefordshirehorsewatch herefordshirehorsewatch@googlemail.com Telephone: 07794 453911

Trailer Stolen

Ifor Williams Trailer stolen from Wharton Bank, Leominster overnight 17/18 January 2009. The same night a stable yard was broken into at Holmer, Hereford when headcollars and body protectors were taken, but other valuable equipment left.

PC 2304 Sharon Wilson. Kington Rural LPO. Ext. 4535. Mobile: 07977098394

North West Region

Greater Manchester, Cheshire, Lancashire, Merseyside

No Information received

Wales Dyfed-Powys, South Wales, Gwent, North Wales

No information received.

No information received.

Northern Ireland

No information received.

Eire

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE

The below named officer is the horse watch coordinator at Gloucestershire Constabulary.

Melanie Campbell

melanie.campbell@gloucestershire.police.uk. Phone 0845 090 1234 ext 4182.

Two bridles stolen

Between 1600hrs on the 18 January and 1500hrs on the 19 January 2009 some outbuildings in Cam Gloucestershire were broken into. A small padlock was cut off the door and two bridles taken. Incident number 78 20/1/09.

Horse equipment stolen after horses thwarted rugs-off-back theft

Between 1700hrs on 19 January and 0800hrs on 20 January 2009 unknown offenders entered a field in Upton St Leonards, Gloucestershire and attempted to steal the rugs off 2 horses It seems the horses were not having any of it and have run off with the rugs hanging off. The offenders then turned their attention to other items in the field shelter such as buckets, skips, headcollars etc and 35 wooden fence posts. Incident number 147 20/1/9.

Saddle/bridle recovered

A saddle and bridle found in a field in Minchinhampton have been handed into Gloucestershire police. Incident number 266 17/1/9.

If you have any information on any of the above please contact Gloucestershire Constabulary on 0845 090 1234 and quote the incident number.

Pc 1623 Sarah Ward, Licensing Tel: 0845 090 1234 Ext 6147

Note from Editor

We are sorry to learn that Sarah Ward is leaving Gloucestershire Constabulary in a few weeks to go home to North Yorkshire. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the UK Horsewatch Alliance to thank Sarah for her dedicated participation in Horsewatch business, including her regular contributions to this bulletin. On a happy note, she is transferring to the North York's Police so we hope to hear from her again once she has settled in!

In the meantime, I am very pleased to welcome Melanie Campbell, who is taking over from Sarah as lead PC for Gloucestershire Horsewatch. For the purpose of Horsewatch matters only (nothing more sinister!), the county has now been split into 6 areas with 2 PCs in charge of each area:

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Dorset Information

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Farm Watch 20 01 09

Verwood Neighbourhood Watch continually try to source equipment aimed at preventing the theft of oil from fuel tanks. Their resident electrician and alarms expert has sourced this product as an option to consider, not a recommendation. You may wish to visit this web site. If you experience any problems go to the CPC.farnell web site and search for product code SR07205. The cost is about £100 plus fitting. http://cpc.farnell.com/securesight/vl1/3-in-1-digital-security-camera/dp/SR07205? requestid=234940 Verwood Neighbourhood Watch will be buying in this item to test it together with the flood light with audible alarm and I will feed back their comments in due course.

- 4 bales of hay stolen were from an open barn in Gussage St Michael 14-18 Jan.
- Burglary to a farm building took place 13/18 Jan Winterborne Zelston. A window was found open on Sunday night. A tidy search had been made, aggrieved not sure what, if anything, was stolen.
- Dorchester Road, Lytchett Minster burglary taken place at farm outbuildings. This was the third offence for this victim. 2 padlocks forced. Cannot see if anything has been stolen. Incident discovered 18 Jan.
- A burglary to a farm office in Kimmeridge was discovered morning 20 January. Bolt croppers were found nearby so I assume entry was via the door. A lap top computer, mobile phone and other items were stolen.

Farm Watch East Dorset 27 01 09

- An isolated dairy was broken into in Woodlands 20/21 Jan stealing power tools.
- An attempted break to a barn by trying to force the padlock was reported in Alderholt on the Sandleheath Road 21 Jan
- A workshop on a farm at Gussage All Saints was broken into, discovered 23 Jan.. Metal work and an anvil were stolen.
- Hinton Martell wacker plate left in an insecure garage was stolen 22/23 Jan
- West Parley Ferndown damage to electric fence. Horses ridden across a field and a head collar on horse damaged 20 Jan.
- Late evening 25 Jan a member on the Sandleheath Road Alderholt reported a small red car, possibly "K" reg drive into her yard. On checking, the padlock on the gate had been cut.
- 2 cars were stolen from Alderholt after the offender walked into the insecure house stealing the keys to the vehicle. One was a 4 x 4. Watch your 4 x 4 security again!

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. <u>Dorset Police Ringmaster Circulation</u>. If you are receiving this message by fax, but have an email facility, would you like to change to email?

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Please contact <u>ringmaster-bournemouth@dorset.pnn.police.uk</u> if you are in Bmth/Poole or <u>ringmaster-eastern@dorset.pnn.police.uk</u> for the rest of Dorset.

Farm Watch Blandford and East Dorset 2 Feb 09

I have two reports of an attempted burglary to agricultural type premises in the Sturminster Marshall area of Blandford.

- Dorchester Road Sturminster Marshall an attempted break, evening of 1 Feb. A neighbour who saw 2 males wearing hoodies witnessed this. The name of a potential offender has been put forward and enquiries are ongoing.
- There was also an attempted burglary to a vehicle outside a warehouse in Poole Road Sturminster Marshall 22/29 Jan.. 3 offenders attempted to steal clothing from the rear of an insecure van and when disturbed left in a silver Mondeo.
- A two wheeled tipper trailer has been stolen from an insecure barn in Blandford St Mary 27/28 Jan
- Cranborne East Blagdon padlocks were cut to two workshops but nothing appears stolen 29/30 Jan.
- <u>East Dorset Farms</u>. You recall I have mentioned in the past a small red vehicle, possibly "K" registered as being disturbed around farms. Please pay keen observations for red Peugeot 307 K893 WFX. Whilst we continue to try to eliminate this vehicle from our enquiries if you see this vehicle anywhere near your farm please contact 01202 222222, ask for call handling, and report the sighting.
- A report from Cranborne of occupants of a Blue Landrover C954 BHA on a farm acting suspiciously. Another person also reported this vehicle, they are suspected of poaching.
- Report from Poole Road Lytchett Matravers of a farm outbuilding broken into overnight 1/2 Feb stealing scrap metal from within.

Horse Watch East Dorset 2 Feb 09

2 cars have been broken into parked at yards in St Leonards 30 Jan mid afternoon.

Handbags were stolen from both vehicles together with the business/employer keys and other valuable items. This does happen periodically and therefore please consider leaving your bags at home when going to the yard. One bag was under the car seat the other was in the boot so an attempt was made by the owners to conceal them.

Regards Anita Rigler

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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, <u>Glynne.malkin@northants.pnn.police.uk</u> 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

Farmkev Tel: 0870 870 7107 info@farmkev.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 www.crimestoppers.co.uk www.smartwater.com www.farmkey.com www.freezemark.biz Saddleguard: www.equisecurity.co.uk www.icebands.org

The website of the UK Horsewatch Alliance Email info@rug-ID.co.uk for rug marking or contact Dee on 07747 467737 Or call 0800 555 111 **Property Security** Call 0870 870 7107 Email: <u>mary@freezemark.biz</u> for freeze marking for horses. Email info@saddleguard.co.uk or call 01707-652577 or 07778-501915 Dedicated to equestrian security - vehicles, tack and horses Rider and Horse Safety.

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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 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!

or email info@virtualbumblebee.co.uk for Recovery Property www.virtualbumblebee.co.uk 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 http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/north vorkshire/7434372.stm http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/surrey/7431907.stm