

Editor's comment

Dear Reader

Are you a criminal?

Horsewatch is primarily set up to offer advice regarding crime prevention and assist the equine community with other equine crime and community related matters. Crime takes different forms and it is not always the equine owner who is the victim!

How many of you habitually use a mobile phone whilst driving? Daily you can witness drivers using mobile phones whilst driving their vehicles. Using a mobile phone whilst driving is an offence. It is an act you readily enter into so there are no excuses. Please do not use a mobile phone whilst driving a vehicle. Don't believe you won't get caught, drivers are being prosecuted daily for this offence.

A sobering thought, that if you kill another person through your actions of using a mobile phone whilst driving a vehicle on a road, there is every likelihood that you will receive a prison sentence. Who will look after your horses? Below are some sobering facts from an article in the motoring section of the Saturday Telegraph, May 2009:

- The fixed penalty for using a hand-held mobile phone is £60 plus three points. If the police or the driver chooses to take a case to court rather than use a fixed penalty notice, the maximum fine is £1,000 or £2,500 for drivers of vans, lorries, buses and coaches.
- A Department for Transport endorsed research study says "There is strong experimental evidence that engaging in a mobile phone conversation impairs drivers' ability to react to potentially hazardous road situations. The impairment appears to be greater than that associated with listening to a radio."
- Motorists can also be fined up to £2,500 and given from three to nine points in court if convicted of Careless and Inconsiderate Driving. This could include using a hand-held mobile phone but also actions such as eating, drinking, smoking or even fiddling with a radio or satellite navigation device while driving.
- If these actions led to a death on the road, the driver could be charged with Causing Death by Careless Driving, an offence carrying an unlimited fine and up to five years in prison.
- Police can opt to prosecute motorist caught using hand-held mobile phones under the last two charges, if they believe a fixed penalty of £60 does not reflect the seriousness of the offence.

You have been warned!

Cause for concern?

We do have an entry for Scotland relating to a foal slashing, please be aware that these incidents are very rare and those few that we do have in Hampshire are fully investigated by the police and other welfare organisations. Investigation usually reveals that the slashings were either caused by the animal themselves or by other animals for example attacks on horses by deer and vermin are not uncommon. There are also cases where the injury is just unexplained and the investigating agencies will keep an open mind to the cause. Should owners have any concerns about unexplained injuries they should always contact the police so the matter is recorded and investigated.

Are you the 'Watch' in Horsewatch?

There are lots of reports coming in nationally of tack theft, trailer thefts and horse thefts. It is essential that horse owners and others connected with the equine business and leisure pursuits must pay more attention to what is going on within their areas locally and report all suspicious activity to the police and their Horsewatch representatives. As always, if you have any information which may lead to the arrest of offenders or the recovery of stolen property and you wish to provide this information anonymously phone CrimeStoppers 0800 555 111.

A TAXING THOUGHT!

The below was received via e mail to Hampshire Horsewatch

Date: 4 June 2009

Compiled on behalf of UK Horsewatch Alliance www.ukhorsewatch.org.uk

Subject: HORSE TAX - IMPORTANT!

Dear All,

DEFRA are currently 'consulting' concerning the introduction of a tax on keeping horses. Owners will be required to pay around £10 per year for each horse to help fund a new independent body for animal health.

The next 'road shows' are due to be held in the following locations. You have to register to attend by ring DEFRA on 020 7238 4953

5 June, Newcastle Falcons Rugby Club, **Newcastle-upon-Tyne** 11am-1.30pm

8 June, The Four Alls Country Inn, **Market Drayton**, 2-4.30pm

9 June, Stourport Manor Hotel, **Stourport-on-Severn**, 2-4.30pm

You can find out more on the Horse and Hound website:

<http://www.horseandhound.co.uk/news/397/282454.html>

PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO ALL YOUR CONTACTS AND ASK THAT AS MANY AS POSSIBLE ATTEND ONE OF THESE MEETINGS.

A cautionary tale?

The below was forwarded via e mail by a Horsewatch member who had received it from a friend. The advice has not been verified but the scenario has the element of authenticity about it! Better safe than sorry!!

Just last weekend on Friday night, we parked in a public parking area. As we drove away, I noticed a sticker on the rear window of the car. When I took it off after I got home, it was a receipt for petrol. Luckily my friend told me not to stop as it could be someone waiting for me to get out of the car. Then we received this email yesterday:

'WARNING FROM POLICE

BEWARE OF PAPER ON THE BACK WINDOW OF YOUR VEHICLE--NEW WAY TO DO CAR JACKINGS (NOT A JOKE)

You walk across the car parking , unlock your car and get inside. You start the engine and shift into reverse. When you look into the rearview mirror to back out of your parking space, you notice a piece of paper stuck to the middle of the rear window. So, you shift into neutral, unlock your doors, and jump out of your car to remove that paper (or whatever it is) that is obstructing your view. When you reach the back of your car, that is when the carjackers appear out of nowhere, jump into your car and take off. They practically mow you down as they speed off in your car. And guess what, ladies? I bet your purse is still in the car. So now the carjacker has your car, your home address, your money, and your keys. Your home and your whole identity are now compromised!

BEWARE OF THIS NEW SCHEME WHICH IS NOW BEING USED.

If you see a piece of paper stuck to your back window, just drive away. Remove the paper later. And be thankful that you read this e-mail. I hope you will forward this to friends and family, especially to women. A purse contains all kinds of personal information and identification documents, and you certainly do NOT want this to fall into the wrong hands.

Please pass this on.

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South East Region
Hampshire, Thames Valley, Surrey, Hertfordshire, Essex, Kent, Sussex,
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HAMPSHIRE

Hampshire Horsewatch Mobile 07762 754788 or 07790 440478
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Hampshire Horsewatch, Fleet Police Station, Fleet, Hampshire
Non emergency number 0845 045 45 45 Email: equine@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
www.hampshire.police.uk

To all Horsewatch members

In recent weeks/days there has been an increase number of equine crimes in the northern part of Hampshire, stretching from Andover over to Tadley and Basingstoke.

Most recently in these areas there have been thefts of trailers and carriages.

Please examine your yard security and look at how well protected your trailer(s) and other property is

Thieves are not always committing crime at night, they are bold enough to steal during daylight hours.

During the evening of Friday 22nd May 2009 thieves stole a trailer and carriage from a location in Tadley. The thieves drove into a local travellers site with the stolen property. The owner of the stolen property witnessed the theft and followed the thieves. The owner confronted the men who were with her property, who then subjected her to violence with stones and bricks being thrown at her car! She managed to withdraw from the site, having sustained considerable damage to her car as well being in shock.

[RMS 44090220952](#) refers

This incident is subject of an ongoing police investigation.

Please report to the police any suspicious incidents, visits to your yards.

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Don't put yourself in danger by unnecessary confrontation. Remember it is always best to observe, remember what you see and record it. Far better to do that and report it than put yourself in danger.

If you feel a situation demands it, i.e. "a crime in action" then dial 999. If you live on county borders it may be that your call goes to a neighbouring police force. For example, if you live in Yateley your call could go to Surrey Police Headquarters in Surrey.

So ð always know your location, road name, noticeable/notable landmarks and if possible the postcode of your yard/home ð ..all this will help police get to you.

If your call is not urgent ð then in Hampshire dial 0845 045 45 45. Put this number in your mobile phone memory. Equine members in other counties find out your police force telephone number. Most police forces have centralised numbers. To help you.. go to www.nfed.co.uk/horsecatch look at the General Advice folder on the left hand side of the front page and you will see a sub folder marked UK Force Tel numbers. So there is no excuse for not recording your police force telephone number!

Apart from phoning in information, get to know who your local police/community support officer is. Most areas have Safer Neighbourhood teams (SNT). Get to know them. Ask your local police station who is on your local SNT team, get them to visit you.

Although this info refers to equine crimes in the north of Hampshire ð .. crime is prevalent all over the county/country so don't be complacent.

Stolen Romany caravan

Romany Style Bow top caravan Crime RMS 44090226911. Photo attached of Bow top Romany horse drawn caravan stolen from Penton Mewsey, near Andover overnight 26th May/27th May 2009. There was a possible sighting of this caravan by a police officer on the M27 eastbound between junctions 8 and 9 around 1730hrs 26/5/09.

Carriage stolen in Hampshire 21 May 2009 RMS 44090217901

Dartmoor Clipper black 4 wheeler FEI 3 phase vehicle with brown trim, the vehicle is in good condition. Distinguishing features: both lampbracket holders are bent backwards and rear springs are fixed with rectangular brackets and bolts as opposed to the original 'u' bolts still used on the front springs. There are 2 new double leaf springs on the rear axle in addition to the 2 single leaf springs on the front. Also turntable has been re-inforced with extra steel brackets and whipholder has been bashed a bit. There are new solid rubbers on the two back wheels. There is a small tear in the material of the backrest on the passenger side.

Details & photos are now on the Hampshire Horsecatch forum <http://www.nfed.co.uk/horsecatchforum.htm> Any information leading to the safe recovery of the vehicle would be gratefully appreciated and acknowledged. Please contact Iris or Jeremy on 01962 883082 or via e-mail on jeremyandiris@tesco.net . Alternatively phone anonymously to Crimestoppers 0800 555111

Attention drawn

Reported by Horsecatch member

This may have been an innocent occurrence but is worth mentioning and demonstrates the worth of observation and reporting to allow other Horsecatch members to be aware of what is going on in their respective areas.

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Sunday 31st May 2009 between 12.30 and about 12.45 3 men noticed walking on a footpath through a field of horses in the Blendworth area. One stopped to take photographs with a small camera. The descriptions are:

First Man: Older man with longish fly-about grey hair, dressed in a pale blue collared shirt with beige-coloured long trousers.

Second Man: Younger man - too far away to get idea of his age or exact hair colour, but not a boy. Wearing an orange and white horizontal striped t-shirt and dark shorts.

Third Man: Also younger man, wearing a faded dark blue t-shirt and dark shorts. He had the camera hanging diagonally across his body from his left shoulder.

They walked together and about a third of the way into the field the third man turned back and took a photograph of a pony who was to the left and behind them. He then walked on to join the other 2 who were a bit ahead of him. He took another photograph of a horse who was to his right. The first man held his hand out to another horse to the left of them and rubbed its face. A second horse came over to investigate. They then walked on.

THAMES VALLEY

Thames Valley Mounted Section 01908 686075
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Christine.seal@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk
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-action-for-equine.co.uk

No information received.

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.

Stable Fire & Theft

A horse shelter in a field in Great Amwell near Ware was set alight around 2330 hours on Monday 1st June. The victim also reported that two wheels had been removed from a horsebox and a fence had been pulled down. Please be especially vigilant and if you see or hear anything suspicious then ring the police immediately on 0845 33 00 222. Thank you.

Regards,

Jill Dockley, Watch Liaison Officer , Horse Watch Email: jill.dockley@herts.pnn.police.uk

ESSEX

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

No information received.

KENT

Awaiting details

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
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Rowena James Rowena-james@supadooper.com

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Kerry Willis-Jones: Kerry.Willis-Jones@Bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk
David Layton: David.Layton@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

Ringmaster Bedfordshire - Bedford - 03/06/09 Horse Watch

A burglary took place at a stable yard in Flitton, overnight on the 1-2 of June. The offender entered an outbuilding, and moved property around, but it appears that nothing was taken. The offender also released 2 horses, but they were not harmed. Bedfordshire Police ask rural businesses, and owners of livestock to be vigilant. Please report any suspicious visitors or vehicles immediately, to the Police Control Centre. If you have any information about this crime, please call the Police Control Centre on (01234) 841212 for North and Mid Beds, or (01582) 401212, for South Beds, and quote crime reference, J/,2,2,6,9,2,/2009.

Thank you for your support.

London
Awaiting contact details

No information received

South West
Wiltshire, Devon & Cornwall, Gloucestershire, Dorset, Avon & Somerset

Wiltshire
Awaiting contact details

No information received

Dorset

HorseWatch Co-ordinator anita.rigler@dorset.pnn.police.uk
PC John Snellin, Force Wildlife Officer, Dorset Police Tel: 01202 220804 wildlife-crime@dorset.pnn.police.uk

No information received

AVON & SOMERSET

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Tessa Smith 0845 456 7000 ext 62025 Tessa.smith@avonandsomerset.police.uk
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<http://www.somersethorsewatch.co.uk/> info@somersethorsewatch.co.uk Tel: 0777 5856247

No information received

DEVON & CORNWALL

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

No information received.

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.

<http://www.gloucestershirehorsewatch.org.uk/html/usefullinks.html>

Police Horsewatch Coordinators

Cotswolds melanie.cheesbrough@gloucestershire.police.uk and penny.wiggins@gloucestershire.police.uk
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Stolen trailer

On 27/5/09 an IFOR WILLIAMS double axle horse trailer was stolen from a yard in Longlevens, Gloucester. The trailer is green and has a chassis number of 339853. Any sightings of this trailer please contact Gloucester Constabulary on 0845 090 1234 or Gwent Police on telephone number 01633 838 111.

Many thanks

Ruth James, CO139, Severnside Neighbourhood Policing Team, Caldicot Police Station.

BHS Gloucestershire trailer towing training for the novice and nervous

At Cheltenham Racecourse on Saturday 20 June 2009. Do you tow a horse trailer but still dread reversing? Did you pass your driving test after January 1997 and need to take the towing test? Do you want to brush up on your towing skills for the safety of you and your horse? If so then this training is for you.

We are offering tuition with a fully qualified professional instructor who will help you to improve your trailer towing skills so that you can tow your horse confidently and safely.

For those people who need to take the towing test, the instructor will give you some idea of what is involved in the test, give you the opportunity to practice some of the manoeuvres and suggest a training programme to take you towards the test.

For those people who have either taken the towing test or have no legal requirement to hold this but just lack confidence, instruction will be based on helping you with any problems you might have, hitching up, reversing, safety issues etc.

Sessions will be based on two people per hour at a rate of £25 per person. Participants do not need to bring their own vehicle and trailer on the day. Places are limited so early application for this training is advised. For bookings and further details, please contact Denise Jones on (01453) 834628 or email denise@denisejones3.plus.com

North East Region

Yorkshire, Northumberland, County Durham, Cleveland 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

Since March this year there have been a number of thefts of horse tack, some reported to the Police but many not reported due to people not being covered by insurance. There has also been a number of suspicious incidents involving vehicles and people seen acting suspiciously in farm lan /equestrian areas.

Stolen tack

Overnight 31st March-1st April there was a Burglary Other at Danny Lane, Luddenden Foot where 25 saddles and 20 bridles were stolen with a total value of approximately £18,000. The offenders appeared to have knowledge of the yard and where alarm sensors were situated. One of the saddles from this burglary has turned up for sale on E-Bay for a very small price.

A couple of weeks later another farm premises in Luddenden Foot was attacked and more saddles

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stolen.

Overnight 10th-11th May there was a non-dwelling Burglary in Mytholmroyd where over £6,000 worth of tack was stolen. The night of this offence a white FORD TRANSIT MINIBUS IN 950 CBF was seen near to the offence on CRAGG ROAD, MYTHOLMROYD, HEBDEN BRIDGE containing 3 white males who were attempting to shield their faces. It is believed they used footpaths to walk to the premises and steal the items then walked back to the van.

After this offence there have been sightings of vehicles acting suspiciously in the Cragg Vale area and up on the hill tops where males have been seen using binoculars to observe movements on premises with horses.

On Monday 18th May 2 white females described as "looking like travellers" were seen in a vehicle paying close attention to horses premises in Cragg Vale, Mytholmroyd. These two females and the vehicle were seen again on Tuesday 19th May in the Boulderclough area of Sowerby Bridge acting suspiciously in the same vehicle. This was a LIGHT GREY FIAT BRAVA S999 BFC.

On Thursday 20th May at 1630hrs a white female with blonde hair, also described as "looking like a traveller" who was covered in mud was found on the driveway of an equestrian premises in Mytholmroyd, claiming to be looking for a riding school.

Horse Watch is back up and running in the area to try an alert equestrian people of these problems. It is clear that there are a number of suspicious people, mainly female and vehicles circulating in the Upper Valley area stealing horse tack

East Yorkshire
Awaiting contact details

No information received.

Northumberland
Awaiting contact details

No information received.

County Durham
Awaiting contact details

No information received.

Cleveland
Awaiting contact details

No information received

Humberside
Awaiting contact details

No information received

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

Cambridgeshire
Cambridgeshire Horsewatch;
Lydia Crabtree (PCSO Cambridgeshire Constabulary)
Tel: 07921 294939 email: horsewatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk

No information received.

Derbyshire

Contact: Lesley Manger (DERBYSHIRE Pony Rescue)
Telephone: 01773 831251 mobile 07842 240494. lesleykenstudponyrescue@gmail.com 07970 848416
Insp Erika Green Erika.green.1765@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk

No information received.

Lincolnshire

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Awaiting contact details

No information received.

Nottingham
Awaiting contact details

No information received.

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

No information received.

Suffolk
Awaiting contact details

No information received.

Midlands Region

Staffordshire, Leicestershire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Shropshire,
Herefordshire, Northamptonshire, Sandwell, Solihull, West Mercia,

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

No information received.

WORCESTERSHIRE

www.worcestershirehorsewatch.co.uk
admin@worcestershirehorsewatch.co.uk

Telephone: 07500 475708

The following message is going to Farm Watch across South Worcestershire, but relates to an incident in Childswickham at 0530hrs on 31st May. At the above time a grey Daihatsu 4X4 utility vehicle reg, M934OKO containing 3 males with at least one rifle was seen in suspicious circumstances. It is believed the vehicle's occupants were possibly deer stalking without permission.

Please be mindful of any trespassers on your land, and report any suspicious incidents to police on 0300 333 3000 (asking for the call centre) or in an emergency (e.g. an ongoing incident) by dialling 999.

Many thanks. Adrian Symonds, Neighbourhood Watch Administrator. South Worcestershire

Herefordshire Horsewatch

www.freewebs.com/herefordshirehorsewatch
herefordshirehorsewatch@googlemail.com

Telephone: 07794 453911

No information received.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Becky Hall email rebeccahall2704@yahoo.co.uk Chairwoman of Northants Horsewatch
www.horsewatchnorthants.org.uk

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

No information received.

Solihull Horsewatch
Horsewatch Liaison

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Community Partnerships Officer, Community Reassurance Team,
0121 704 8577
PO Box 1833, Council House, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 3DZ

No information received.

Sandwell Horse Watch

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

No information received.

SHROPSHIRE

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

Call 07794 453911 or write to PO BOX 767, WORCESTER, WR1 9AE

No information received.

West Mercia

WPC 3308 Gail Greenhouse, Local Police Officer, Broadway Police Station
0300 333 3000 ext 3777, gail.greenhouse@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Suspicious vehicle/stolen quad

Look out for a white Ford Transit X?54 ????. Seen near farm in Clunton area where a quad bike stolen earlier 3/6/09. Ref: 0220S 030609. Please ring 0300 333 3000 to report any information or concerns you may have. You can also contact us by clicking the following link: http://www.safer-shropshire.org/rmwebportal/replytomesg.aspx?mesg_id=991ac625-4179-4bbc-ba71-24975e60c7d4&email=-1&web=-1

RURAL WATCH MESSAGE 3.6.09

Three things to tell you about:

2 suspicious vehicles have been in the Broadway area in the last 24 hours. A white Transit index similar to S319 OCU seen acting suspiciously near to commercial premises which has garden machinery on site. It has also been sighted in Herefordshire in similar circumstances and on third occasion near to another commercial premise where a burglary had taken place.

Also, a white Transit index similar to R82 HFR, which was sighted following a quad bike which was subsequently identified as stolen. One arrest was made at the scene but the driver of the Transit was not located. It is suspected that the two males were working together to remove the bike to a separate location.

3 equines were found near to Springhill estate last night. A brown mare approximately 16.2hh, possibly thoroughbred. a 14.2hh palomino/dun pony and a brown Shetland with feet that need some attention. They were all wearing head collars but have no other identification.

Please contact me at once if you know who they may belong to. At this time no one has come forward to report them missing in Gloucestershire or West Mercia.

Thanks, Gail.

Suspicious character

31/5/09 a white male was seen acting suspiciously in the Snitton Lane area of Ludlow. When challenged the male left the area on a bicycle in the direction of Ludlow. Please ring 0300 333 3000 to report any information or concerns you may have.

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You can also contact us by clicking the following link: http://www.safer-shropshire.org/rmwebportal/replytomesg.aspx?mesg_id=7b46de7b-e32b-4ad7-8210-bd395dc13b65&email=-1&web=-1

RURAL WATCH MESSAGE UPDATE 4.6.09

Dear all,

Just to let you know the three horses which had been found near to Springhill have now been claimed.

There are just a few other things to tell you about. As I am in contact with other forces it is obvious that there has been an increase in saddlery thefts nationwide, some of which have been very high value and appear to be an organised burglary rather than an opportunist crime. Please make sure you review your own security at regular intervals. Take index numbers of suspicious vehicles. Descriptions of suspicious persons you may have seen, age, build, significant features like tattoos, scars, jewellery etc. All of these may be listed on our police records somewhere which help us to identify suspects.

I know these messages get passed on to lots of your friends which is brilliant. Thanks for all of your help.

Gail.

WPC 3308 Gail Greenhouse, Local Police Officer, Broadway Police Station, 0300 333 3000 ext 3777 gail.greenhouse@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

North West Region

Greater Manchester, Cheshire, Lancashire, Merseyside

To report suspicious behaviour or thefts please email admin@ukhorsechat.co.uk this is checked daily or Ring 07849 590251.

Horsewatch Contact Sarah Hallmark saza911@hotmail.com Tel: 07599 485450.

No information received.

Staffordshire Horsewatch

on 01785 234429 or email staffs@stolenhorseregister.com

No information received.

Scarborough & District Country Watch

07871 237634

scarcountrywatch@live.co.uk

No information received.

Wales

Dyfed-Powys, South Wales, Gwent, North Wales

Message from Gwent Police

For info.

Dear all, just to let you know the three horses which had been found near to Springhill have been claimed.

There are just a few other things to tell you about. As I am in contact with other forces it is obvious that there has been an increase in saddlery thefts nationwide, some of which have been very high value and appear to be an organised burglary rather than an opportunist crime. Please make sure you review your own security at regular intervals. Take index numbers of suspicious vehicles. Descriptions of suspicious persons you may have seen, age, build, significant features like tattoos, scars, jewellery etc. All of these

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may be listed on our police records somewhere which help us to identify suspects.

3 horses were stolen from Alveston, South Glos during last weekend.

16hh chestnut gelding aged 10 years.
14hh dapple grey gelding aged 10 years.
15hh marbled Appaloosa gelding aged 9 years.

There was also an Ifor Williams double axle trailer stolen near to Longlevens, Glos. It is green in colour and has chassis number 339853.

If you have any information which would help to recover any of these please ring either PC Mel Campbell on 0845 090 1234 ext 4182, or Gwent police on 01633 838 111.

I know these messages get passed on to lots of your friends which is brilliant. Thanks for all of your help.

Many thanks
Ruth

Ruth James
CO139
Severnside Neighbourhood Policing Team
Caldicot Police Station.

Northern Ireland

Awaiting contact details

No information received.

Eire

Awaiting contact details

No information received.

Scotland

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Stuart Fee feestuart@msn.com

Four day old foal attacked in field near Cupar. Please click on the link below for details.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/edinburgh_and_east/8077617.stm

Fiona Stuart, Co-ordinator, Perth & Kinross Horsewatch

Dumfries and Galloway Horsewatch
Mona Parr Mparr2001@aol.com

No information received.

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No information received.

Overseas News

No information received.

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Useful Contacts

UK Horsewatch Alliance www.ukhorsewatch.org.uk
Stolen Horse Register www.stolenhorseregister.com
Farmkey Tel: 0870 870 7107 info@farmkey.co.uk

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:
07778-501915

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

mary@freezemark.biz for freeze marking for horses.
| info@saddleguard.co.uk or call 01707-652577 or

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Crime Detection – Find Your Stolen Property

TrailerWatch UK

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

<http://www.skywatchcivilairpatrol.org.uk/>

For trailer security, Tel 01206 337580 Fax 01206 337579

Equine Market Watch Welfare

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

www.securedbydesign.com

The Equipment Register (TER)

<http://www.norr.co.uk/police/>

www.equinemarketwatch.org.uk

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_yorkshire/7434372.stm

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

info@virtualbumblebee.co.uk for Recovery Property

ACPO accredited Crime Prevention Associations & Firms

01225 464599 to check that item is not stolen

The national off-road register for motorbikes & quads.

Equine Market Watch Welfare