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Editorial comment

Three men charged with horse and trailer stealing

We have news, old but interesting nonetheless, that at 0520hrs 22nd February 2009 patrolling officers noticed a transit van pulling a horse trailer along the Uxbridge Road, through Southall. There was branch hanging out from beneath the trailer. They stopped the vehicle and noticed that there was a horse in the trailer, loose, without protective bars in place. There was clean hay on the floor and the horse (piebald) was calm, giving the impression he hadn't been in it for long.

The three male occupants in the van stated they were returning from Wales where they had bought the horse the previous day. PC noticed that they had fresh damp mud on their shoes not consistent with travelling back from Wales as it would have dried. They had no documentation re the purchase so they were arrested on suspicion of theft of the horse.

All three have since been charged with the offence. The PC rang around neighbouring forces to see if they had any reports of any recent stolen horses, with a negative response. Later that morning the owner from Wraysbury, awoke to find his horse and trailer missing, reported it stolen and they were reunited. Luckily, the officer concerned was aware that horses should carry passports when travelled and that was the main reason he pursued it. This was particularly fortunate for the owner as his horse wasnot freezebranded!

Message for all good news contributors

Could we ask all contributors who circulate good news emails (horses found/located) to share greater detail with us i.e. dates, places, where found, crime reference and, if appropriate, to indicate how the incident was resolved i.e. arrests, charges, has stock/property been located through other means. This information will give our readers greater understanding of the recovery.

The place to be noticed

We have published in the <u>Cumbria</u> section of this weeks bulletin a true story previously published in <u>SCOTTISH AND NORTHERN EQUESTRIAN magazine</u>. The moral of the story is that the Stolen Horse Register (SHR) must be considered as the first point of contact when searching/researching a horse. SHR register is the site supported by the UK Horsewatch Alliance.

To find out more about a horse on the SHR the researcher must tick the view box and then click on the go button. This will bring up the full detail of the horse and information relating to it...including microchip detail and freeze mark. Ideally there will be a photograph as well!

The owner of a horse, missing or stolen, must ensure their horses details, including freezebrand and microchip numbers, are sent to the SHR for entry. If the owner wishes to circulate the details elsewhere then this is to be encouraged BUT there is a need for ALL researchers to go to one nominated site - www.stolenhorseregister.com. In reality people are not going to have the time to research every web site looking at or for stolen horses but they will if there is the one central site.

Brand identification

It has been noted in the past that there are several companies who freeze-brand horses. The most well-known is probably Farmkey (www.farmkey.com) and Freezemark (www.freezemark.biz). We have been given two new website addresses for other companies who freezebrand horses, these can be found at the end of the bulletin in the Links section. To enable prospective purchasers and finders to determine which company has branded a particular horse those animals freeze-branded by Northern Brands have a Star * prefixing their number.

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Sold on loan

We have three cases of horses sold whilst on loan this week. Two owners have fortunately been able to locate their animals but one has not been so fortunate. If you have a horse or pony out on loan please make it a priority this month to make contact, visit them and continue to do so. A little inconvenience now could save you a lot of time, expense and heartache later. If you discover your horse has been sold on or mysteriously gone missing whilst on loan please contact your local police plus www.stolenhorseregister.com and www.missinghorsesonloan.co.uk

Seen many pheasants lately?

Have you noticed a new flock of pheasants on any of your rides or drives in the countryside recently? Pheasant food has been stolen in both north of Hampshire and in Dorset and there was a large number of pheasants stolen earlier in the year so it could be that the thieves are stealing their food too.

Lost presumed abandoned

The owner of the wandering Shetland in West Yorkshire has not yet been located, although there are many willing volunteers offering him a new home. Meanwhile, we have had another request to help identify the owners or abandoners of a young gelding. Please see photograph and details in the <u>Avon</u> and Somerset Police section of this bulletin.

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North East North West Scotland N. Ireland Eire

Overseas News Useful Contacts

Stolen

(CTRL + Click to go straight to details of these thefts)

Chestnut Cob Gelding

Black Cob Gelding

3 month old filly foal

Piebald 34" Shetland Stallion Sold on Loan (Northal

Piebald 32" Shetland Stallion Stolen (Berkshire)

Bay Mini-Shetland Filly Foal (Eire)

Carriage

2 Ifor Williams Trailers

1 bright red Ford Transit Horsebox

1 South African manufactured Endurance trailer

<u>Tack</u>

Range Rover with Tack inside

Pheasant Food / Heavy Tools

Pheasant Food

Generator

Showjumps, Sheep Hurdles and 5 Bar Gates

Haylage

Green & Black Quad Bike

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Note: This bulletin is organised under the existing police regions for England, Wales and Scotland.

There can be more than one Horsewatch scheme within each police region. Information contained in this bulletin has been received from police sources and Horsewatch schemes.

South East Region covering:

Hampshire Constabulary, Thames Valley Police, Surrey Police, Hertfordshire Constabulary, Essex Police, Kent Police, Sussex Police, Bedfordshire Police and The Metropolitan Police Service

Hampshire Constabulary Telephone: 0845 0454545

Hampshire Horsewatch Mobile 07762 754788 or 07790 440478
David Collings (Force Equine Liaison Officer) 07867 972868
Hampshire Horsewatch, Fleet Police Station, Fleet, Hampshire
Non emergency number 0845 045 45 Email: equine@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
www.hampshire.police.uk

Suspect vehicles in Crondall

At 21.00hrs 30/7/09 small white hatchback J993 NKJ was seen with 2 youths and dog(s) acting suspiciously. The registration may have been taken down incorrectly so if readers see a vehicle fitting this description but with a slightly different registration please dong hesitate to contact your local police team. Information received from Hart Farmwatch.

Also reported another vehicle has been seen in rural areas of Crondall/Odiham/Basingstoke. Last seen on 4 August at approximately 15:30hrs at assorted locations, which gives cause for concern. Readers are requested to keep a watchful eye for Red Subaru Legacy part reg R329. Any sightings of the vehicle or occupants to be reported to the police immediately.

Attempt theft

Between 15:00 5 August 2009 and 07:40 6 August 2009

44090341280 refers

Persons unknown have tampered with a metal five bar gate which has been removed from it's hinges. Fencing to paddock area has been cut to facilitate a sufficient gap to remove stock from a field. Donkey believed to have been coaxed from field and flyband removed from his head. Persons unknown and for reasons unknown abandoned the animal in the road.

The owner has now moved the donkey and her Shetland to undisclosed location.

However, it has been discovered that there as been an increase in fences being cut in the area and this is not far from where the stallions were taken, believed to be used to cover a mare and then returned to their fields.

Any information concerning the above or other matters relating to equine incidents please contact the local Equine Liaison Officer

PCSO 12954 Donna KAY

Hedge End Police Station

0845 045 45 45 x 722 244

Alternatively phone information anonymously to Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111

Horse attack

In our last bulletin we reported that police were investigating a possible horse attack. Further enquiry and veterinary investigation has revealed the mare in question was suffering from an infection and had not been attacked by any third party other than of the bacterial variety!

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Suspicious vehicle

A grey Ford Transit panel van, V82 KOB, has been reported to police re the vehicle acting suspiciously in the Curdridge area, (near Botley). The informant stated that the vehicle was driven up the informant long drive in Vicarage Lane, Curdridge, (a privately owned house with land and 2 other houses), a male in his 30s got out of the vehicle and a child of about 5 years old stayed in the vehicle. The male then knocked on the informants door asking her for directions to Botley. The informant stated that there were signposts 20 yards along the road showing the directions to Botley and the male got in the van and drove back down the drive and out.

The informant owns a number of horses, which are kept behind her house. There are also 3 other yards with a total of 18 horses beyond her fields. During the winter last year the informant had a number of rugs stolen from her horsesqbacks. The rugs were never recovered and the informant is obviously concerned about the sus knock on. Officers attended, security advice given and the vehicle details put on their local shift bulletin.

Another suspicious incident

44090329077 refers

For information

09:59 hrs 29/7/09 2 suspicious males turned up at Thruxton Down, Andover, and were looking over into fields containing horses. When challenged by people, who were legitimately staying in a caravan on the land, the males stated they were looking for scrap.

Extracted from Hart District Farmwatch Bulletin:

Pheasant food/heavy tools stolen

Overnight on the 30/07/09 two incidents occurred in South Warnborough, North Hampshire. Theft of pheasant feed, log splitter and saw bench. Second occasion was an attempt theft of a JCB (foiled by immobiliser). Offenders captured on CCTV at the location

We now have the option to send short messages via texts to mobile phones. These will be as short as possible but with details that are more urgent than emails. These will not come from a mobile phone but from our email system so there will be no phone number in the \$\text{from}+box but \$\text{pnn}+somewhere in it!

From the middle of August I shall be handing over the reins of Farmwatch to PC Mick AMES based at HOOK NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE (LONDON ROAD, HOOK, 0845 045 4545, Fax 01256 405260) Hart.district.farmwatch@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Mick has been based in this rural area for some years and his own beat is Hartley Wintney. I shall be moving out of rural policing after several enjoyable years . thank you for your assistance and encouragement over this time.

Best wishes Nick Sexton, A.Sgt 21305

Quad bikes stolen

Between 2 and 4 Aug in Eversley, 1 x KAWASAKI quad bike 250 cc green and black in colour valued at about £2,500.

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Please let me know if you are offered any such machines. We have had a couple stolen during the summer in the Hart area. Please take a note of any serial numbers etc to give us any chance of returning items back to their rightful owners.

There are various means of making your quad bikes harder to steal and pass on including "Tracker" and a range of solutions from "TER" including marking and tracking systems. Please let me know if you would like further information. Quad bikes taken so far have included those in sheds as well as out of doors. Please try to keep them inside and consider a cheap shed alarm as a way of giving you some warning that persons have broken in (and hopefully sending them running away!).

Kind regards Nick S

NC SEXTON BSc PGCE, A.Sgt 21305 Hart Rural Beat Team Phone 0845 045 4545 xtn / int 606124 (with answerphone). Fax 01256 405163 Int 606108. hart.district.farmwatch@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Further news from o o o hart.district.farmwatch@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Found in North Warnborough this weekend.

1. Ladies Bike White GT PASSAGE Not in great condition but useable

Attempt break to rural property in WINCHFIELD

Persons entered shed and removed tools which appear to have been used to attempt to break into the house itself.

Please consider what tools you have that are easily accessed

Stolen from farm in DOGMERSFIELD overnight Fri 07/08 --> Sat 08/08

Yellow Wessex SP Topper / Roller £2,000
IFOR WILLIAMS flatbet trailer, 12 ft, registration was C1YNT

NC SEXTON BSc PGCE
A.Sgt 21305 Hart Rural Beat Team
ODIHAM POLICE STN
THE BRIDEWELL
THE BURY
ODIHAM
Phone 0845 045 4545 xtn / int 606124 (with answerphone).
Fax 01256 405163 Int 606108

For farmwatch hart.district.farmwatch@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

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Date: 7 August 2009
Thames Valley Police
Telephone: 0845 8505505

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

Christine.seal@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

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

Piebald Mini Shetland Stallion



Marie Rogers from Woodcote has had one of her miniature Shetland Pony stallions stolen. He was taken from a field on Wednesday night 29 July. They also tried to take a mare but left her still with a rope round her neck, and another rope left on the ground. The stallion is 32" piebald, he walks unlevel on his off hind. Any info please Phone: Home 01491 681413 or Mobile 07817621047

Surrey Police Telephone: 0845 1252222

S.A.F.E. Surrey Action for Equines (Surrey Horsewatch) Tel: 01420 487625

www.surrey-action-for-equine.co.uk

No information received.

Hertfordshire Constabulary Telephone: 0845 3300222

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.

Credit card theft at riding stables

At approx 18:00hrs on the 01/08/09 there was a burglary at Coltspring Riding School, Sarratt Road Chandlers Cross. Offenders arrived in. what is believed to be, a Blue Toyota Igo. One offender has stayed in the car in the passenger seat. The offender is described as a non white male approx 5`8 tall slim build with black hair.

This male entered a building on site where personal belongings of riders were kept. The offender took purses, with cards in them, out of two bags. Offender was then confronted by a witness and made a excuse that there was a loose horse on Sarratt Road.

The witness went to investigate this and whilst doing so the offender has made off in his vehicle with the stolen property. Offender did have the opportunity to seal other items of riding equipment and mobile phones but possibly was disturb before he could do this. Please be aware of strangers on sites and your site security now with the warmer days ahead.

Many thanks

Steve Jacob PCSO 6523 Telephone: 07946 150410 Please visit us at http://www.herts.police.uk

ESSEX

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

No information received.

Kent Police Telephone: 01622 690690

No information received.

Sussex Police Telephone: 0845 6070999

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www.sussexhorsewatch.webs.com sussexhorsewatch@googlemail.com.

Missing on loan - presumed stolen



Troy is a handsome 15.2hh black cob gelding with 4 white legs, which are quite distinctive. He has a white blaze which narrows at the nose and has a considerable sized lump, probably a sarcoid, in the girth area. Troy doesn't load and has to be sedated to travel. The owner was told he was going straight to Marshfoot Lane, Hailsham, East Sussex which the owner had already home checked. Information already received seems he didn't even get there. Troy is very nappy. He went on loan to a Dawn Randall, who has since declined to answer the phone. Any information in the strictest of confidence to missinghorsesonloan@googlemail.com or telephone 07794 453911

Suspicious vehicles

Issue Date: 27/7/2009 Police have received reports of the following vehicles being seen in suspicious circumstances on private property.

On 22/7/09 Cinder Hill Lane Horsted Keynes H 794 YGY silver 3 door Metro serial 669 of 22/7 09 refers.

On 24/7/09 Turners Hill Road Crawley Down HY 07 VOJ silver 4x4 Toyota Hilux Invincible serial 987 of 24/7/09 refers.

Issue Date: 6/8/2009 Title: SUS VEHICLE ND06XER Suspicious males touting for business, roof repairs etc. Driving ND06XER. Report any sighting quoting serial 1002 05/08/09. Telephone: 0800 3288166 Fax: 0870 0100686 Email: farmwatch@sussex.pnn.police.uk

There have been a number of traveller movements around the district in recent weeks. Landowners should consider reviewing the security of access to their land as the costs of removal of these encampments can be high.

Subject to any planning requirements, consideration should be given to some simple measures such as preventing gates being lifted, locking gates, filling gaps in fences and hedges. Or higher security levels include earth bunds or ditches, hire of concrete blocks, fitting of collapsible posts in gateways and having the details of bailiffs to hand who could act as your agents in exercising your legal rights. Issue Date: 10/8/2009

Vehicle viewed with suspicion

A Farmwatch member from Itchingfield reports that he was visited this afternoon by a white Ford Transit van registration number HK54 XBN containing 2 males. The males were after scrap and became abusive when the member stated he would call the Police. Please report sightings to Sussex Police on 0845 60 70 999 guoting serial number 890 of 10/8/09.

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Bedfordshire Police Telephone: 01234 841212

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

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

beds.org

Rowena James Rowena-james@supadooper.com

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

David Layton: <u>David.Layton@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk</u>

Bedford - 10/08/09 Horsewatch Dunton Stables]

This is a Ringmaster message to all Horsewatch members, from Bedfordshire Police.

Please pass the details of this message, to any staff, business contacts, or neighbours.

An attempted theft took place at stables in Dunton, near Biggleswade, overnight on the 6/7 August.

The offender forced a padlock from the gate to gain access to the location.

The offender attempted to removed a horse box which had been left outside in the yard, near to a block of stables.

The tow hitch had been moved, but the box was not taken.

Part of the fencing at the location had also been damaged.

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 http://www.safer-beds.org/rmwebportal/rm desktop/files/Watch%20Countryside%20-%20Crime%20Reduction.html and for information relating to equestrian crime visit http://www.safer-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/32374/2009.

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

You can get more information about missing or stolen horses at www.stolenhorseregister.com }

Thank you for your support.

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

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London

The Metropolitan Police Service
Telephone 020 7230 1212

No information received

South West

Wiltshire Constabulary, Devon & Cornwall Constabulary, Gloucestershire Constabulary, Dorset Police, Avon & Somerset Constabulary

Wiltshire Constabulary Telephone: 0845 408 7000

Wiltshire Horsewatch: PCSO John Bordiss: 0845 408 7000 ext 739817 or mobile: 07968942116
Rural Crime Team Voicemail: 0845 408 7000 ext 723548
Email: ruralcrimeteam@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

No Information received.

Dorset Police Telephone: 01305 222 222

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

Farm Watch East Dorset 27 July 09

PC's Andy Flanagan and Jane Brittain wish to look at setting up a 'Stop that Thief' initiative in their rural areas. What they will need is for a farmer to join them to visit farms within Wimborne Rural to discuss the initiative, which was outlined at the rural crime reduction seminar at Kingston Maurwood last week.

If you have anytime to spare, or perhaps you know of a farmer retiring, or who is retired, who might like to be involved, please contact Andy Flanagan in the first instance to express your interest in knowing more.

You can email him direct andy.flanagan@dorset.pnn.police.uk or call me on 01202 222817 (as I have an answerphone facility) and I will pass your details onto him.

I would also mention that 1500 litres of diesel have been stolen from an unlocked tank in a farm yard at Edmondsham overnight 23/24 July.

Generator stolen

Break-in to stables and garage in Chalbury Wimborne discovered early hours 27 July where a generator was stolen. The gate was removed from its hinges.

Tack and rugs stolen whilst owners on holiday

Pond Head, Holt burglary to stables via the roof, which is most unusual. Tack and rugs have been stolen. The occupants are away so we have no further crime details on this one. Discovered 25 July by builders.

East Dorset Farm Watch and Rural Home Watch 30/07/2009

Sometime over the weekend 24-27 July, a garage in Gaunts Common was broken into by having the rear door jemmied, unsure if anything was taken at this time.

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Pheasant food stolen

Overnight between 27-28 July an insecure stable block in Horton Heath was entered and a large quantity of pheasant food was stolen.

Please be aware that there is an increase in breaks to rural out buildings at the moment. Take extra care to secure your stables, sheds and garages. Your Rural SNT has a number of excellent crime prevention devices available, please contact us for further details.

You may be aware that our cardboard cut out police officer was stolen from the road side in Horton. This has now been recovered following the offenders having pangs of guilt and handing him in safe and sound at their local police station.

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

Thank you Jamie Edge, Rural SNT PCSO.

Farm Watch County Division 3 Aug 09

Another quad bike has been stolen this time from Chettle Blandford 31 July/1 Aug.

It was stolen from the farm yard. This is the summary from the crime report.

"Theft of a quad bike overnight from farm yard. Access to the yard is open but there was a vehicle blocking the bike in. Offender(s) has managed to get the quad bike out without causing any damage to the other vehicle. There is an ignition key for the quad bike which the loser is still in possession of. Nothing left at scene by offender(s). There are no witnesses, suspects or cctv. The loser mentioned that a few days ago (possibly Monday 27/7/2009) around 2000hrs a red Rover 216 drove past a couple of times. He thinks there were 3 males in the vehicle. The loser was in his front garden at the time and states that they had the window of the vehicle down and he heard one of them say "there's a quad bike". The loser does not have the vrm for the vehicle."

Of course. a van or pick up would be needed to steal a quad but this vehicle might be the scout. It is always worth looking in woodland nearby quickly if you discover yours missing as they often return for it. Please all raise your awareness and ensure any possible sightings are reported of suspicious vehicles. 01202 222222

- Lytchett Minster: 3 decorated milk churns stolen 24/27 July
- Owermoigne: diesel stolen from tank by breaking a lock. 27 July 09.
- Maiden Newton generator stolen from Dutch barn where it had been hidden under straw bales 22/23
 July.
- Briantspuddle: 5 lambs and 1 ram killed possibly by a dog 15/22 July.
- Uploaders Bridport: burglary to a shed. Pig food stolen 23 July.
- Mosterton: 10 Ross Cobb Light and brown chickens stolen from a pen 29 July.
- Sherborne the theft of a key from a farm shop 30 July possibly by a male aged about 25 years with close cropped ginger hair with a design shaved into hair line. Rode off on a small dark blue BMX bike.
- Although not technically a farm a petrol mower was stolen from outbuildings in Pentridge 1 Aug.
 This area is very rural and not far from Chettle.

Thank you Anita Rigler

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If you have any information regarding this message please call the Dorset Police on 01202/01305 222222 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Thank you

Avon & Somerset Constabulary Telephone: 0845 456 7000

Lindsey Stone, Watch Scheme Administrator, Somerset West Police District. Tel 01823-363348 (direct line) or Email lindsey.stone@avonandsomerset.police.uk

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

http://www.somersethorsewatch.co.uk/ info@somersethorsewatch.co.uk Tel: 0777 5856247

Found

We have a 13.2hh gelding of about 2 years who seems to have been abandoned or strayed within the Chew Magna region. Any information as to his origins please contact: Justin.Gay@avonandsomerset.police.uk



Carriage stolen

Sometime between 6pm on 19 July and 2 August 2008 a horse drawn carriage was stolen from a field in Shaftesbury Road, Hensridge, Nr Templecombe in Somerset. The carriage was under a tarpaulin sheet hidden between two stables.

The carriage is described as:

- * Black metal chassis with a black shaft
- * Silver spoke wheels with black rubber tyres
- Cherry red wooden frame
- * Has no seat (bucket carriage)
- * Used so in fair condition, is painted but this is wearing
- * Handmade and very unique
- Valued at £200

Also stolen from the location - 5 rolls of white electric tape used to contain animals in their field, approx 300 metres on each roll. Electric fence posts. Anybody with any information is being urged to contact Avon and Somerset Horse Watch on 0845 456 7000 or Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111

Thank you
Tess Smith
Horse Watch Co-ordinator for South Somers et Rural sector

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Devon & Cornwall Constabulary Telephone: 0845 277 7444

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

No information received.

Gloucestershire Constabulary Telephone: 0845 090 1234

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 <u>melanie.cheesbrough@gloucestershire.police.uk</u> and penny.wiggins@gloucestershire.police.uk

Stroud carrie.vinson@gloucestershire.police.uk and tyrone.mein@gloucestershire.police.uk
Gloucester elizabeth.lovell@gloucestershire.police.uk and melanie.campbell@gloucestershire.police.uk
Forrest tania.shuttleworth@gloucestershire.police.uk and matthew.buckley@gloucestershire.police.uk
Tewkesbury kim.hadland@gloucestershire.police.uk and tracy.warburton@gloucestershire.police.uk
Cheltenham lorraine.mosley@gloucestershire.police.uk and leanne.copping@gloucestershire.police.uk

Showjumps, gates, sheep hurdles stolen

Police are linking three separate thefts of farm equipment that took place overnight between 27/28 July in the Stow area.

9 horse jumps were taken from a field at Upper Slaughter,

3 x 12ft steel gates were stolen from field entrances on Evesham Road, in Stow

12 steel sheep hurdles were taken from farm buildings at Wyck Beacon.

Rural Watch members are advised to check their own security arrangements for similar items and to report any vehicles or persons seen in suspicious circumstances to the police immediately. Anyone with information concerning these thefts should contact Stow Police on 0845 090 1234 or they can call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111. Please contact us with any information or click the following link:

http://www.southworcscommunitymessaging.org/rmwebportal/replytomesg.aspx?mesg_id=7f2cdf05-2a3b-4aa5-9d77-76c9a54efd17&email=-1&web=-1

Telephone scam

This is message 31/09 from North Cotswolds Watch Office at Stow. A Rural Watch member in the Moreton area recently received a telephone call from a male person, purporting to be from the police and stating that he was promoting a crime reduction initiative specifically for equestrian businesses. The caller went on to say that funding was being sought and would he like to contribute. When asked for proof of his involvement with the police, the caller terminated the call.

Coincidentally, we have been advised by our colleagues in Warwickshire of a similar scam being directed at members of their farming community. This involves a male caller, saying that he is a PSCO and working on a local youth project and asking for a donation of £150. Recipients of these calls are advised not to release any of their bank details and to inform the caller that they will be reporting the matter to their local police. This message brought to you from the Gloucestershire Constabulary. Our number for non-emergencies 0845 090 1234 - and it is charged at local rate. Visit the Constabulary website at www.gloucestershire.police.uk

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North East Region

Yorkshire is policed by the following police forces: North Yorkshire Police, South Yorkshire Police, West Yorkshire Police, Northumbria Police, Durham Constabulary, Cleveland Police, Humberside Police (made up of East Yorkshire, North East Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and Kingston-upon-Hull)

South Yorkshire Police Telephone: 0114 220 2020

Contact: Mrs Joanne Kennedy, Equine Liaison, MAPP Unit. ext 8302 fax 8885
Tel: 0114 2523302 fax 0114 2523885 Email: Joanne.Kennedy@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

No information received.

North Yorkshire Police
Telephone: 0845 606 0247
Scarborough & District Country Watch

www.countrysidewatch.org.uk countrysidewatch@hotmail.com

No information received.

Northumbria Police Telephone: 01661 872 555

No information received.

West Yorkshire Police Telephone: 01924 37 5 2222

Stolen foal



A filly foal was stolen from a farm/field in Morley, Leeds.

Jess is only 3 months old and was taken from her mother sometime during the early hours of Monday 27 July. She is not marked or chipped and not yet got her passport. She has one coloured ear. Where the brown fur is, it is coming through black. She may have a little black foal slip head collar still on. Well marked, very friendly. PLEASE can you keep your eyes

peeled and ears to the ground. Her mother is in distress and her owners are devastated. This is one of many small ponies to be stolen lately. There appears to be a pattern emerging somewhere? Crime ref: 13090313917 Any information, please contact me or the owners of the foal (mobile numbers below).

Vicky O'Keefe - 07711 139724 or Edward Crosby - 07802 280616

Regards

Fiona Pearson, Project Officer, Local Policing Department Projects Unit

Direct Dial: (01924) 292889 Mobile: 07736 086358 Email: Fiona.Pearson@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Further request from Fiona

Please can I ask you/your members to put these details up at stables, riding clubs, forthcoming horse shows, vets, saddleries, horse feed shops, farms etc etc.

If you are able to display any at a local show etc - please let me know and I will print some in A3 colour and laminate them.

Thank you for your support

(incorporating information from around the country)

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Kind Regards

Fiona

http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/npt

Durham Constabulary Telephone: 0845 606 0365

No information received.

Cleveland Police Telephone: 01642 326 326

No information received

Humberside Police including

East Yorkshire, North East Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and Kingston upon Hull Telephone: 0845 606 0222

No information received

Eastern Region

Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Derbyshire Constabulary, Lincolnshire Police, Nottinghamshire Police, Norfolk Constabulary, Suffolk Constabulary

Cambridgeshire Constabulary Telephone: 0845 456 4564

Cambridgeshire Horsewatch: Lydia Crabtree (PCSO Cambridgeshire Constabulary)

Tel: 07921 294939 email: horsewatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Horsebox stolen

CF0392530709. Stolen overnight 29/07/09 a bright red (Pillar Box Red) Ford Transit Horsebox P281JUK Stolen From Farm - Padgetts Road, Christchurch, Wisbech

Any information or sightings to Cambridgeshire Horsewatch Mobile: 07921 294939 please or email: horsewatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Tack stolen

Please see below for two incidents of interest - If you have any information regarding them or any other crimes please contact Cambridgeshire Police on 0345 4564564

CF0394450709. Sometime between 12:00hrs 29/07/09 and 07:45hrs 31/07/09 stables were broken into at a house in Washingley, Near Peterborough, Cambs. Offenders stole the following equipment;

- 2 x Ideal GP Saddles
- 1 x Pony Saddle
- 1 x Gibson Racing Saddle
- 1 x Pony Bridle
- 1 x FS Bridle

Range Rover containing tack stolen

CF0392300709 at 20:00hrs 29/07/09. Whilst victim was attending a Pony Club event in Washingley, Near Peterborough, unknown persons have stolen her Range Rover containing a large amount of tack and personal possessions - We are awaiting a full list.

We are also seeing an increase of thefts of BT Cable in Rural Locations. If you see anyone acting suspiciously in or near to man-holes please phone Cambridgeshire Police on 0345 4564564. Thank you.

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Please see below for two incidents of interest - if you have any information regarding these or any other crimes please contact; Cambridgeshire Police on 0345 4564564

Haylage stolen

CF0403340809 between 31/07 - 04/08 at Allens Drove, Gorefield, Wisbech, Cambs 50 x bales Haylage wrapped in green/blue polythene Stolen from paddock. Value £300

CF0404360809 between 2230 - 2315hrs 04/08/09 at Stud Farm, Eagle Lane, Dullingham, Newmarket, farm gates and doors to storage unit forced open. Kubota SD30 tractor, Marston 1.5tonne trailer, John Deere ride-on mower and Stihl strimmer stolen. Approx value £20,000

Lydia

Cambridgeshire Horsewatch. Mobile: 07921 294939 email: horsewatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Derbyshire Constabulary Telephone: 0845 123 3333

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

Recovered

We are pleased to advise you that Siena, an 18 year Dutch Warmblood gelding, who was reported as missing on loan, presumed stolen has been recovered. No further details available due to prosecution pending.

Lincolnshire Police Telephone: 01522 532 222

No information received.

Nottinghamshire Police Telephone: 0115 967 0999

No information received.

Norfolk Constabulary Telephone: 0845 456 4567

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

No information received.

Suffolk Constabulary Telephone: 01473 613 500

Julie Dennis, Community Safety Unit on 01473 613994 e-mail horsewatch@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Stolen trailers

Between 9pm Monday 27 July and 8am Tuesday 28 July two horse trailers have been stolen from a property in Tostock:

Trailer 1 _ a green Ifor Williams 505 Trailer 2 a blue Ifor Williams 505

A third trailer was damaged in an attempt to remove a hitchlock. Suffolk Police recommend that where possible trailers are stored in a secure locked building, immobilised with both a hitch lock and wheel lock. Where storage in a locked barn or garage is not possible, consider parking the trailer against a wall and barricaded with secured, immobilised vehicles.

Record the chassis/frame numbers of trailers so in event of a theft and subsequent recovery, you can prove the vehicle belongs to you. Also consider photographing any distinct scratches or other markings

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Anyone with information relating to this theft or the whereabouts of the stolen trailers is asked to contact Stowmarket police on 01284774100 reference ST/09/2253 Or please use the following link to pass any useful information to Suffolk Police about this incident

http://www.suffolk.police.uk/News+And+Appeals/Report+Information+To+The+Police/Tell+The+Police.htm

Midlands Region

Staffordshire Police, Leicestershire Constabulary, Warwickshire Police.
West Mercia Police (incorporating Worcestershire, Shropshire, Herefordshire)
Northamptonshire Police, West Midlands Police

Staffordshire Police Telephone: 0845 330 2010 Staffordshire Horsewatch

on 01785 234429 or email staffs@stolenhorseregister.com

No information received

Leicestershire Constabulary Telephone: 0116 222 22 22

No information received.

Warwickshire Police Telephone: 01926 415 000

Julie Dale, HorseWatch Co-ordinator, Warwickshire Police watch@warwickshire.police.uk Telephone 01926 684385

Warwickshire Police welcomes new members to Warwickshire Horsewatch. Please dong hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns about the safety and security of your ponies or premises.

West Mercia Police

(incorporating Worcestershire, Shropshire, Herefordshire)

Telephone: 08457 444 888

Stolen . %Star+



Crime Ref: 22GA/53994N/09. Cob Gelding 14.2hh Dark Liver Chestnut with two white socks on hind legs. Stolen from Dawley, Telford between 8pm Sat 25 and 6 pm Sunday 26 July 2009. Any info please contact Telford Police Station 0300 333 3000 or Farmkey 0870 870 7107, email: info@farmkey.co.uk

Worcestershire Horsewatch Telephone: 07500 475708

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

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

No information received.

Herefordshire Horsewatch

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

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Date: 7 August 2009 Telephone: 07794 453911

Chair Co-ordinator . Tara Heinemann. Telephone: 01544 318038 Email: https://doi.org/10.1001/journal.com/https://doi.org/10.1001/journal.co

No information received.

Shropshire Horsewatch

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

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

Trailer stolen

WELCOME TO SHROPSHIRE COMMUNITY MESSAGING - Shrewsbury - Bridgnorth Rural East Theft]

Overnight 25/7/09 a horse trailer was stolen from premises in the Loughton area. The cream trailer is a distinctive Crisbox Endurance Double Horse Trailer manufactured in South Africa. Follow this link for details: http://www.crisbox.co.za/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=281&Itemid=113 Ref: 0273S 260709

If you need to contact us please ring 0300 333 3000 or you can email mailto:contactus@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Northamptonshire Police Telephone: 0845 370 0700

Northants Horsewatch www.horsewatchnorthants.org.uk

Sandy Red more lpchilds@bursam.plus.com or Linda Childs sandy.redmore@btinternet.com

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, Community Messaging (Ringmaster) David.robins@northants.pnn.police.uk Andy Roberts, Press officer Andy.roberts@northants.pnn.police.uk

Mane/tail cutting

Two New Forest brood mares had tails and manes cut off in Welham (Northants) last week. The theft may of been for horse hair . Please keep your eyes and ear's open! Sandy (Northants Horsewatch)

Stolen/sold on loan



Monty Crime Ref: 5071607

Piebald 34" Mini Shetland Stallion. 4 white socks, large white patch half way up neck and mane. White in tail. small star, faint stripe, snip. Scar hair on n/s rump. Sold whilst on loan nearly a year ago.

Freezemark: U3D7

Any info contact Wellingborugh Police Station 01933 440333 or Farmkey 0870 870 7107ft 28-07-2009

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Date: 7 August 2009 West Midlands Police Telephone: 0845 113 5000

No information received.

Solihull Horsewatch

Horsewatch Liaison

Community Partnerships Officer, Community Reassurance Team,

0121 704 8577

PO Box 1833, Council House, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 3DZ

No information received.

Sandwell Horsewatch

Helene Elder, Community Partnerships Officer

0845 113 5000 (Switch board) Ext/Internal 79116879 h.elder@west-midlands.police.uk

No information received.

North West Region

Greater Manchester Police, Cheshire Constabulary, Lancashire Constabulary, Merseyside Police. 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.

Greater Manchester Police Telephone: 0161 872 5050

No information received

Cheshire Constabulary Telephone 01244 350 000

No information received

Lancashire Constabulary Telephone: 01772 614 444

No information received

Cumbria Constabulary Telephone: 01768 891999

Article from FROM SCOTTISH AND NORTHERN EQUESTRIAN http://www.snequestrian.com/

Why bother with microchipping?

On 6 June 2009 our pedigree registered Fell pony mare, Hettie, was stolen, whilst Appleby Horse Fair was in progress just five miles away. As our ponies are kept on fell ground away from the house, we only discovered the theft the next day. However, we immediately contacted the police who arrived within two hours and took all the details from her passport, including her microchip number. The police said they would ensure all the details were put on their database as soon as possible.

We then went down to Appleby Fair, which was just packing up and spoke to the RSPCA officers, again passing on Hettie's details, including her microchip number.

The next few days were a blur of contacting local newspapers, local TV stations and getting as many posters out into the local area to try to find her before she was taken too far. However, there were no leads so I decided to check her microchip number was registered as stolen. It was then I began to discover how many different databases hold microchip information and that the databases appear to be completely independent of each other.

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First I rang the database company I thought the microchip was supplied by but I was informed it was supplied by a different company and each microchip company have their own database and one microchip company can not access another microchip company's database. Also some microchip companies are contactable 'out of hours', others are only contactable in 'office hours', so if your pony is stolen early Saturday morning it can be 48 hours before you can register that microchip number belongs to a stolen pony. So once I had registered Hettie's microchip number as stolen with the microchip company, I contacted the Fell Pony Society, to get Hettie's information on their website.

I then discovered Breed Societies register pony passport information, including microchip numbers with the 'National Equine Database', which does not appear to be linked to the police database or the microchip companies databases! As a belt and braces approach I also searched the web for stolen horse registers and found a number of different websites to enter Hettie's details - the main one most horse people recommended was run in conjunction with the 'HorseWatch' scheme. Finally, I thought, her microchip number is now registered as stolen, whenever anyone checks for it. I then discovered it is very unlikely it will ever be checked.

If she is taken to a horse and pony sale, the Auction Marts do not check microchip numbers against passports, except at Bloodstock Auctions. The sellers just have to produce a 'valid' passport. Also, vets don't routinely check microchip numbers when they attend a sick animal. So, unless the person who does end up with Hettie is at all concerned about her providence, the microchip in her neck is pointless as a deterrent to thief or as a method of finding a stolen pony.

Hettie is a home-bred 5 year old, all black mare, from a blood line dating back to 1840. She foaled last year and could possibly have a foal at foot by now. Anyone with any information, please ring Derrick on 07990671725.

Merseys	side F	Polic	e
Telephone:	0151	709	6010

No information received

Wales

Dyfed-Powys Police South Wales, Gwent, North Wales

No information received.

Dyfed-Powys Police

Telephone: 0845 330 2000

No information received.

South Wales Police Telephone: 01656 655 555

No information received.

Gwent Police

Telephone: 01633 838 111

PC Ruth James Email: ruth.james@gwent.pnn.police.uk
Severnside Neighbourhood Policing Team, Caldicot Police Station

No information received.

North Wales Police

Telephone: 0845 607 1001 (Welsh speaking) or 0845 607 1002 (English speaking)

No information received.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland Telephone: 0845 600 8000

No information received.

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Southern Ireland
An Garda Siochana
Telephone: 00353 1 666 0000

Foal stolen

On the evening of 31 July or early morning of 1 August 2009 a six week old miniature Shetland bay filly foal. From Donegal Equestrian, Bundorn, Donegal EIRE. We have grave concerns for this foals welfare as she is not yet weaned. She is very small approx 18" high and is starting to moult so may appear darker than in the photo. A reward is offered for her safe return. If you have any information please tel: (00 353) 087 2471436 pat@donegalequestriansupplies.com

Scotland

Central Scotland Telephone: 01786 456 000

No information received.

Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary Telephone: 0845 600 5701

Dumfries and Galloway Horsewatch Mona Parr Mparr2001@aol.com

No information received.

Grampian Police Telephone: 0845 600 5700

No information received.

Strathclyde Police Telephone: 0141 532 2000

No information received.

Tayside Police
Telephone: 01382 22 3200
Tayside Police (Western Division)
Donald Campbell - Crime Prevention Officer 01738 892937
Anonymous call can be made to - 0800 555 111

Perth & Kinross Horsewatch
Co-ordinator - Fiona Stuart 01350 727116 pkhorsewatch@hotmail.com

No information received.

Overseas News

No information received.

Stolen Horses International: http://www.netposse.com/stolenmissing/stolenhorses.htm

Hampshire Horsewatch Bulletin (incorporating information from around the country)

Date: 7 August 2009

DERBYSHIRE HORSE RELATED CRIMES AND INCIDENTS For 14 to 27 July 2009 inclusive.					
Division	Reference	Date	Location	Details	
Α	Inc 703	15th July	A38 Mansfield side of M1	Reported: horse on the A38 near to Junc 28	
				Action: Multiple horses on M1 near Junc 28 near slip road	
				horses now back in field.	
Α	Inc 704, 707, 714	15th July		Duplicate of above.	
Α	Inc 251	16th July	By-pass, Chalon Way, Ilkeston	Reported:Loose horses on link road at side of Tesco	
	1110 201	Touribuly	by pace, chaich way, incolon	Action: Horse taken back to member of publics stables, we	
				will try to trace owner	
Α		16th July		Duplicate of above	
Α		26th July	Codnor, unspecified	Reported: Horse and pony loose in market place, managed	
				to get them into rec.	
				Action: Someone coming to get horses	
Α	Inc 301	26th July	Nottingham Road, Codnor	Duplicate of above	
В	Inc 255	25th July	Monyash Road, Over Haddon	Reported: Two large horses in our yard, dong know who	
	1110 200	Zourodiy	Bakewell	owns them.	
			Barcwell	Action: No horses seen	
В	Inc 258	25th July	B5055 Monyash Stretch	Duplicate inc of above	
С	Inc 5	21st July	B6036 Woolley Moor Stretch	Reported: Loose horse heading towards Ogstone reservoir	
				Action: Inf walked horse into a field at side of graveyard	
С	Inc 208	21st July	Westmoor Road, Brimington	Reported: Two horses on road behind Chesterfield	
	1110 200	Z ISL July	Westinoor Road, Britington	hospital, field nearby may have come from there	
				Action: With the horses and owners from equestrian	
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D	No inc.				

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Useful contacts

 UK Horsewatch Alliance
 www.ukhorsewatch.org.uk

 Stolen Horse Register
 www.stolenhorseregister.com

Crime prevention - Don't be a victim of crime

www.crimestoppers.co.uk Telephone 0800 555 111

<u>www.smartwater.com</u> Property Security

<u>www.farmkey.com</u>
<u>www.freezemark.biz</u>
Telephone: 0870 870 7107/ <u>info@farmkey.co.uk</u>
<u>mary@freezemark.biz</u> for freeze branding for horses.

<u>www.equisecurity.co.uk</u> Dedicated to equestrian security

www.icebands.org Rider and Horse Safety

http://www.northernbrand.co.uk

http://www.padlockirelandnationalregister.com/

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

<u>Crime detection – Find your stolen property</u>

www.missinghorsesonloan.co.uk or email missinghorsesonloan@gmail.com Telephone 07794 453911

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/

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

www.virtualbumblebee.co.uk

www.securedbydesign.com ACPO accredited Crime Prevention Associations & Firms

Equine Market Watch Welfare

http://www.ter-europe.org/ The Equipment Register (TER) 01225 464599

www.equinemarketwatch.org.uk

www.tracingequines.co.uk

www.animalsonline.org.uk

www.nedonline.co.uk National Equine Database