

Hampshire Horsewatch Bulletin

(incorporating information from around the country)

Date: 7th March 2009

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Editor's Welcome

I am very pleased to share with readers of this bulletin the excellent news that since our last bulletin not one, not two but FOUR stolen ponies have been recovered and returned to their respective owners. On behalf of all three owners I would like to extend thanks and congratulations to everybody who played a part in the recovery of these ponies. I urge all recipients of this email bulletin to help reunite more stolen ponies with their owners by remaining vigilant.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank PC Nick Shrapel and his now retired predecessor Chris Aegerter, who between them sent 500 email bulletins %Countryside Alert+over a seven year period in Surrey. Their dedication to raising awareness of local rural crime has unarguably been an asset to both the police force and the residents of Surrey. They have set a high standard for the replacement newsletter Country Watch to follow, which I look forward to receiving in due course.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the sad fact that thieves will stop at nothing. This week £50,000 worth of tack was stolen from a Riding for the Disabled Centre in Somerset. When people stoop so low as to deny over a hundred disabled children a simple weekly pleasure of a pony ride nobody should have any qualms whatsoever of reporting to the police those who committed the crime or subsequently handle, sell or buy that stolen property. This isn't the first break-in of a Riding for the Disabled Centre, £10,000 worth of tack was stolen from a centre in Bromham, Bedfordshire in September 2007 but I think the equestrian community should do everything they can to make it the last.

STOLEN

(CTRL + Click to hop to these thefts easily)

[Piebald Shetland](#)

[Barrow & Buckets \(whilst owner out riding\)](#)

[Fuel, trailer, compressor, fencing, Jaguar car](#)

[Tack](#)

[Tack from Disabled Riders Centre](#)

[Tack, tools, hay and scrap metal](#)

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

HAMPSHIRE

Hampshire Horsewatch Mobile 07762 754788 or 07790 440478

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www.hampshire.police.uk

Stolen Shetland ponies back home

Peaches and Molly, a pair of Shetland mares stolen last year have been recovered and returned to their owner. They returned together after the owners received a phone call to the effect that someone had bought them and discovered that they were stolen! Price allegedly paid for them was given over to secure the ponies return.

Stolen Shetland pony

Ralph, a 41 inch high piebald (Black and White) 5 year old Shetland gelding was stolen on 18/19th February from his loan home in Otterbourne in Hampshire. Photographs of this very distinctive and much loved children's pony can be found on www.nfed.co.uk Crime ref:44090075941. Reward offered for information leading to his return please call 0777 5607895

Theft from field whilst owners out riding

Whilst two owners were exercising their horses someone entered their field and stole a wheel barrow and 4 expensive water buckets (for field use) Value about £70. It is believed someone had been watching the comings and goings at the field in Doctors Hill, Sherfield English, Hants. The field is in a very small quiet area, which you would not know was there unless you had the need to drive down past the field. They must have a little bit of conscience though because the thieves did leave a bucket of water in each field, so presumably didn't want the animals to go thirsty. Scats in Romsey have said that there have been lots of odd thefts like this over the last few weeks.

THAMES VALLEY

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No information received.

SURREY

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

Countryside Alert e-mail Newsletter

Hi

It has been a very busy period over the last couple of weeks with numerous incidents around the rural locations.

- Attempt to steal fuel from cricket pitch roller at Dormansland Cricket Club Station Road, Dormansland between 13/2 and 17/2
- Power tools stolen from vehicle parked in the Platt Dormansland overnight 17/2 and 18/2
- Offenders attempted to gain access to garage in Hollow Lane, Dormansland 22/2 and 23/2

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- Fuel taken from vehicle parked in Newhache, Dormansland between 9/2 and 23/2
- Compressor stolen from sewage works in Crowhurst Road, Crowhurst between 13/2 and 16/2
- 5 gallons of diesel stolen from tank at Edenbridge and Oxted showground overnight 16/2 and 17/2
- Various log rolls and bay trees stolen from *Occasionally yours* garden centre in Lingfield Common Road between 1830-1900 on Tuesday 24th Feb, offender may have been using a white Ford transit van
- Ifor Williams Horsebox was stolen from Tandridge Lane, Lingfield overnight 22 and 23rd Feb trailer later found concealed in woodland in Limpsfield
- Fencing stolen from field in Tanhouse Road, Oxted between 22 and 23rd Feb
- Saddle stolen from tack room within stable yard also in Tanhouse Road during same period
- A Landrover stolen from the Kent area turned up in Hurst Green, however property had been stolen from the vehicle.

This is not a full list of reported crime for the Oxted and Lingfield area!

There also has been an increase in reported suspicious incidents, vehicles and persons. Offenders are around the area looking for items to steal, please review your security and report any suspicious incident.

Country Watch Scheme Countrywatch scheme is officially launched tomorrow (Friday) . I would remind those wishing to join please return your application forms as soon as possible. Country Watch replaces Countryside Alert and therefore Countryside Alert e-mail newsletter and the scheme is closing down after 7 years . I hope that the e-mails have kept you all informed about local crime and crime trends, my last e-mail newsletter will now be on Saturday 28th February 2009

Keep em peeled
Pc 1460 Nick Shrapel
Bletchingley & Nutfield NSO and Tandridge Rural Affairs
Surrey Police - Eastern Division - Tandridge Borough

Countryside Alert e-mail Newsletter - final edition

A final selection of recently reported crimes for your information ð

Recent Reported Crimes

- Overnight 26th & 27th a 2metres by 2 metres section of a dog run was stolen from the rear garden of a property in High Street, Dormansland
- Overnight 26th & 27th a Jaguar XJ sports car colour blue index R100 XJB was stolen from outside dwelling in Bramble Close, Oxted
- Around 2100hrs on Sunday 22nd February a vehicle was damaged whilst parked in the National Trust Car Park in Kent Hatch Road, Limpsfield (Oxted/Crockham Hill border). The offenders were driving another vehicle and rammed the parked vehicle whilst the occupants were sitting in the vehicle, the offending vehicle may have been a Mitsubishi shogun drove off after shouting abuse. Readers may recall similar incidents over the last few months, two incidents have occurred in the lay-by off the A25 at Moorhouse (near to Westerham border).

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A similar incident occurred around 2130hrs on Friday 27th February again in the Moorhouse lay-by. This time the occupants of a vehicle threw an object at a parked and occupied vehicle. CID is dealing with this latest incident. Please bear in mind these locations and keep an eye out, most incidents have happened early to middle of the evening.

- Offenders attempted to gain access to tack room of stables located in Lower South Park in South Godstone overnight 22nd & 23rd Feb entry not gained due to strong locks

Suspicious vehicle

Seen in Tandridge Lane Lingfield around 1430hrs today (Saturday) occupants taking a note of nearby stables. Light blue BMW index K330 YPH

Countryside Alert

After 7 years and over 500 e-mails Countryside Alert takes a final keep æm peeled. It is replaced by **Country Watch**, with email newsletters and text message alerts and run by Lizzie Charlton at Caterham Police Station. The new system is open to all Tandridge residents (and those sort of near the borders) to join the scheme please either contact Lizzie Charlton at Caterham or send me a email with your full postal address and I will send it on.

I currently run an email newsletter for my Bletchingley and Nutfield residents, and if you live within that area and want to join the mailing list then pass me a email with all your details and I will add you to the circulation list. Please feel free to email me with any concerns or advice etc (as before)

I hope you all found Countryside Alert something positive and, if so, I am sure you will find **Country Watch** even better. I was speaking to Chris Aegerter the other day (former PC911 and founder of Countryside Alert) who is fit and well and a happy retired Policeman ð he passed on his best wishes to all readers, adding it didn't take me long to break it!

Keep æm peeled
Good Night All
Nick

Pc 1460 Nick Shrapel, Surrey Police - Tandridge Borough

HERTFORDSHIRE

Email: eastherthorsewatch@hotmail.com Jill.dockley@herts.pnn.police.uk 01992 533043

The scheme is running in the Eastern area but will be rolled out across the county later.

No information received.

ESSEX

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

Stolen foal recovered

One of the three Shetlands stolen in late February has been recovered. The nine month old coloured colt, who had lost condition since his theft, was found in Kent, allegedly purchased from somebody claiming he was a five year old driving pony! His recovery is a tribute to public vigilance.

SUSSEX

Telephone: 01403 733819

sussexHwatch@aol.com www.sussexhorsewatch.org

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BEDFORDSHIRE

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

Excellent News

Polly, an 18 year old bay mare who was stolen last June has been recovered in Kent and is reunited with her owner. Well done to everybody involved in her rescue.

Suspicious Vehicle

There has been reports of a vehicle, which has been seen around a number of farms and stable yards in Mid Bedfordshire. It is described as a dirty white, transit style van, with a flat bed at the rear. It has a low wooden frame with tipper. No registration details are available. The vehicle has been seen with white males on board. Bedfordshire Police ask rural business owners to be vigilant, and to report any suspicious vehicles, or visitors, to the Police Control Centre. Please report suspicious vehicles to (01234) 841212, for North and Mid Beds, or (01582) 401212 for South Beds. Alternatively text your message to (07786) 200011 { or email your message to chc@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk Thank you for your support.

Tack Theft

A burglary took place at a stables, in Peacock Cottages, Lidlington, Bedford, between 6:30 in the evening, on the 25th, and 7:30 in the morning, on the 26th February. Offenders have forcefully removed a metal turnstile, and fencing. Offenders have then driven a vehicle, into the field to the location. Offenders have then taken equestrian tack from an unlocked stable, and placed them into a wheel barrow at the location, and transported then in a waiting vehicle. The offenders have then made off in the vehicle. Bedfordshire Police ask rural businesses, and owners of livestock to be vigilant.

KENT HORSEWATCH

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

No information received.

WILTSHIRE

No information received

North East Region

Northumberland, County Durham, Cleveland, North, West, South & East Yorkshire and Humberside

SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

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

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Eastern Region Lincolnshire, Derbyshire, Cambridgeshire, Nottingham, Suffolk, Norfolk.
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No information received.
CAMBRIDGESHIRE Cambridgeshire Horsewatch; Lydia Crabtree (PCSO Cambridgeshire Constabulary) Tel: 07921 294939 email: horsewatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk
No information received.
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No information received.
Midlands Region Northamptonshire, West Mercia, Staffordshire, Leicestershire, Warwickshire
<u>Suspicious Vehicle</u> An update on a vehicle I mentioned to you earlier in the week. A white Ford Transit flatbed/tipper index P*55LUD. This vehicle has been sighted again in the area of Ombersley. It was seen on the farm where a trailer was stolen the following day. Please report any sightings of the vehicle to your local force. West Mercia Telephone 0300 333 3000 or Gloucestershire 0845 090 1234. Thanks, Gail. WPC 3308 Gail Greenhouse, Local Police Officer, Broadway Police Station, 0300 333 3000 ext 3777 gail.greenhouse@westmercia.pnn.police.uk
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

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SHROPSHIRE www.shropshirehorsewatch.co.uk admin@shropshirehorsewatch.co.uk Call 07794 453911 or write to PO BOX 767, WORCESTER, WR1 9AE
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. Police Horsewatch Coordinators Cotswolds melanie.cheesbrough@gloucestershire.police.uk 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
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Herefordshire Horsewatch www.freewebs.com/herefordshirehorsewatch herefordshirehorsewatch@googlemail.com Telephone: 07794 453911
No information received.
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.
No information received.
Staffordshire Horsewatch on 01785 234429 or email staffs@stolenhorseregister.com
No information received.
Scarborough & District Country Watch 07871 237634

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No information received.
Northern Ireland
No information received.
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Eire
No information received.
Dorset Information HorseWatch Co-ordinator anita.rigler@dorset.pnn.police.uk
Farm Watch East Dorset 03/03/2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Between Wednesday 25th and Saturday the 28th February a small storage box in a field near to Hurn Equestrian Centre was broken into and grooming equipment stolen.• Overnight Wednesday 25th into Thursday 26th February twelve bales of hay stolen from open barn at a farm in Sandleheath near Fordingbridge.• Overnight Wednesday 25th into Thursday 26th February - outbuildings at farm in Lytchett Minster entered by forcing the doors and scrap metal stolen.• Morning of Friday 27th February - tack room entered at Stables in Rushall Lane Corfe Mullen, nothing stolen.• Break at rural farm outbuilding in Mannington area where a large amount of tools were stolen. This is the 2nd break at this location within a short period of time. Offenders were prepared as they cut through a steel reinforced door installed after the first break.• 27022009 Sturminster Marshall: Late evening of Thurs 26th Feb a rural farm workshop in the Sturminster Marshall area was broken into and horse tack and equipment of substantial value was stolen. Entry gained by forcing a fire exit.
Reports made by: PC1313 Steve Brett PC 61 Jane Brittain, Rural SNT PCSO Neal Rooke 5384.

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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

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Carol Barnett chathamrow@ukonline.co.uk

<http://www.somsethorsewatch.co.uk/>
info@somsethorsewatch.co.uk

Tel: 0777 5856247

Tack theft from Centre for Disabled Riders

A burglary occurred at the Conquest Centre at Norton Fitzwarren on the outskirts of Taunton overnight of the 25-26 February 2009. This is a centre for disabled riders and a large amount of tack was stolen, (valued at £50,000), normally used by disabled riders and their helpers. Police are keen to hear of any information regarding this matter and appeals for information will also be made through the media.

Staff and volunteers are trying to source spare tack to enable lessons to go-ahead but currently all classes have had to be cancelled. To contact the Conquest Centre call 01823 433 614 or visit www.conquestcentre.org.uk

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,
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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.

Solihull Horsewatch

Horsewatch Liaison
Community Partnerships Officer, Community Reassurance Team,
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No information received.

WEST MIDLANDS

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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: mary@freezemark.biz 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.
Crime Detection – Find Your Stolen Property	
TrailerWatch UK For trailer security, Tel 01206 337580 Fax 01206 337579 www.nfed.co.uk/horsewatch www.nfed.co.uk/hhwlogo www.stolenhorseregister.com www.equinemarketwatch.org.uk Equine Market Watch Welfare www.tracingequines.co.uk www.virtualbumblebee.co.uk or email info@virtualbumblebee.co.uk for Recovery Property http://www.skywatchcivilairpatrol.org.uk/	
Selection – Don't Be a Receiver of Stolen Goods – Check Before You Buy!	
www.virtualbumblebee.co.uk or email info@virtualbumblebee.co.uk for Recovery Property www.securedbydesign.com Crime Prevention Associations and Firms Accredited by ACPO The Equipment Register (TER) 01225 464599 to check that item is not stolen http://www.norr.co.uk/police/ The national off road register for off road motorcycles quads & mules. www.equinemarketwatch.org.uk Equine Market Watch Welfare www.tracingequines.co.uk www.animalsonline.org.uk 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	

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