

Editor's Welcome

The parents among you will know the old saying "There comes a time when you've got to let them go". Thankfully, for our offspring, this merely means cutting the apron strings and letting them make their own way in the world. However, the same saying has a completely different meaning for horse-owners and a great many owners find it too unbearable to contemplate. So they put their animals on loan instead.

If you have such a strong emotional attachment and morale sense of duty to your old horse or pony that you feel they deserve a new home you should be prepared to commit to dedicating as much time to selecting and monitoring an appropriate loan home as you would to their last day on earth. Get references, verify them, get to know the loanee. If needs be, do your own research on them, sometimes the internet can be quite revealing, draw up a contract, you can write your own or get a solicitor to draw one up for you, have the contract witnessed, visit your horse regularly and keep in touch. If you can't find the time or inclination to do this for your old faithful friend you have to ask yourself if loaning is really for you?

Safe loaning is not a quick-fix, short-term solution to be used as a substitute for making the final decision over your horse's future. Even with the best will in the world you could still fall foul of unscrupulous characters. One such unfortunate family have set up a website to log all the horses missing on loan in Britain in tribute to their two old horses. You can read their sad story and log your own missing horse here <http://missinghorsesonloan.webs.com/>

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

Bedfordshire and London

HAMPSHIRE

Hampshire Horsewatch Mobile 07762 754788 or 07790 440478

D Collings (Force Equine Liaison Officer) 07867 972868

Hampshire Horsewatch, c/o Fleet Police Station, 13 Crookham Road, Fleet, Hampshire. GU51 5QQ

Non emergency number 0845 045 45 45 Email: equine@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

www.hampshire.police.uk

Request from the Editor of www.nfed.co.uk

If you used to receive crime news by email and have changed your address, please let me know your old and new address so you continue to receive important local updates. Just email editor@nfed.co.uk

Horses let loose on roads

There has been a series of worrying incidents around Sway concerning horses. In some cases, the horses have been let out of their fields - even directly on to roads. In other yards, there have been intruders who have run off before doing any harm. However, recently a stallion was let out after midnight and after a fraught 3 hours was found galloping along the road near Scats. He is pure black so would have been difficult to see from a car and mercifully he did not get quite as far as the main road. The mare with him, however, was less fortunate and had to be put down beside the road.

All horse owners are advised to be extra careful locking fields and stables and to investigate any disturbances after dark.

Equine road accident - court result

Below is the court result from a Road Traffic Collision last year, in June 2008, in the New Forest. What happened? A driver of a car ran over a New Forest foal and failed to stop. As a result of good investigative work by an Equine Liaison Officer the driver was prosecuted and the case went to court.

The result was:-

6 points

£900 fine

£60 costs

£15 victim surcharge.

Attempted tack room break-in

44090184830 - Burglary - The Eledda Stables, Somerley, Ringwood. Between 17:30hrs 29th April 2009 and 07:48 30th April 2009 there was an attempted break into the tack room at the front of the property by person(s) unseen and unheard, who tried to gain entrance into the building by smashing two windows and also cutting through one of the metal poles that was inside the window. This property was subject to a break a couple of months ago and a lot of items were stolen. As this area is close to Dorset/Wiltshire borders do not assume that the persons responsible are local to Ringwood - thieves will travel to steal!

Suspicious female

The following is for readers information with a warning attachment to be wary of strangers.....
An incident recently occurred at Sparsholt College, near Winchester. A woman approached the horse owners who were standing by their horse box and started asking questions about their horse. She asked whether he is a thoroughbred, how big he is, what is his name, where did we get him from. As she asked these questions she was writing the responses down!! She asked where the owners were from and asked the name of the yard!!! The informant said "it is not unusual to have people say things about her horse as he is very handsome but this made me worry as she was writing the information down".

As always be wary and cautious of strangers taking an interest in your property. This incident was in Hampshire but could happen anywhere. Remember when at shows, etc. lock your vehicles and don't leave property lying around. If possible, leave someone "on guard". Simple advice but it is surprising how many people do not take the most simple precautions!!

Youths chasing horses

RMS 44090181499 Date 27th April 2009, Eyres Down Farm, Burrigge
Owners of the farm saw 4 youths chasing their horses in their field. Youths were scared off. The incident was reported. I am unaware if this is an isolated incident or if there have been others before or after in the area ... PCSO Linda Coyle based at Park Gate Police Station is the investigating officer.
If you have any information about this or similar incidents in that area please contact Linda via 0845 045 45 45 and ask for Park Gate Police Station.

Stolen saddles

Two saddles were stolen from a hay barn at Inglefield, Park Gate Lane, Brompton on Swale, Richmond between 2000hrs on Friday 1st May and 1000hrs on Saturday 2nd May. The saddles are described as rare and of high value.

Saddle 1 - FHEONIX (spelt correctly) dressage saddle in black leather value £600.

Saddle 2 - Australian Stock saddle, tan in colour, leather with a skirt at the front and a hard seat with fenders and stirrups attached. Value £900. See photos below/overleaf



Saddle 1



Saddle 2

North Yorkshire Occurrence number 2090074026 refers. Any information relating to this crime please contact the officer in the case PC1354 Robinson, Richmond police station.
TEL 0845 6060247 EXT 4322.

Sat Nav – distraction crime

Please be aware that distraction criminals are becoming more creative, which in some ways must be good news because so many of us are becoming wise to their ways. Here's their latest ruse to watch out for:

During the last week of April in the Totton area, near Southampton a mobile dog groomer parked her van outside of her customer's house. She got out and immediately walked alongside it to fetch something from the back before activating the locking system. At no time did she leave the vehicle out of sight, much less unattended.

A man approached the lady and started asking about how much to groom a dog. Whilst he had her attention his mate opened the driver's door and took the Tom Tom Sat Nav worth £150! Both men left before the lady realised what had happened. So watch out for this simple but oh-so-very-sneaky ploy and if approached by somebody posing as a possible customer activate your central locking before continuing the conversation.

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(incorporating information from around the country)

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<p style="text-align: center;">THAMES VALLEY 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</p>
No information received.
<p style="text-align: center;">SURREY S.A.F.E. Surrey Action for Equines (Surrey Horsewatch) Tel: 01420 487625 www.surrey-action-for-equine.co.uk</p>
No information received.
<p style="text-align: center;">HERTFORDSHIRE Email: easttherthorsewatch@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.</p>
No information received.
<p style="text-align: center;">ESSEX Valerie.crawford@essex.pnn.police.uk Tel: 07796 473908 www.essexhorsewatch.org.uk</p>
No information received.
<p style="text-align: center;">KENT Awaiting details</p>
No information received.
<p style="text-align: center;">SUSSEX Telephone: 01403 733819 sussexHwatch@aol.com www.sussexhorsewatch.org</p>
No information received.
<p style="text-align: center;">BEDFORDSHIRE Police Contact: Phil Cannings phil.cannings@Bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk Ringmasters: Sarah Stevens: sarah.stevens@safer-beds.org and Dean Doyle: dean.doyle@safer-beds.org Rowena James Rowena-james@supadooper.com Kerry Willis-Jones: Kerry.Willis-Jones@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk David Layton: David.Layton@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk</p>
No information received.
<p style="text-align: center;">London Awaiting contact details</p>
No information received
<p style="text-align: center;">South West Wiltshire, Devon & Cornwall, Gloucestershire, Dorset, Avon & Somerset</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wiltshire Awaiting contact details</p>
No information received
<p style="text-align: center;">Dorset Information 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</p>
<p><u>Farm Watch County Division 5 May 09</u></p>
Dorset are currently highlighting a scam via the telephone (see below), which although highlighted by

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Dorset, can be undertaken anywhere so people should be wary and any suspicious calls should be reported to the police.....as a recipient of a scam call you may be one of several. The police, if told, should will such occurrences and get a better understanding of what is happening.

Occasionally a company will contact businesses stating you or a member of staff had previously agreed to advertise in their magazine or police diary and requesting payment of their invoice for about £150.00. This is a well-known scam. The police or fire service will never tout for advertising. Another approach is to say they are supply books to local schools on drugs or road safety. Most of these scams originate from a Northern telephone number.

Also I have been contacted by some concerned farmers regarding the apparent decline in Crime reports to farms together with details of suspicious vehicles etc. Your local police officers are now running the ringmaster message system. Training is ongoing and if you are not receiving information which is useful or relevant then I am sure your local station will be pleased to hear from you. My new role is one of support to local teams. However, I have noticed the following few crimes:

- Burglary to a diesel tank in Beaminster 5 May. An alarm foiled the theft. Barns have been entered and quad bikes uncovered. I believe the offenders vehicle has been recovered and enquiries are ongoing.
- East Stoke Wareham forced entry to outbuilding and a drum of diesel stolen 29/30 April
- Loders Dorchester theft of agricultural vehicle and search of barns 2 May
- Stoke Wake several North Country Mule sheep stolen 25/40 April
- Three Cross Wimborne break to shed on farm. Petrol stolen. 3/4 May
- Chickerell Weymouth barn broken into generator stolen 2 May
- Washpond Lane theft of electric fence unit. Third theft.

Anita Rigler 01202 222817

AVON & SOMERSET

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 Justin.Gay@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk

Tessa Smith 0845 456 7000 ext 62025 Tessa.smith@avonandsomerset.police.uk

(Somerton and Wincanton South Somerset)

Carol Barnett chathamrow@ukonline.co.uk

<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.

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

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Cheltenham lorraine.mosley@gloucestershire.police.uk and leanne.copping@gloucestershire.police.uk

Rugs stolen

Between 9.30 - 17.00 on the 26th April 2 purple horse rugs were stolen from a farm in Kempley, Newent, Gloucestershire. The rugs had been taken from a field at the farm. Please be mindful, rugs left out during the day in the corner of a field or on a gate, are leaving owners open to opportunist thieves!

Many thanks

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

Missing on loan

Gracie is a 6 year old dark bay 14.1 HH mare with 4 white socks and a white strip down her nose. A female called Annette Wells (nee Drew) took Gracie on loan. Her daughter is called Rhiannon Wells who is 13 years. The loan took place in October 2008. Since the date of the loan, the whereabouts of Gracie, Annette and daughter are unknown, and there is no forwarding address or telephone number. Gracie was originally stabled in Cinderford in the Forest of Dean but is believed to be somewhere in the Surrey/Kent area.

Anybody that has any information as to the whereabouts of Gracie or her keepers are requested to telephone Pc 25 Hardy of Caldicot Police Station. on 01633 838111, or email me or PCSO Ruth James though the Horsewatch scheme. All replies are kept strictly confidential.

Horse field gate chains cut off

INC 575 26/04/09. Sometime between 25/04/09 and 26/04/09 in the Caldicot area, chains on a gate to a field with horses in, were cut off. Horses are safe and well.

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

Please [CTRL+ Click here](#) to be taken to the end of this bulletin for a very interesting overview on the last quarter's Equine Crime in South Yorkshire. Crime has increased by 52% compared to the same time-period in 2008 but sadly postcoding of rugs and tack has not kept pace!

Northumberland
Awaiting contact details

No information received.

County Durham
Awaiting contact details

No information received.

Cleveland
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No information received

Humberside
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No information received

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Eastern Region Cambridgeshire, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, Nottingham, Norfolk. Suffolk
Cambridgeshire Cambridgeshire Horsewatch; Lydia Crabtree (PCSO Cambridgeshire Constabulary) Tel: 07921 294939 email: horsewatch@camb.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 Awaiting contact details
No information received.
Nottingham Awaiting contact details
No information received.
Norfolk 07798635746 (Dann y/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
<u>Attempted theft of coloured foal</u> Location Ryton on Dunsmore on 4th May 2009 at 4.30 pm a member of the public observed 2 men trying to steal a 3 month old foal and put it into a blue transit van. The van had southern Irish registration plate on it 08TS 1251. The men left the scene on being disturbed. The police have been informed. At this time there is no reference number. Horsewatch members to take note of the registration number and colour of the van. The number taken does relate to the correct style and format of a southern Irish number plate. Equally as important take note of any vehicles/occupants seen in suspicious circumstances and report the sighting to your local police and inform your local Horsewatch scheme.
WORCESTERSHIRE www.worcestershirehorsewatch.co.uk admin@worcestershirehorsewatch.co.uk Telephone: 07500 475708
<u>Tack stolen</u> There was a saddlery burglary in West End, Broadway, Worcestershire between 3 rd and

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4th May. Items stolen include:

- 1 Red race exercise saddle
- 1 half tree race exercise saddle (Australian)
- 1 Barnsby hunting saddle
- 1 Pony saddle
- Assorted bridles, breast girths and martingales.
- 1 Witney exercise sheet
- 1 Lead rein
- 1 set of harness for a pony

If you can help with any information about this burglary please contact me or phone Crimestoppers where the source of the information can remain confidential 0800 555 111.

Regards, Gail.

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

Herefordshire Horsewatch

www.freewebs.com/herefordshirehorsewatch

herefordshirehorsewatch@googlemail.com

Telephone: 07794 453911

No information received.

NORTHAMPTON

PC 449 Glynne Malkin, Force Countryside & Wildlife Officer,

Glynne.malkin@northants.pnn.police.uk Tel: 01604 703199

Community Policing and Partnerships, Office 7, Block 2, Mereway, Northampton, NN4 8BE

David Robins, Community Messaging (Ringmaster) David.robins@northants.pnn.police.uk

Andy Roberts, Press officer Andy.roberts@northants.pnn.police.uk

Northamptonshire Horsewatch is now up and running with a new website. Take a look at www.horsewatchnorthants.org.uk

Northamptonshire Horsewatch has in its possession a miniature pony. It is suspected that he may have been stolen. Attempts so far have failed to find its owner. Photographs of the pony are available but unfortunately will not transfer onto this bulletin. Photographs will appear on the Hampshire Horsewatch bulletin so please refer to that site to see the pony.

If you recognise this pony or have any information which may assist in identifying him please contact Sandy Redmore of Northamptonshire Horsewatch on 07748246671

Hampshire Horsewatch web site www.nfed.co.uk/horsewatch

Proof of ownership will be required before this pony is handed over.

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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 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

Can you help find Toby?



A Shropshire woman has made a desperate plea for help in tracing her beloved horse nearly three years after he was taken by thieves. Lynn Walker said she had never got over the loss of Toby, a distinctive brown, white and black gypsy cob horse, since it was stolen from a field along Hem Lane and Halesfield 1 in Telford in June 2006. Thieves cut through a fence and took the valuable 16-year-old horse. Mrs Walker believes the horse was stolen to order as five other horses in the same field were left behind.

Even though he was stolen three years ago, we are still looking for him. We have had him on television twice since then and he is on the internet and Horse Watch members are looking out for him. I have not given up hope. I will never stop looking for him,+she said. The devastated horse lover said they had also put Toby on an American website because at the time of his theft there was a holding field in Bristol for stolen horses before they were shipped to America.

Mrs Walker said she was not being unrealistic in her search three years on as stories on the internet included ones which saw owners be reunited with their horses up to 11 years later.

Somebody may have bought him at some point not knowing he was stolen. He is microchipped so I can prove that he is mine. I just need to make people aware of his significance and look out for him,+she added. I will never give up looking for him. I think he was pinched from the field, kept where nobody would see him and then sold on. Whoever may have him now will have hopefully looked after him properly because he was an older horse but they may have just bought him unaware of where he was stolen from.+Police can be contacted on 0300 333 3000.

West Mercia

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

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RURAL WATCH UPDATE 24/04/09

Trailers are hot property at the moment, with nearly one stolen every day. The most local was in Harvington on 24th April.

There is not much saddlery being stolen at this time but it is only an opportunity away. Don't be complacent, lock all tack rooms and property mark your tack with your postcode or Smartwater. I can advise on both if you give me a call.

5 quad bikes stolen force wide. Again if you have one keep it out of sight if you can and mark the wiring with Smartwater. You can always just paint it with your postcode in huge letters so that no one would want the trouble of stripping it down to resell.

There was an attempt theft of a horse in Gwent on 9 April. The offenders were seen and disturbed but be cautious and if you see anyone suspiciously hanging round, take the index number of the vehicle, persons description and ring us immediately. No horses have been reported as stolen in the West Mercia Force area.

THIS BIT IS VERY IMPORTANT

We have recently had a male calling on rural properties (most likely farms) stating he has lost his dog, he cannot find the footpath or that he has seen kids throwing stones at livestock in and around the fields. He is trying to get you, the occupant of the house to leave it unattended, whilst he or his accomplice go inside and help themselves to your belongings. If you feel you are being distracted in any way, do not leave the premises, secure all entrances/exits and call us immediately. The latest incident was in Droitwich on 23 April.

Call: West Mercia 0300 333 3000 Gloucestershire 0845 090 1234

Thanks, Gail.

[WELCOME TO SHROPSHIRE COMMUNITY MESSAGING - Shrewsbury - Shropshire Community Messaging Horse Watch]

Police recently attended an auction centre near Bridgnorth where a large amount of tack was offered for sale. On this occasion they were unable to ascertain whether any of the items were stolen as none appeared to be personalised or security marked. Police do advise owners of expensive tack to personalise their items or use a security marking device such as Smartwater.

<http://www.smartwater.com/Home.aspx>

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=d866cb52-e7dc-4ae5-b95a-44be8255f9e8&email=-1&web=-1 this link is not to report crimes on.

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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

scarcountrywatch@live.co.uk

No information received.

Wales

Dyfed-Powys, South Wales, Gwent, North Wales

Stolen 2 week old foal

Gwent Police: Incident 209 06/05/09. A two week old, eighteen inch high, brown/tan miniature Shetland pony with black mane and tail removed from a field on a farm in the Llantilio Crossenny area between Monmouth and Abergavenny. Posts and fencing moved to facilitate this theft. There is great concern for the welfare of this pony due to it's age. Please circulate to all parties and contact Gwent Police on 101 (in Gwent area) or 01633 838111 (outside Gwent area) should you have any information. Many thanks, Ruth CO139, Severnside Neighbourhood Policing Team, Caldicot Police Station.



Our foal Timberland Chippy, born on the 22/4/09, has been stolen from our field at Great Llyvos Farm, Crossash nr Abergavenny. New Park Mignonette. His dam is very distraught. We are very concerned for the welfare of this poor colt. He is only 2 weeks old. The person who stole him managed to lift a post out of the ground, pull the wire up, and drag the foal under the fencing. How could someone be so cruel as to snatch a foal from it's dam. Any information, please call 07773354449 or 07976613326.

Northern Ireland

Awaiting contact details

No information received.

Eire

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Perth And Kinross Horsewatch Fiona Stuart pkhorsewatch@hotmail.com Tel: 01350 727116 Stuart Fee feestuart@msn.com	
No information received.	
Dumfries and Galloway Horsewatch Mona Parr Mparr2001@btinternet.com	
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Ayresshire	
No information received.	
Overseas News	
No information received.	

Useful Contacts

UK Horsewatch Alliance
Stolen Horse Register
Farmkey Tel: 0870 870 7107

www.ukhorsewatch.org.uk
www.stolenhorseregister.com
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

Dedicated to equestrian security
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
www.tracingequines.co.uk
www.virtualbumblebee.co.uk
<http://www.skywatchcivilairpatrol.org.uk/>

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

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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>

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

SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

FROM: Mrs J L Kennedy

DCU/DEPT: HQ PPU MAPPA Unit

TO: Crime Reduction Officers

EXT: 8302

All Districts

DATE: 5th May 2009

SUBJECT: Quarterly report on Equine Related Crime in South Yorkshire

The overall figures for equine related crime are up this quarter by 52% compared with the same period for 2008 as can be seen from the table below. The exception is Sheffield, who have a slight decrease. Rotherham had no offences last year for this time period, but has had 6 offences this year. The overall value of the property stolen has increased 8.47% from the previous year.

District	2009		2008	
	Offences	Value	Offences	Value
Barnsley	3	£6,600.00	3	£8,590.00
Doncaster	10	£19,765.00	6	£13,900.00
Rotherham	6	£8,408.00	0	£0
Sheffield	4	£2,710.00	6	£6,372.00
TOTAL	23	£37,483.00	15	£28,862.00

The following table shows the distribution of the offences throughout January to April for each year.

	2009					2008			
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Barnsley	0	2	1	0		0	1	2	0
Doncaster	3	2	4	1		1	3	1	1
Rotherham	1	0	1	4		0	0	0	0
Sheffield	2	1	1	0		1	1	2	1
TOTAL	6	5	7	5		2	5	5	2

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As can be seen below, tack still remains the most popular items stolen as most is not identifiable and is relatively easy to dispose of at markets, car boot sales, auctions, newspapers and the internet. The same problem relates to trailer thefts.

Postcoding of tack and trailers would help immensely in tracing recovered property back to the owners.

Rugs stolen from Whiston in April, which were identifiable, as they were postcoded, were recovered apparently dumped at Harthill.

South Yorkshire has had no horse thefts reported so far this year.

	Tack	Trailer	Horse	Rug	Clothing	Misc.	Arson	TOTAL
Barnsley	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Doncaster	2	6	0	1	0	1	0	10
Rotherham	4	1	0	1	0	1	0	7
Sheffield	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
TOTAL	10	10	0	2	0	2	0	24

HORSE ATTACKS

January 2009, Racecommon Lane, Barnsley.

Staffordshire bull terrier raced up to horse ridden by female, which made it jolt and throw rider. The dog then attacked the horse, which required 6 stitches. Female owner of dog witnessed what happened.

March 2009, Branton, Doncaster.

Overnight, a section of barbed wire fencing has been cut on perimeter fence and pulled across field and tied around a post in centre of the field. The next morning, they discovered that one of the horses has walked into this wire and cut one of its rear legs quite badly, requiring stitches. It would appear that the intention was deliberately cause harm to the animals.

MISCELLANEOUS

Request for help - Hi Joanne - I have copied below some brief info from our website which gives an overview of the local access forum. At the moment we have no representatives for equestrian interests. It would be great if we could get someone local involved as one of the many issues we come across is improving bridleway links throughout the borough, and other associated problems on the network. My contact details are at the bottom of this email. Once again, thanks for getting and touch and fingers crossed someone will come forward.

The Doncaster Local Access Forum was created in September 2003. Its purpose is to provide advice to Doncaster Council and Natural England on the implementation of the new rights

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introduced by the Act and how to make the countryside more accessible and enjoyable for open-air recreation.

The Forum represents the interests of everyone who lives, works, or just enjoys the countryside including landowners, farmers, business, health, heritage, nature conservation, sport including water sport, forestry, the less able, trade unions, transport and all recreational interests. The Council believes that a balanced forum, representing all interests, should play a vital role in the future of our open spaces. However at present we have no representatives with equestrian interests.

The Forum has 14 members, 2 of whom are Doncaster Council elected members. Members are appointed to the Forum following a selection process. The Forum currently meets approximately 4 times per year. Meetings are advertised in advance and open to the public. The public may ask questions on the business of the meeting at the discretion of the Chair.

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