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Editorial Comment

URGENT appeal for help by SWAP (South West Animal Protection)

On 5 December over 100 Welsh Mountain ponies ranging from this years foals to 2 year olds were auctioned at Conway, N Wales. 67 of the ponies were not sold and originally an agreement was made by the breeder to sell them at £3 each to the meatman. They were to be collected on Monday 7 December. The Meatman didn't turn up and we have a short window of opportunity to get these ponies into homes or into sanctuarys. There are currently 30 who have not got anywhere to go and the farmer has extended the time we have to place them to 19 December. The ponies are unhandled.

The ponies are subject to a deposition order and have to be microchipped for passporting at a cost of £15.00 each before we can move them. What we need is homes or placements (even if this is temporary) for the ponies, help with transport and funds to cover the microchipping, gelding and passporting.

If you can help please call 07960 230548 Bernadette Langfield at Shy Lowen Horse and Pony Sanctuary www.shylowen.com. If you'd like to make an online donation towards this rescue please do so on this link http://www.justgiving.com/shylowen/Donate

Recovered property needs identifying

Sussex Police have a large amount of seized property they would like to identify

This may apply especially to people living in Hampshire, Surrey, Sussex and Kent

The property has been put onto a websiteõ õ õ õ õ .www.virtualbumblebee.co.uk

Bumblebee info Op Limestone DC Scullion 0845 6070999 x 80266

Look onto Virtual Bumblebee pictures of stolen Tack and garden ornaments

Get talking to Sussex Police....NOW

A correction to earlier information in last bulletin

In the last bulletin it was stated that PC Haydn Lavin was looking to start up a Horsewatch scheme on Dyfed Powys.

In reality he is only covering Powys.

However, anybody interested in being involved in Horsewatch in Dyfed can find out more by contacting their local Police station and asking for their local community safety officer

Haydnos e mail address is: haydn.lavin@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk

In the last bulletin two scams were mention to be aware of...below is another passed on by Cambridgeshire Horsewatch

Please be aware of the following sent with regard to a horse stolen from Reading - please do not send money or give personal details to anyone requesting them in a fashion such as this. It is all too easy if your horse is missing to believe anything - please do not be fooled, contact your local police if you are sent anything like this.

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

The scam

Hi,

Lorna thank you for your quick response what am telling you is that your pony was giving to me as a birthday present and I did not know that this pony is a stolen one which belongs to you, and the pony was giving to me as a birthday present in UK due to the love i have for the pony i have to travell to Africa with this pony through shippment,

The information that I needed is your details so that we can start arrianging for the shippment immediatly and its going to cost you\$2500 dollars to your destination so i need this informations from you for the shippment.

I will forward you my informations on how you are going to send this money through western union money transfer so that you have your pony please, because am a pastor i dont want to stain my name ok.

YOUR FULL NAME.
PHONE NUMBER
FAX NUMBER
YOUR COUNTRY
HOME ADDRESS
NEAREST AIRPORT.

Please reply me ASAP so that you can have your pony back im really sorry for the incornvinence may God bless you.

Thank you. Pastor Sanderson.

Crime prevention advice from Sussex Horsewatch

Machinery, tools and plant equipment

If possible, secure or immobilise vehicles or pieces of equipment when they are not in use. Again, if practical, try to move machinery from fields, especially if it is near a road. Always keep tools, etc, locked away out of sight.

To help identify your property:

- Use engravers to mark vehicles and equipment with your postcode, followed by the first two letters of your farms name.
- Keep a record of serial, chassis and model numbers.

Livestock

Animals can be an easy target for thieves. Regularly check the fields where your animals are grazing.

Keep your hedges, fences and gates in good repair. Field gate hinges should have capping hinges so they cand be removed easily. Cattle grids should be removable and locked out of position when they are not in use. Use locking posts to obstruct large openings to yards, etc.

Horses can be microchipped or freezemarked. Saddles can be marked by your local force or Sussex Horse Watch. www.sussexhorsewatch.webs.com

Consider installing CCTV.

If livestock is stolen it is important for you to be able to give the police an accurate description. Ear tags and horn brands help police to identify stock. Freeze branding, hot branding or tattooing your postcode will also help. Always take photographs of especially valuable animals.

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Farmhouses

Farmhouses can be targeted by burglars because they are often large and in isolated areas. Fit British Standard deadlocks to all outside doors and always use them. These can also be reinforced with bolts. The main door should have a security chain and wide-angle door viewer, so you can see who is on the other side. Consider installing a burglar alarm. Fit window locks on all ground floor windows.

Keep shotguns and firearms in a securely locked place. Always store ammunition separately. If you have to keep cash or jewellery in the house, put it in a quality safe. Keep a record of all valuable possessions. Whenever possible, use a security marking device to mark them with your postcode followed by the first two letters of your farms name. Take photos of valuable items next to a ruler (to indicate scale).

Never show opportunist burglars you are not there by leaving notes for traders, etc. When you are away ask a neighbour to keep an eye on the property.

Outbuildings

Store any valuable equipment and tools in a secure building with a well built, locked door. Use British Standard locks, good quality locking bars and high security padlocks. Windows can be protected with metal bars. Always lock outbuildings when they are not in use.

A worthwhile investment is fitting outside security lights controlled by an automatic timeswitch or infra-red beams. Again, consider installing CCTV.

Insurance

Make sure your insurance cover is adequate. Check with your insurance company that you are fully covered for vehicles, equipment and livestock, etc, as well as for the contents of buildings.

For further information and advice you can talk to your local Crime Prevention Officer by calling 0845 60 70 99.

If a crime is currently in progress always call 999.

HorseWatch in Scotland

The following has been received from colleagues in Scotland. A Scottish Horsewatch scheme is starting to develop. Contact details are shown below:-

www.horsewatchscotland.info

Co-ordinator - fiona.stuart@horsewatchscotland.info
Strathclyde Police - karen.beattie@strathclyde.pnn.police.uk
Grampian - david.paton@grampian.pnn.police.uk
Dumfries & Galloway Constabulary - Judith.Richardson@dg.pnn.police.uk
Fife Constabulary - Ian.laing@fife.pnn.police.uk
Tayside Police - donald.campbell@tayside.pnn.police.uk
Central Scotland Police - vacant
Northern Constabulary - vacant
Lothian & Borders Police - vacant

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Stolen

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

Note: This bulletin is organised under the existing police regions for England, Wales & 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

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Telephone: 0845 0454545

Hampshire Horsewatch Mobile 07762 754788 or 07790 440478

David Collings (Hampshire Horsewatch Co ordinator and Force Equine Liaison Officer) 07867 972868

Hampshire Horsewatch, Fleet Police Station, Fleet, Hampshire

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

www.hampshire.police.uk

Three rugs stolen

RMS 44090520527

Between 1630 02/12/09 . 0800 01/12/09

Mayles Lane, Fareham

Between times stated persons unknown entered a field and stole three horse rugs from horsesqbacks. There is damage to part of the barbed wire around part of the field fence.

Rugs stolen from horses backs

Wickham

3 December 2009 at 7:52 pm

Three rugs taken from horses' backs. The rugs are 1 x 5qpony Rhino, dark blue with green binding and very mucky red fillet string, also the tail flap has a couple of tears in it. It is a medium weight, normal neck rug.

1 x 6'3" Amigo medium weight turn out, which was virtually brand new. It is dark blue with silver binding <u>and has RAVEN</u> written on the chest strap in permanent marker pen.

1 x 6'3" green check turnout, as far as I know had no marking on it.

Theft

Fordingbridge

Between 6 and 7 December 2009

Stolen from an isolated field.

Aggd was alerted to the damage as a member of public called her to advise her horses had escaped from the field. She arrived and found her horses running around loose and the padlock and chain missing from her field gate which was open

Distance between container and gate is 700 yards, container is a horse box detached from the trailer. Entry forced using means unknown and pit bike stolen from inside, other mini bikes left inside

An ATV trailer has also been stolen displaying plates connected to callers vehicle. The wheel clamp on this has been removed and discarded in a hedge.

A scam foiled!!!

Thankfully I read HHW this morning! Dong know if you need to know of more of these calls but I had a phone call from the police press office allegedly just now from a gentleman called Kevin Richardson who said he was calling all local businesses as they were compiling a magazine that they would be circulating free of charge to all businesses one he didng get much further as I asked him to speed up with what he was saying if he wouldng mind (he sounded like he was reading from a very long winded script with too many long meaningful pauses in it!) and he slammed down the phone. I am guessing what was about to follow was if I made some hefty donation. Apologies if this was a genuine call but I am guessing possibly not. I guess they have moved on from Physiogs to livery yards!

Burglary

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Stables broken into overnight 8/9 December near Bransgore (New Forest)

Nothing appears to be taken, but padlocks smashed, cupboards and feed bins searched through. Police have had reports of a white or grey Land Rover Defender, but do not have the registration. Please keep an eye out.

The above relates to the theft of 16 jump cups from Mopley Farm, Mopley. Each jump cup costs £16.44 to replace so that makes a total theft of £263.04. They are all white quick release ones and fit the round plastic uprights. They should all be marked Mopley. Please keep an eye out when visiting any yards with jumps.

Any information please contact the below officer

WPC 311 Alison Tilbury
Beaulieu Beat Officer/Wildlife/Equine Liaison
Hythe Police Station
alison.tilbury@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Theft of electric fence

RMS 44090532808

Lee on Solent

Between 6 and 7 December 2009

The above RMS refers to a crime report taken at FEC from female reporting a theft of the unit that operates her electric fence which secures her horses.

This is the third time a unit has been stolen from her fields this one is opposite the field this has been involved previously.

Information

5/12/09 at 14.00, two women out horse riding in the Hambledon area, were asked for their phone numbers by the occupants of a silver Chrysler people carrier, registration given as **MA59 LFF**. There was no actual threat made, but their actions of stopping the vehicle in front of the horses caused concern to the riders.

Overnight of 5-7/12, a Yellow Ford-Iveco flatbed truck, **K777 NEW**, was stolen from a farm on the outskirts of Fareham. The vehicle was sign written with 'New Drive' in red letters.

Overnight of the 5-6/12, damage was caused to an electric key pad at the gateway to farmland at Bighton.

Overnight of the 6-7/12, a Mann tipper truck **MU51 NFD** was stolen from a yard at Micheldever. Diesel was also stolen from the yard.

Overnight of the 6-7/12, crops driven over at Micheldever. Believed that a short wheel base Landrover pick up was involved.

Early hours of the 7th, plant machinery stolen from Bishops Waltham. Taken were a Takeuchi TB125 digger, grey/red in colour, serial number M12514721, and a Bomag 80, yellow in colour, serial number 460422969.

Below is the vehicle list from the 1st week of December.

Suspicious vehicles for week 1, December

Mitsubishi Pajero 4x4, short wheelbase, J410LTP, seen in Corhampton and Brockwood areas, and suspected of poaching.

Green Subaru Forester, R216XKL, seen around Micheldever area, scouting for coursing sites

White Ford Transit, S97KRV, sighted near *mane plaitingqincident.

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Daihatsu Fourtrack dark coloured, K402WWL, seen at Hursley and later at Martyr Worthy, suspected poachers.

Silver Chrysler people carrier, registration given as MA59LFF. Male occupants gave ±Inwanted attentionqto women out horse riding.

Mann tipper truck MU51 NFD was stolen from a yard at Micheldever.

Yellow Ford-Iveco flatbed truck, K777 NEW, was stolen from a farm on the outskirts of Fareham

Jon Radcliffe, P.C 24208

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Watch Administrator . Thames Valley Police 0118 9181644
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Good News

[THAMES VALLEY COMMUNITY MESSAGING - Aylesbury Vale - A 12/010]

This is a message to all Horsewatch members from Aylesbury Watch Office on Thursday 10 December.

Thames Valley Police has recovered 19 stolen horse saddles following a warrant carried out in High Wycombe.

The warrant was executed on Sunday (6/12) at a property on Hammersley Lane, Penn at 9.30am, where officers recovered 19 stolen horse saddles, which have a total value around £20.000.

Eighteen of the 19 saddles have been identified and have been returned to the owners, thanks to security marking on the saddles carried out by Hertfordshire police.

PC John Newton, investigating, said: "This proves how invaluable security marking is as it enables officers to return any recovered property to the rightful owners. I am pleased we have been able to recover this stolen property and return it to its owners and now investigations are continuing to identify the offenders."

The stolen property relates to a burglary, which took place at Newhouse Farm, Farm Road, Chorl eywood overnight between 18 and 19 November.

No arrests have been made at this time and enquiries continuing to identify the offenders.

Anyone with any information regarding the burglary is urged to contact PC Newton at Amersham police station via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 0845 8 505 505. If you do not want to talk to the police, call the Crimestoppers charity anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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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 01992533043

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

No information received.

ESSEX

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

No information received.

Kent Police

Telephone: 01622 690690

No information received.

Sussex Police

Telephone: 0845 6070999

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

Useful Links

What you can do to prevent theft from your farm. Home Office advice http://www.crimereduction.gov.uk/bigsteal.htm

Master Locksmiths Ass. tested security products for vehicles (inc. trailers, quads etc) http://www.soldsecure.com/

Insurance Industry tested security products for vehicles (inc. trailers etc) http://www.thatcham.org/

Reporting abandoned vehicles in Sussex

http://www.sussex.police.uk/operations/crackdown.asp

Horse watch and Tack Security

http://www.ukhorsewatch.org.uk/

http://www.sussexhorsewatch.webs.com/

Local Neighbourhood Watch sites

http://www.nhwhorsham.org.uk/

http://www.nhwsteyning.org.uk/

http://www.ndnhw.co.uk

Countryside Online

http://www.countrysideonline.co.uk

The Government Countryside Agency site http://www.countryside.gov.uk/index.asp

Local Weather forecast http://www.metcheck.com

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Farm Watch

Telephone: 0800 3288166 Fax: 0870 0100686

Email: farmwatch@sussex.pnn.police.uk

Issue Date: 11/12/2009

Title: RECOVERED DIGGER

Bignor: Recovered Digger.

A 3.5 tonne digger stolen from the Guildford area overnight on 7 December was recovered by Sussex Police at an

address at Bignor. 3 people have been arrested. The investigation continues.

Sussex Police Serial 670 08/12/09 refers:

Issue Date: 11/12/2009

Title: INCIDENTS IN MIDHURST

Midhurst: Burglary, Church hill.

Between 02/12/09 & 04/12/09 Entry gained to dwelling. Items removed from within.

Sussex Police Serial 600 05/12/09 refers:

Midhurst: Stolen Trailer.

Between 05/12/09 & 07/12/09 Ifor Williams trailer with removable cage was stolen.

Sussex Police Serial 576 07/12/09 refers:

Issue Date: 11/12/2009

Title: INCIDENTS IN PLAISTOW

Plaistow: Quad bike.

Report received at 7-15am of a red Honda quad bike stolen. Padlock on gate cut to gain entry.

Sussex Police Serial 190 11/12/09 refers:

Plaistow: Burglary.

During the day on 07/12/09 persons gained entry to dwelling. Items taken from within.

Sussex Police Serial 1158 07/12/09 refers:

Issue Date: 11/12/2009

Title: BURGLARY, HOLLIST LANE.

East Harting: Burglary, Hollist Lane,

2 offenders running from the scene were caught by Police and stolen property recovered. 2 males from Hampshire have been charged with Burglary Dwelling and remanded in custody until 11/01/2010 where they will appear at

Chichester Crown Court.

Sussex Police Serial 932 07/12/0

Recovered Tack and Garden Ornaments

The recovered stolen tack and various garden ornaments can now be viewed via the Sussex Police Website. Go on to the Sussex Police Website, then click on the Property & Auctions heading on the left handside, then select stolen property, then click on the Virtual Bumblebee link, under the heading Operation Limestone, the recovered items are listed click on the: Is any of it yours? link and you will find the recovered items.

Regards

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PCSO Heidi Hay

Midhurst and Petworth Neighbourhood Policing Team Midhurst Police Station | Bepton Road | Midhurst | West Sussex | GU29 9NB

Telephone: 0845 60 70 999 Mobile: 07917 073577

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Operation Limestone

Further to my previous alert regarding the recovery of stolen saddles/tack, stone garden ornaments & furniture by the Sussex Police those items not reunited with their owners can now be viewed on the internet. To check if any of the items recovered have been stolen from you please go to the Police lost and found property website www.virtualbumblebee.co.uk and click on the Operation Limestone link on the front page.

Other Sussex crimes

A number of vehicles at farm premises were broken into overnight 16. 17 December in Scaynes Hill by the A272 and about 20 chainsaws have been stolen, possibly with other similar items. Police serial 172 of 17/12/2009 refers. An outbuilding in North Stoke was burgled overnight 14 December where a number battery power tools have been stolen. Police serial 1522 16/12/09.

Good advice

With the arrival of the frosty mornings please do not start your vehicles and leave them unattended to warm up. It only takes a few moments to steal a car and there are opportunist thieves out and about even in the rural area. To make matters worse if your car was stolen your insurance company are very unlikely to cover you for the theft! That on the rural area is enough to ruin anybody Christmas.

Attention Drawn

At 12.50 hours today a red Ford P1 pickup truck, registration number G217!!! stopped outside a horse rescue centre in Ashburnham, the 2 male occupants, dressed in bright yellow florescent jackets, then started to call out and make a lot of noise. The owner of the premises was alerted by the noise and confronted the offenders who made the old excuse that they were looking for a child's pony then made off. If you observe this vehicle call 0845 60 70 999 and quote serial 734/16-10-2009. Do not confront them

Bedfordshire Police Telephone: 01234 841212

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

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David Layton: David.Layton@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

[- Bedford - 14/12/09 Horse Watch Suspicious]

This is a Ringmaster message to all Horse Watch members, from Bedfordshire Police. Please pass the details of this message, to any staff, business contacts, or neighbours.

Bedfordshire Police have received a report of suspicious activity in a field, in Statford Road in Sandy.

The owner has discovered a number of plaits in the hair of the mane. No damage has been caused to the horse, or property at the location.

If owners discover similar plaits or knots in their horses hair, we would be ask them to take a photograph, brush out, or cut the knot from the mane, and report the incident to the Police.

Bedfordshire Police ask rural businesses, and owners of livestock to be vigilant.

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Please report any suspicious visitors, or vehicles immediately, to the Police Control Centre.

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

Information of very vague that 4 horses in the East Grimstead area of the county had their manes plaited

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 2 Dec 09

We had a report yesterday morning 1st that males were hare coarsing in a green Land Rover Discovery N683 DWW around Knowleton church Wimborne.

The report is sketchy but I understand the helicopter located some males in the woods and they were identified and items have been siezed from their vehicle.

Anita Rigler

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

Farm Watch 9 December 2009

North Poorton near Bridport a burglary to outbuildings discovered this morning. 2 quad bikes stolen with a 3rd having their fuel cap removed and syphoned. Entry gained by smashing the padlock.

Piddletrenthide theft from farm shed discovered 4 Dec. 2 padlocks broken and door forced. Another quad bike stolen. This guad was well secured inside the shed but security was unfortunately overcome.

Boys Hill, Sherborne break to a shed discovered 4 Dec another quad bike stolen together with trailer. However another farmer disturbed males in a white Transit 110 SH57 ATK earlier that morning in a field in North Wootton. They were acting suspiciously by a trailer. On police attendance the trailer was recovered and identified as the one stolen above and quad tracks were seen across the field.

WE WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR ANY SIGHTINGS OF THIS VEHICLE. This is a South Yorkshire registered vehicle, just like the other white "S" reg Transit you were all looking for. Is it the same vehicle on different plates or just a replacement vehicle because you are all so aware of the other one? Use the 999 system if seen again please. Incident 171 dated 4 Dec refers. We wish to have a chat to the occupants of this vehicle and

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elliminate them from our enquiries.

Other news.

Christchurch at Winkton stables entered discovered early hours of this morning. Everything searched including the first aid box but nothing appears to be stolen.

However at Bournemouth, Holdenhurst a male was disturbed in farm outbuildings late last night. On police attendance the bearded male was identified as a vagrant and I believe he was removed from the area by officers. May or may not be connected.

Beacon Hill Lane Corfe Mullen an agricultural yard broken into by cutting the chain on the gate. Trailer stolen.

Waddock 400 litres of white diesel stolen after the sender unit was twisted out and fuel syphoned. Whilst officers attended this crime I understand some shed on this site were also broken into recently but as yet unreported officially.

Forde Abbey Chard theft of Christmas trees from a wooded area about 1730 hrs 6 Dec, victim believes a maroon Transit tipper may be responsible as the trees were cut down and this vehicle was seen to leave shortly afterwards laden with trees. M817 VYA. This is a Somerset vehicle therefore West Dorset may wish to note any future sightings please. Incident 412 dated 6 December refers.

Sorry if I missed anything.

Anita Rigler

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

Farm Watch update 10 12 09

Another quad bike has been stolen unfortunately. This time from an isolated container used as a storage shed in Warmwell in Dorchester. Tools and a Quad bike were stolen.

A recent farm watch victim close to this area did say he saw some suspcious males in a blue VW Golf L356 YDL. Made excuses when approached.

This vehicle was stop checked by officers on the Holton Heath Ind Est last night. No offences as unfortunately nothing was in the vehicle which could have led to an arrest but this vehicle does need keen observations please. It is a vehicle we would like to eliminate from our enquiries with regard to the theft of diesel. This vehicle lives in the centre of your patch so you will all need to be aware. He is certainly travelling at the moment!

Gussage St Michael reported suspicious male in a white Corsa Van this afternoon who drove slowly past the farm workshop 4 times late this afternoon. When approached left very quickly. No vehicle details unfortunately.

A farm in Mosterton today reported a bridle way gate stolen believed by males in a white Transit van. One male heavily tattooed. No registration number unfortunately. However the male in the white transit wanted in connection with the theft of quad bikes in previous message (S373) was also heavily tattooed. Bearing in mind recent thefts I am wondering if connected or not.

A garage door was forced afternoon of 7 Dec in the Farrington area of Blandford. Fishing tackle has been stolen.

Now I have read somewhere, and it may not be connected to the same break, that a warrant was carried out on the home address of a local male in Blandford very recently and fishing tackle was recovered. I cannot see that the male has been arrested at this stage. He may have been, I just cannot see the information.

I hope it is a good result and belongs to the above.

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Wigbeth Horton theft of 110 litres of diesel from a Scania Tractor Artic But this was end Nov. Just reported.

Piddlehinton theft of a Hotline Electric fencer and shield battery from remote farm area 4/5 Dec.

Also Church Street Weymouth 6/7 Dec.

Finally Coombe Keynes Wareham break to stables 6/7 Dec. One stable door kicked in. Horse feed stolen from within.

HORSE OWNERS. please please post code your rugs in large white paint letters. This is the time of year that they start to disappear.

Anita Rigler

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

Farm Watch 14 Dec 09

Those of you, especially around Wimborne, will be familiar with Peugeot M227 XBP involved in poaching and rural crime. He lost his vehicle following a routine stop check this morning because it appeared unsafe. I believe the feeling is that the vehicle is unlikely to be considered roadworthy enough to be given back to him but who knows.

This means he will be getting another vehicle in the near future therefore it is important that we identify what this will be at the earliest opportunity so make sure your calls come in please.

Cerne Abbas break to gamekeeper shed on a farm 13/14 Dec. Battery charger and refreshments mainly stolen.

Tarrant Hinton diesel stolen from tank overnight. Gate also forced 11/12 Dec.

Blackney Bridport theft of a quantity of logs 12 Dec

Wareham Road Organford 2 trailers stolen. This is the summary from the crime report.

"6FT X 4FT WITH 3 FT HIGH SIDED GALVANISED TRAILER, HAD NO BACK AND HAD AN EX CHICKEN GATE WHICH HAS BEEN BENT OVER TO FIT. ALSO HAS POLES IN EACH CORNER WITH RAILINGS AND NETTING AROUND THE POLES, HAD A WHITE BAND WITH WESSEX TRAILERS IN READ ON THE FRAME AND ALSO A NAME PLATE STATING OLD FORGE, OLD SAREM.

THE TRAILER WAS SECURED WITH THICK CHAIN WHICH HAS BEEN CUT AND LEFT IN THE SIDE GARDEN, THE TRAILER COULD NOT BE SEEN FROM THE ROAD AS WAS BETWEEN A CARAVAN AND HEDGE."

Rodden Weymouth electric fencer and battery stolen mid week also a young male turkey stolen last Sun/Mon evening.

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

Tail plaiting Incident

Date not provided but about 13 December 2009. Information received via email into Hampshire Horsewatch

Report received that a pony had been found plaited. 2 other ponies in the adjoining paddocks were also found with plaits in their manes.

The fields are on Old Wareham Rd, Corfe mullen, Wimborne (opposite Trickets farm)

(incorporating information from around the country)

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Avon & Somerset Constabulary Telephone: 0845 456 7000

Lindsey Stone, Watch Scheme Administrator, Somerset West Police District. Tel 01823-363348 (direct

line) or Email <u>lindsey.stone@avonandsomerset.police.uk</u>

Justin Gay 07795 503242 PCSO <u>Justin.Gay@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk</u>

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(Somerton and Wincanton South Somerset)

Carol Barnett chathamrow@ukonline.co.uk

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

Avon and Somerset list: J District Northern Sector

Michele Barrett <u>Michele.Barrett@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk</u> direct 07919697635 Andy Gatenby <u>Andrew.Gatenby@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk</u> direct 07876392713 Pen Gatenby <u>Penelope.Gatenby@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk</u> direct 07917529437

Suspicious Vehicle and Person

Date prior to 15 December 2009

In the areas surrounding Ilminster, Somerset there have been three reports over the last couple of days of a suspicious visitor to farms, one in Donyatt and two in Winsham.

The logs describe an Irish male, who tries to disguise his accent, about 50 years of a heavy build and clean cut. He is offering for sale generators, pressure washers, power tools and chain saws. He is driving a silver grey 4x4 or people carrier (could be a Ford Galazy or Ssangyong) with an Irish number plate similar to 07C913.

While visiting the locations he has been to he is described as eyeing up premises.

Thank you

Tess Smith 8682 PCSO Support for South Somerset North Horse Watch Coordinator for South Somerset Rural Tel 0845 456 7000 Ext 62029 or 07825 756276

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 <u>penny.wiggins@gloucestershire.police.uk</u>

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Theft

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A rug has stolen after being taken off a horse in a field near Staunton, Coleford, Gloucestershire, on 1 December 2009. It is a lightweight Robinsons requisite rug in a multi blue colour check. size 6ft 3".

If you know anything about this rug or have seen one dumped somewhere please contact:-0845 090 1234 - quoting incident 269 1/12/09.

Regards
Mel
PC 695 Melanie Campbell
Horsewatch Co-ordinator
Gloucester South Police Station - (Quedgeley)
0845 090 1234 Ext 4182

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

Theft from MV

Stolen Woodlands, Doncaster, 30.11/01.12.09
Saddle and bridle
Car door levered open
Crime ref A/124306/09

Theft of Horse Trailer

Stolen 27.11.09 from Woodthorpe, Sheffield

Equitrek Daytrecker trailer, serial RH120001135, white. Tracker fitted.

Suspects stopped outside address in a white transit van YU52 DHE. One of the males got out, smashed off the trailer hitchlock and then hitched the trailer to the transit and they drove off, smashing off the wheel clamp . Crime ref K/123174/09

Burglary

Howarth Lodge Riding Centre was burgled 25/26.11.09 and a large quantity of saddles were stolen including Stubben and Morris & Nolan makes.

Thieves broke in overnight and broke into metal security cabin, they were unable to break the locks but broke into the roof and took saddles only, bridles seem to have been left.

Cirme ref C/122509/09

Theft of Horse Trailer

Stolen 24.11.09 from Tickhill, Doncaster Ifor Williams black trailer with silver roof. Tracker fitted. Crime ref A/121999/09

Theft of Horse Trailer

Stolen from Long Line, Sheffield 20.11.09

Ifor Williams, blue with silver trim, silver roof, double axle trailer. Chassis **TG731000/6**, Vin number **5058463**. Data tagged.

Crime ref K/120315/09

Joanne Kennedy Equine Liaison

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MAPP Unit ext 8302 fax 8885 tel 0114 2523302 fax 0114 2523885

Stolen Trailer

There has been an Ifor Williams Trailer stolen from Hopton Horse centre, Mirfield 12/11/09 between 1930 - 2020 hours. Please can you circulate the details around our members.

£2500 completely black incl roof IFOR Williams trailer with orange postcode written on the roof M41 9WL. It has long rectangle slider tinted windows to the front on both sides. Sponsored by MEC written on the side and 'Supplied by Trojan Trailers' on the rear. The jockey wheel is possibly damaged as well.

Birkenshaw - Horses mane has cut this weekend also.

Theft of Horse

Stolen from the horse sales at Holmfirth (Wood Nook at Honley) . on Saturday 28th November

Black cob - Approx 14 hands - called Dillon. He is all black apart from the front feet which have white feathers...he is approx 2 yrs 6 months old....the owner had left it tied up to be shod but when he returned it had gone.

Photograph attached - please can you circulate to everyone.



Stolen Trailer

Stolen 11/12.12.09 from Wickersley, Rotherham - Ifor Williams 505, green trailer. Serial number **358256J2485**. Fixed partition Crime ref C/128397/09

Joanne Kennedy

(incorporating information from around the country)

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Equine Liaison MAPP Unit ext 8302 fax 8885 tel 0114 2523302 fax 0114 2523885

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

WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE HORSEWATCH

BEWARE POSSIBLE NEW SCAM

Several reports locally of dogs let loose near livery yards and then a male coming into the yard pretending to look for them. Dogs have been either an Alsatian dog and/or a Staffordshire bull terrier seen at one yard

X reg black Mercedes car seen at another yard male challenged on yard looking into stables stated he was looking for his dog. Part VRM: X 782A*L

HORSE WATCH ALERT FROM THE OUTLANE, HUDDERSFIELD AREA

Several horse owners in the area have seen over the last week a car parked up watching them. Driver may have had dark hair and was white. The car was a black VW Golf GTi with a roof rack on. Believed the reg was starting with OU02. The car was seen following 2 riders whilst on a hack and although nothing appears to have been stolen, late night checks at the yard, find that yard lights that have been off are on and last night the shavings store door was open when it had shut that evening.

SEEN IN SUSPICOUS CIRCUMSTANCES

Suspicious circumstances - 15:30hrs Thurs 10th December 2009 in Whitley, Dewsbury in the area of Quebec Farm and Croft House Farm.

Blue car and a white van. The occupants were white males in their thirties were Irish accents. They stated they were looking for livery and asked about other farms in the area.

The VRMos given do not match the vehicle and are registered to a Blue Vauxhall Omega and a white VW Transporter van.

STOLEN TACK

5 saddles stolen from the Hopton area:

Prestige event saddle (tobacco)
Prestige paris D jumping saddle (black)
Alibion dressage saddle (black)
Ideal working hunter saddle (brown)

ALL MARKED WITH 'WF14 8EH' IN PERMENANT BLACK MARKER PEN UNDER THE TREE'S 2 INCH TALL

Plus 8 bridles including, Albion, Stubbon, Passier taken on the 02/12/09 between 7am and 5pm

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BURGLARY AT LIVERY STABLES - BRIGHOUSE

The livery has several stables each one occupied. The farm is surrounded by several large fields and backs onto a Golf Club. Between the hours of 8pm on 15 November 2009 and 07:00hrs on 16 November entry is gained to the stables via the Golf Club. It appears that a vehicle possibly a transit van has entered the golf club via an in secure gate and driven across several driving ranges and two large paddocks knocking down several wooden gates in order to gain access to the livery. Once at the courtyard area suspects have approached the main warehouse which is sectioned out into two smaller rooms and a training paddock. The two rooms consist of a Tack room containing numerous saddles and horse rugs and the second room being a feed room. Both rooms have an MDF roof and on top of the roof is a Hay loft which is accessed by a ladder. There is 1 door to the warehouse which is alarmed and both interior rooms have alarm sensors on them. Suspects have gained entry by knocking down the exterior wall using a sledge hammer. Once inside the warehouse suspects have climbed up onto the hay loft and removed a section of the roof. They have then climbed down into the tack room and used a saw (possibly a Stihl saw) to cut across the bottom half of the door.

They have then removed 20 x saddles and 15 rugs

STOLEN TRAILER

Ifor Williams Trailer stolen from Hopton Horse centre, Mirfield 12/11/09 between 1930 - 2020 hours. Completely black, including roof. IFOR Williams trailer with orange postcode written on the roof M41 9WL. It has long rectangle slider tinted windows to the front on both sides. Sponsored by MEC written on the side and 'Supplied by Trojan Trailers' on the rear. The jockey wheel is possibly damaged as well.

STABLE BURGLARY

A burglary other occurred at Lower Hall Farm, Lower Hall Lane, Liversedge between 26/11/09 & 27/11/09. The 5 outbuildings were forced gaining access to the horses and expensive saddle equipment. None of these items were removed but it is clear whoever entered came prepared as all locks removed with some sort of bolt croppers. Only item taken was a £10 torch.

HORSES MANES AND TAILS BEING CUT OFF

Police have had reports of horsesqtails being cut off. This has occurred in the Bradford and Kirklees areas. Tails have been cut off right up to the dock. Thankfully none of the horses were hurt.

Some weeks ago we had reports of manes also being plaited. There is no evidence in West Yorkshire to support the theory that this is to mark the horses so they are easy to steal. However, there have been reports from around the country of horses manes being plaited to mark them to steal in the dark and possibility that horse tails are being cut to use on hand made rocking horses or to use in wigs. Some companies advertise bespoke made items with <code>%eal+</code> horsehair. And wigs and barristers wigs are still made using horse hair. Again, no evidence but ites a possibility and an easy way for someone to make some money.

STOLEN HORSE

FROM WOUDENBERG, UTRECHT PROVINCE. THE NETHERLANDS

Thursday 10th December

A beautiful Rocky Mountain Stallion stolen from the pasture to Woudenberg Utrecht Province.

This took place between 21.30 and 22.00. Eyewitness saw a Jeep with a trailer load it.

His shoulder height is around 1.55m and he is chocolate brown in colour. He has light brown mane and a slight summer fade to blonde. He is 4 years old. He features white socks behind, right above the ball slightly left and slightly lower. He has a white beak different right. He has a few white hairs on his head walking into a half circle. He currently has lacerations to both hind legs, the scars can be slight.

His chip number is 528210000445261. His pedigree name is Bart's Maker's Mark.

Photo attached.

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Message

Dear All

Please find attached a number of incidents which have occurred over recent weeks in West Yorkshire plus the theft of a very beautiful horse from The Netherlands \tilde{o} . see above

As always, this is not the full list of incidents, but it is the only information that has made its way to me.

My sincere apologies for my lack of communication on behalf of West Yorkshire Police Horsewatch. I am currently working on Operation Northdale which is the Christmas alcohol related rape and sexual assault campaign. This is taking up all my time and my week-ends given the tight deadlines.

As ever - we must reiterate to our members and all horse owners - Be vigilant and keep your horses and your tack safe. You will note from one of the crimes - some people will go to any lengths to steal what they want. We need to make it harder for them where we can.

Again, my apologies for lack of contact

Regards Fiona

Fiona Pearson
Project Officer
Local Policing Department Projects Unit

Ext: 22889

Direct Dial: (01924) 292889 Mobile: 07736 086358

Email: Fiona.Pearson@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Durham Constabulary Telephone: 0845 606 0365

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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

Theft of Hay

CC-13122009-0180

13/12/09

Farm location, Pringle Way, Little Stukeley, Huntingdon Theft of 30 bales of haylage, 1m x 0.5m bales wrapped in green plastic worth around £900.

If you have any information on this or any other crime please contact Cambridgeshire Constabulary on 0345 4564564

Cambridgeshire Horsewatch Mobile: 07921 294939

email: horsewatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Hare Coursing

As some of you may be aware we are now in the middle of the illegal Hare Coursing season.

Please be on the look out whilst you are out riding for groups of males with lurcher or greyhound type dogs.

These males usually turn up on farmland in 4x4 cars and vans, they will walk across farmers fields in search of hares, then release the dogs to kill the hares.

Please do not approach or confront these people but telephone Cambridgeshire Constabulary on 0345 4564564 if you see them gathering or 999 if you see them out on land.

Thank you for your help - 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

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Nottinghamshire Police Telephone: 0115 967 0999

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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

Anyone who is interested in joining or would like more information can log onto the Suffolk Police website. http://www.suffolk.police.uk/Crime+Reduction/Watch+Schemes/Horse+Watch/

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

If you have any information on the crimes detailed in this bulletin, please contact Suffolk Police on 01473 613500. If you would prefer to pass on information anonymously call Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111

Crimes / Offences between 24 November and 15 December 2009

Please note: other offences may have occurred during this period, however details cannot be disclosed as the victim has stated they object to publicity.

Location Ousden

Date 09:00 on 27/11/09 and 09:00 on 28/11/09

Crime Category PropertyBurglary . other building
Horse trailer jockey wheels x 3

Additional information During a period of 24 hours offender(s) has approached open barn within a

secure compound and removed jockey wheels from three horse trailers

leaving them jacked up on items found in barn.

Crime Reference HH/09/2656

Location Earl Soham

Date Between 20:00 on 3/12/09 and 21:00 on 04/12/09

Crime CategoryBurglary . other buildingPropertySaddles x 1 (Brown leather)

Additional information

Crime Reference LE/09/1731

Location Hundon

Date Between 05:00 and 06:00 on 08/12/09

Crime CategoryTheft - otherPropertySaddles x 2

Additional information Unknown suspect has entered yard containing unlocked stables and

entered one stable and stole two riding saddles

Crime Reference HH/09/2711

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 Tel: 01785 234429

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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 684384

WARWICKSHIRE POLICE WATCH SCHEMES Warwickshire Police - 01926 684385 Fax - 01926 684384 Email watch@warwickshire.police.ukMESSAGE

RW SA Incidents at farms in Roneys Lane, Alvecote & Alcester Road, Beoley INC 143 of 27 November

Please be aware of the following incidents which have occurred at farms in South Warwickshire over recent days.

At around 11.45am on 27 November the resident of a farm premises in Roneys Lane, Alvescote was alerted by his dog barking that two males were hitching up his trailer to a Nissan Primera.

The resident went out to confront them and as he did so the trailer hit him and caused him to fall to the ground. The offenders then managed to make off with the galvanised steel 3.5 tonne flatbed trailer.

It was later discovered that the offenders had tampered with the electric gates to the premises.

At just after 8.30pm on 1 December offenders smashed the kitchen window of a farm premises in Alcester Road, Beoley and entered the house. The offenders then conducted an untidy search before locating the log book and keys to an Audi TT along with a gold and platinum watch, a divers watch, a passport, and a quantity of Euros.

The vehicle was not taken. The offenders were then disturbed by a neighbour and made off after telling the witness that he had a gun although no weapon was seen.

The males made off over fields and were chased by a dog towards Gorcott Hill where they got into a dark green Rover Saloon vehicle with a part registration of GJ03 and headed on M43 towards Birmingham.

The offenders are described as 3 black males.

Please remain alert, on the lookout for suspicious persons or activity on or around your premises or land and please report anything that you consider to be out of the ordinary or of concern to police. Thankyou.

Julie Dale Watch Co-ordinator Community Protection

To report crime or pass on any other information about this message ring 01926 415000. Quote the incident number if known. PREVENT CAR CRIME - DO NOT LEAVE PROPERTY IN YOUR CAR or CAR BOOT PREVENT BURGLARY - DO NOT LEAVE DOORS and WINDOWS OPEN

Found Pony

WARWICKSHIRE POLICE WATCH SCHEMES Warwickshire Police - 01926 684385 Fax - 01926 684384 Email watch@warwickshire.police.ukMESSAGEHOW WK Colt pony found in Leek Wootton on Saturday 12 December

Please can we make you aware that on the afternoon of Saturday 12 December as colt pony was found walking around the roads of Leek Wootton, Warwick.

The pony appears to be very well kept and in good condition and looks to be about 2 years old.

The pony is currently being looked after by a responsible person.

If you think that you know who the pony may belong to please contact me on 01926 684385 and I will put you in touch with the kind people who have taken him in. Thankyou.

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Julie Dale Watch Co-ordinator

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West Mercia Police

(incorporating Worcestershire, Shropshire, Herefordshire)

Telephone: 08457 444 888

Rural Watch Message 1/12/2009

Dear all, I have searched the force systems to find any rural crime for you. There have been a couple of tack rooms broken into near to Droitwich and a few others force wide. However nationally I have to tell you that saddlery theft is on the increase with some very heavy property losses at some yards which run into thousands of pounds.

Some tack has been recovered but an owner cannot be traced as it isnot post coded or marked in any way which is really sad. If we are unable to identify it we have no option but to hand it back to the criminal as we cannot prove they have stolen it. So please consider tack marking.

There have been some trailer thefts but nothing like he numbers recorded earlier in the year. Copper wiring is in demand and so is scrap metal. There have been no new reported cases of tractor thefts. Farm gates both wooden and metal have been reported as stolen.

There was a report of an old pony being stolen from The Lenches, near Evesham. This pony has been found nearby and was rescued from a ditch by the Fire Service.

We are still having reports of manes being plaited as a precursor to identifying horses for theft. These incidents have not been confirmed and there is now some evidence to suggest this is a hoax. I also have to let you know that the email I circulated a few weeks ago about the pony being abandoned at the port in Hollyhead has also been confirmed as a hoax. I did make some checks at the time and felt the information to be genuine but I was wrong. In future I will make enquiries directly with the force concerned. My apologies.

With best wishes, Gail.

WPC 3308 Greenhouse Broadway Police Station Tel 0300 333 3000 ext 3777 gail.greenhouse@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Ringmaster - Shrewsbury - Missing Horse Whitchurch

[WELCOME TO SHROPSHIRE COMMUNITY MESSAGING - Shrewsbury - Missing Horse Whitchurch]

A horse is missing from a field at Tilstock, near Whitchurch. The 13 hand black and white Colford stallion has gone missing over the past few weeks.

It was in a field near Darnford Hall with a number of other horses.

Whitchurch police are appealing for information or sightings in a bid to trace it.

Ref: 0521S 011209

If you need to contact us please ring 0300 333 3000 - In an emergency dial 999

Or you can email mailto:contactus@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

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Subject: Ringmaster Email - SouthWorcester - FW 4.12.09 (1)

[SOUTH WORCS COMMUNITY MESSAGING . South Worcester - FW 4.12.09 (1)]

Good morning,

The following message is going to Farm Watch across South Worcestershire, but relates to a series of incidents in the area surrounding Evesham.

There appears to be spate of thefts of batteries from agricultural vehicles in the Evesham area at the moment.

Offenders appear to be targeting remote rural locations to commit these thefts.

Please take all reasonable security precautions.

Many thanks.

Regards,

Adrian Symonds
Neighbourhood Watch Administrator
South Worcestershire
West Mercia Police

Subject: Ringmaster - Shrewsbury - Bridgnorth Rural & Horse

[WELCOME TO SHROPSHIRE COMMUNITY MESSAGING - Shrewsbury - Bridgnorth Rural & Horse]

On the morning of 3/12/09 outbuildings in the Upper Aston area of Claverley where broken into and tools and tack stolen. Amongst the stolen tack items: Chifney bit & headpiece; two headcollars & ropes; grey weather beater horse rug; maroon Thermatic rug with green lining and "Cheezie" embroidered on it; New Zealand style bright blue rug; blue Chill Cheater stable rug; purple NZ rug and a fudge coloured NZ rug. Ref: 0278S 031209.

Rural Watch Message 10/12/09

Two more FENDT tractors were stolen from the Pershore area in the last few days. The tractors are nearly new and valued at approximately £150 000. It appears that one tractor was used to tow away the other on a trailer and then both tractors were re loaded onto another trailer somewhere between Hinton on the Green and Elmley Castle.

If you have any information concerning this theft please call 0300 333 3000 referring to incident 89-S-071209 or ring Crimestoppers confidentially on 0800 555 111.

There have been a few reported tack thefts in and around the area. It is also the time of year when chicken and ducks thefts increase; there were two reported incidents in Evesham this week.

Traditionally this is the time of year when we see an increase in theft from vehicles, mainly due to presents bought for Christmas which are left on show inside the car. Please dong leave valuables in vehicles unless absolutely necessary and if you do have to do this keep them out of sight.

WPC 3308 Greenhouse Broadway Police Station Tel 0300 333 3000 ext 3777 gail.greenhouse@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Theft of a horse box...min detail sorry!

On Wednesday 4th March between 8am and 3.30pm from the Belbroughton area. The vehicle is a white Ford

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Horsebox

Please contact us with any information or click the following link:http://www.safer-northworcestershire.org

RURAL WATCH MESSAGE 14/12/2009

Please be aware that heavy duty batteries are the latest accessory for would be thieves. Several tractor batteries were stolen over the weekend from Chris Tallis at Hinton on the Green.

Please visibly mark any batteries that you have to make them less saleable to a second hand market.

Regards, Gail.

WPC 3308 Greenhouse Broadway Police Station Tel 0300 333 3000 ext 3777 qail.greenhouse@westmercia.pnn.police.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

Telephone: 07794 453911

Chair Co-ordinator . Tara Heinemann. Telephone: 01544 318038 Email: hfdshorsewatch@aol.com.

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

IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

New 'horse watch' scheme set up

A "horse-watch" scheme has been set up by police in Shropshire to help owners protect their animals and equipment.

Anyone who owns a horse in the county is being urged to sign up to the project, being run by West Mercia Police. Owners are encouraged to get their animals microchipped, and find ways to help keep their horses and ponies, and equipment, safe.

They are also warned about recent thefts and other incidents in the area.

Hello Anne,

We have been contacted today by Charlotte White of Horse and Hound, enquiring about the second group calling themselves Shrosphire Horse Watch. The Shropshire Horse Watch is part of the UK Horse Watch Alliance, of all the people who went to the Shrewsbury meeting all are under the illusion that they have joined Shropshire Horse Watch but have infact joined the West Mercia ringmaster system, rural/horse watch, this mistake does need

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clarifying.

If they want to be an independent group the information still needs to get to the rest of Shropshire and the UK Alliance.

Kind regards Caroline Passey Secretary of Shropshire Horse Watch

Northamptonshire Police Telephone: 03000 111 222

Northants Horsewatch www.horsewatchnorthants.org.uk

Sandy Redmore | Ipchilds@bursam.plus.com or Linda Childs sandy.redmore@btinternet.com

<u>Subject: NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COMMUNITY MESSAGING - Northampton North - NB-CMS-0532-2009 - Tax Rebate Scam 04/12</u>

[NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COMMUNITY MESSAGING - Northampton North - NB-CMS-0532-2009 - Tax Rebate Scam 04/12]

Good Morning, this is a message from the Northamptonshire North Police Community Safety Unit.

* Crooks target council tax payers with bogus rebates *

A telephone scam that targets council tax payers, falsely claiming they have won a council tax rebate, is today exposed by the Valuation Office Agency.

Many households across the country have received calls from crooks claiming to be VOA or council officials who tell their victims that they are eligible for thousands of pounds in council tax rebate.

The 'lucky' people are asked to send the caller their credit card or bank account details so the money can be refunded. Other scams ask for a one-off administration fee to process the refund.

VOA Director of Council Tax, Tim Eden, said:

"This is outrageous and targets vulnerable people with false promises.

People must not pay any attention to these crooks and should report such calls to the police. Some of the callers are very aggressive and intimidating to make people pay up, but people should not be fooled into thinking these calls are legitimate. The VOA does not ask people for financial details.

"If people have questions about their council tax band, they should go to our website, www.voa.gov.uk, where they can get information on how bands are determined and what to do if they disagree with their banding."

* Article from http://www.northants.police.uk/ *

Thank you for your continued support.

Message Reference: NB-CMS-0532-2009

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This is a message from the Northamptonshire North Police Community Safety Unit to all Farm/Rural Watch members.

CORBY ROAD, Gretton. Crime Number NB-21032-09

Between 17:00 04 December and 14:30 08 December, a field shelter were hay is stored was broken into. A horse trailer containing hay was set alight. Damage has been caused to the trailer beyond repair. Nothing appears to have been stolen.

If you have any information about the above crime please contact us (quoting the above crime number) on the dedicated watch line 01604 432 436 or alternatively contact us on the below Police contact details.

Thank you for your continued support.

Message Reference: NB-CMS-0566-2009

[NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COMMUNITY MESSAGING - Northamptonshire West - 14.12.09 - WB/CMS/1642/09 - FARM/RURAL]

This is a message from Northamptonshire West Police to all members of Farm/Rural Watch.

Please be aware that a rural property on the Towcester Road was broken in to sometime between 08:30 Saturday 13 December and 08:30 Sunday 13 December. In this incident the offenders cut the padlock to the gate and forced open a stable door.

In another incident sometime between 16:00 and 17:20 Saturday 12 December, a farmer received a phone call stating that there were dogs in his field with the sheep and the gate was seen to be open. The offenders then removed the Landrover Defender from the property. Police later recovered this vehicle.

Please remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity or anything that concerns you using the using the dedicated watch line on 01604 432436, alternatively contact Northamptonshire West Police or Crimestoppers on the numbers below quoting WB/CMS/1642/09. Thank you

Northamptonshire Police Contact Details

Emergency: 999

Northamptonshire Police Switchboard: 03000 111 222

Alternatively Call Crime Stoppers Anonymously: 0800 555 111

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

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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

No information received

Merseyside Police 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

Contact for Powys Horsewatchhaydn.lavin@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk

A correction to earlier information in last bulletin

In the last Bulletin it was stated that PC Haydn Lavin was looking to start up a Horsewatch scheme on Dyfed Powys.

In reality he is only covering Powys.

However anybody interested in being involved in horse watch in Dyfed can find out more by contacting their local Police station and asking for their local community safety officer

Haydnos e mail address isõ õ õ õ õ õ is haydn.lavin@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk

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

Gwent Police Incident 217 02/12/09

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Burglary

Sometime between 9.45am and 1.20pm on 2 December 2009, a tack room on Monmouth Road, Abergavenny was forcibly entered and a saddle, sheepskin numnah, leathers, irons, girth and a brown leather cover were removed.

Please check your security and contact your local neighbourhood officer if you would like advice.

Many thanks

Ruth

Ruth James CO139

Severnside Neighbourhood Policing Team

Caldicot Police Station.

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.

Southern Ireland An Garda Siochana Telephone: 00353 1 666 0000

No information received

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
www.horsewatchstrathclyde.co.uk
karen.beattie@horsewatchstrathclyde.co.uk
mary.sloan@horsewatchstrathclyde.co.uk

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

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Overseas News

No information received.

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

Useful Contacts

 UK Horsewatch Alliance
 www.ukhorsewatch.org.uk

 Stolen Horse Register
 www.stolenhorseregister.com

National Equine Database <u>www.nedonline.co.uk</u>

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

www.equisecurity.co.uk 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>

<u>www.missinghorsesonloan.co.uk</u> or email <u>missinghorsesonloan@gmail.com</u> 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

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

www.equinemarketwatch.org.uk Equine Market Watch Welfare

www.tracingequines.co.uk www.animalsonline.org.uk

Hampshire Horsewatch Bulletin (incorporating information from around the country)

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DERBYSHIRE HORSE RELATED CRIMES AND INCIDENTS

For 3 to 9 December 2009 inclusive.

Division	Reference	Date	Location	Details
Α	Inc 170	8 th Dec	Nottingham Road, Ripley	Reported: Two loose horses on football pitch. Caller concerned they could easily get onto main road. Outcome: Owner contacted and retrieved horses.
В	Inc 19	4 th Dec	Cromford Hill, Cromford	Reported: Two horses escaped from a field and were wandering on the road. Outcome: The horses were returned to their field.
В	Incs 410 & 404	8 th Dec	Park Crescent, Hadfield	Reported: A horse was seen on the Crescent and in peoples gardens. Outcome: The owner took the horse back home.
С	Inc 460	5 th Dec	Ashgate Road, Chesterfield	Reported: Black horse was running along road, appeared to be distressed. Outcome: Horse was returned to field and owner arrived to repair fence.
С	Inc 225	7 th Dec	Williamthorpe Rd, North Wingfield	Reported: Two horses had got out of their field. Outcome: Further call received saying the horses had been retrieved by their owner.
С	CR 70680/09	8 th Dec	Pilsley Rd, Danesmoor	Reported: An unknown offender forced two padlocks off a driveway gate, forced two wheel locks, forced a hitchlock then stole an Ifor Williams HB 505 trailer. The trailer, worth £1800, was double axled, black with a silver roof. Serial number 88488. At the time the names Sea Witch and Lady Davali were displayed on the sides of the trailer (but could now have been removed). The theft occurred between 7.45pm and 11.30pm. Outcome: Under investigation.
D	No reports			<u> </u>