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Editorial Comment

Please take time to look at the following Belgium internet hyperlink:- <http://www.paardenspeurder.be>
It can be requested in English, then look at 2009. It will come up with all horses/ponies stolen this year.
Do you recognise any of them?

Found

Fantastic news - Oscar, Millie and Sienna have all been found in the last few days due to all the hard work of the owners, Horsecatch schemes and police! Great news!

Found

Wonderful news, I have found my stolen skewbald mare, Janie. She is alive and very well, been beautifully cared for by a lovely family who bought her in good faith from a dealer. We have not publicised this although we found her on Monday, because the police were questioning the dealer today and we did not want her to have the chance to get together with the woman who stole her to concoct a story.

Found

According to information spotted on an internet chatroom we are led to believe that Tim, a 19 year old Arab chestnut gelding put on loan and subsequently sold without owners consent has been located in Scotland. No further details are available.

Good Reason to Pass Wide and Slow

If you ever wondered how much damage a horse could do to a car view this video
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/8184637.stm (Don't worry it's not gory or a sad ending, well not unless it was your car!)

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Stolen

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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 Horsewatches.

**South East Region covering:
Hampshire Constabulary, Thames Valley Police, Surrey Police, Hertfordshire Constabulary, Essex Police, Kent Police, Sussex Police, Bedfordshire Police and The Metropolitan Police Service**

Hampshire Constabulary
Telephone: 0845 0454545
Hampshire Horsewatch Mobile 07762 754788 or 07790 440478
David Collings (Force Equine Liaison Officer) 07867 972868
Hampshire Horsewatch, Fleet Police Station, Fleet, Hampshire
Non emergency number 0845 045 45 45 Email: equine@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
www.hampshire.police.uk

Caravans stolen

Please be aware of caravan thefts in the Hart area - stolen from storage area on farmland. Several others damaged. Two others taken and recovered in another county:

2 x outstanding stolen caravans
ABBEY VOGUE 520T3B
SWIFT CONQUEROR

Kind regards

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

Thames Valley Police
Telephone: 0845 8505505
Thames Valley Mounted Section 01908 686075
Watch Administrator . Thames Valley Police 0118 9181644
Christine.seal@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk
www.thamesvalleyhorsewatch.org.uk tvhorsewatch@btinternet.com

No information received

Surrey Police
Telephone: 0845 1252222
S.A.F.E. Surrey Action for Equines (Surrey Horsewatch) Tel: 01420 487625
www.surrey-action-for-equine.co.uk

No information received.

Hertfordshire Constabulary
Telephone: 0845 3300222
Email: eastherthorsewatch@hotmail.com Jill.dockley@herts.pnn.police.uk 01992 533043
The scheme is running in the Eastern area but will be rolled out across the county later.

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.

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Sussex Police

Telephone: 0845 6070999

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

Suspicious male

On Friday 11 August 09 a male driving an aqua coloured Land Rover Discovery (no index taken) came down Limes Lane, Buxted, stopped outside callers house and asked caller's daughter if horses were for sale. He stated that in the past he had been to address and spoken to her mother (he hadn't). He said he knew their neighbours (they do not know this male). He is described as white male, early 50's, black short hair, only 2 teeth on bottom jaw, wearing black Puffa sleeve jacket, grey shirt, possible Irish accent.

Regards

Sarah Roberts, Police Community Support Officer, North Wealden Neighbourhood Policing Team
Crowborough Hill, Crowborough, TN6 2DA Tel: 0845 60 70 999 ext 19361

Issue Date: 17/8/2009 SECURE YOUR FERTILISER

With many farmers now looking to store ammonium nitrate fertiliser, it is timely to remind you that certain extremist groups have used it in the manufacture of explosive devices. We understand that in modern farming it is unusual to have such chemicals hanging around in your yards before use or to order more than is necessary. Nevertheless for the time it is on your land it is potentially an easily accessible source of this chemical for terrorists.

The government has a web site offering advice on the storage of this product.

www.secureyourfertiliser.gov.uk This offers simple advice on what steps you should take to ensure the security of this chemical. If you do not have access to the web please take the time to read the following which is the most important information.

Ten point plan for fertiliser security

1. Do not store fertiliser where there is public access
2. Do not leave bags of fertiliser in the field overnight
3. Do not store fertiliser near to, or visible from, the public highway
4. Do not sell fertiliser unless the purchaser is personally known by you to be a bona-fide farmer user and is aware of the need to follow this guidance. (Be aware of the requirement to provide a copy of the detonation resistance certificate if you sell or supply relevant ammonium nitrate based fertiliser.)
5. Do record fertiliser deliveries and usage
6. Do, wherever possible, and with regard to HSE safety guidance, store fertiliser inside a locked building or compound
7. Do fully sheet fertiliser when stored outside and regularly check to ensure that the stack has not been tampered with.
8. Do carry out regular, frequent stock checks
9. Do report immediately any unexplained stock discrepancy or loss/theft to the police
10. Do record any manufacturers code numbers from the bags and if available, the number of the detonation resistance test certificate

FOUR ARRESTS FOR BARN FIRES

Four people have been arrested following last Wednesday's (August 12) barn fires. Two men, aged 21

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and 16, and two women, both aged 17, have been arrested and have been released on police bail.

Firefighters from West and East Sussex tackled blazes at Hanlye Lane in Cuckfield and Sloop Lane in Scaynes Hill (both West Sussex), Fletching near Uckfield and Newick near Lewes (East Sussex) on Wednesday night.

Enquiries are continuing and police are appealing to anyone who saw anything suspicious or who has any information about these fires to contact Sussex police on 0845 60 70 999 quoting Operation Grangeway or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

A Farmwatch members pheasant pen situated in a private wood near Worth was deliberately damaged on Friday night 14 August enabling the release of all pheasants inside. It is suspected it was a deliberate attempt to liberate the pheasants. Police serial 1244 of 17/08/09 refers. Issue Date: 18/8/2009

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

Rowena James Rowena-james@supadooper.com

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

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

Stolen horse tragedy

Two ponies were taken from their field in Edworth Road, Langford, Bedfordshire late on Wednesday or early Thursday and were loaded into a stolen horsebox. The wooden bottom of the trailer collapsed during the journey, badly injuring the three-year-old pony. The other escaped unhurt. The pony's injuries were found to be so severe it had to be destroyed

Police said it was likely the horsebox had been towed through Dunton before being abandoned in Croydon in Cambridgeshire. Pc Becky Wayland said: "The thieves have not only committed a crime by stealing the horses, they have callously just unhitched the trailer when the bottom collapsed and driven off, leaving one of the ponies trapped and in terrible pain." She said she wanted to hear from anyone who was driving along the B1042 in the early hours of Thursday and may have seen the horsebox being towed.

Story from BBC NEWS: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/1/hi/england/beds/bucks/herts/8201195.stm>

If you have any information about this crime, please call the Police Control Centre on (01234) 841212, for North and Mid Beds, or (01582) 401212 for South Beds, and quote crime reference, J/33247/2009. Alternatively text your message to (07786) 200011 or email chc@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk or call Crime stoppers in confidence on (0800)555111.

Attempted theft

An attempted theft took place at stables in Dunton, near Biggleswade, overnight on the 6-7 August. The offender forced a padlock from the gate to gain access to the location. The offender has attempted to remove a horse box which had been left outside in the yard, near to a block of stables. The tow hitch had been moved, but the box was not taken. Part of the fencing at the location had also been damaged.

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London
The Metropolitan Police Service
Telephone 020 7230 1212

No information received

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

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

No Information received.

Dorset Police
Telephone: 01305 222 222
HorseWatch Co-ordinator anita.rigler@dorset.pnn.police.uk
PC John Snellin, Force Wildlife Officer, Dorset Police Tel: 01202 220804 wildlife-crime@dorset.pnn.police.uk

DHBC Farm Watch

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An **IFOR WILLIAMS trailer** has been stolen overnight 19/20th August from the Crichel area. It was secure with a towbar hitch lock and did have car parts stored within, from a Sunbeam Talbot. Please be extra alert on the lead up to the steam fair and report anything suspicious

SNT PC Jane Brittain

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

MEMBERS OF WATCH SCHEMES ARE AUTHORISED TO COPY THIS INFORMATION AND PASS THEM ONTO MEMBERS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE WATCH GROUPS.

Dorset Police Ringmaster Circulation. If you are receiving this message by fax, but have an email facility, would you like to change to email? Please contact ringmaster-bournemouth@dorset.pnn.police.uk if you are in Bmth/Poole. or ringmaster-eastern@dorset.pnn.police.uk for the rest of Dorset.

Avon & Somerset Constabulary
Telephone: 0845 456 7000

Lindsey Stone, Watch Scheme Administrator, Somerset West Police District. Tel 01823-363348 (direct line) or Email lindsey.stone@avonandsomerset.police.uk
Justin Gay 07795 503242 PCSO Justin.Gay@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk

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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.somsethorsewatch.co.uk/> info@somsethorsewatch.co.uk Tel: 0777 5856247

Found

2 Shetland Stallion ponies have been found in Maperton, Wincanton. They appear to be young, 1 is piebald and the other is skewbald. If anybody has lost these please contact PCSO Support Tess Smith 8682 at Avon and Somerset Constabulary on 0845 456 7000 quoting Horse Watch

3 filly foals stolen

Sometime between 11:00 on 15 August and 18:30 on 16 August 3 fillies were stolen from a field between Martock and South Petherton in Somerset. The field is on the South Petherton side of Paratt Works in Martock. The fillies are valued at £3000 each. The lock and chain securing the gate is believed to have been cut with a grinder, the fillies have then been separated from their mothers and loaded into a horse box.

- Pink roan filly with a slight wall eye, born 3rd June (2.5 months old)
- Grey filly (still slight creamy colour from birth) with grey circles around eyes, born 5th June (2.5 months old)
- Black/blue roan filly, born 23rd May (5 months old)

Owner is understandably distraught at the loss, the fillies are dependant on their mother's milk and due to their small age there is a huge concern for their safety and wellbeing. Police are appealing for anybody with any information to please come forward. There are no photos but the owner can identify them immediately.

Thank you

Tess Smith, Horse Watch co coordinator for South Somerset Rural

Avon and Somerset Constabulary Telephone 0845 456 7000

Landrover stolen

Two further reports in the Sixpenny Handley area this week. A quad bike was stolen but fortunately recovered locally, but a Landrover also stolen near Sixpenny has not been recovered. Please feel free to contact your SNT if you require crime prevention advice on 07825521735. 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

Regards

PC Jane Brittain DHBC Farm Watch 14 August 2009

Suspicious vehicle

Last seen in the Mells area of Frome, Somerset a suspicious vehicle WHITE PEUGEOT Reg: R101 FDE. There are two occupants, both in their twenties and heavily tattooed. No other information available at present, suffice to say that the actions of the occupants gave rise for concern. Any sightings to be reported to the police. Criminals travel so the vehicle could be seen anywhere in the country.

Devon & Cornwall Constabulary

Telephone: 0845 277 7444

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

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No information received.

Gloucestershire Constabulary
Telephone: 0845 090 1234

The below named officer is the horse watch coordinator at Gloucestershire Constabulary.

Melanie Campbell

melanie.campbell@gloucestershire.police.uk. Phone 0845 090 1234 ext 4182.

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

Police Horsewatch Coordinators

Cotswolds 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 rania.shuttleworth@gloucestershire.police.uk and matthew.buckley@gloucestershire.police.uk

Tewkesbury kim.hadland@gloucestershire.police.uk and tracy.warburton@gloucestershire.police.uk

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

No information received

North East Region

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

South Yorkshire Police

Telephone: 0114 220 2020

Contact: Mrs Joanne Kennedy, Equine Liaison, MAPP Unit. Ext 8302 fax 8885

Tel: 0114 2523302 fax 0114 2523885 Email: Joanne.Kennedy@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

No information received.

North Yorkshire Police

Telephone: 0845 606 0247

Scarborough & District Country Watch

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

No information received.

Northumbria Police

Telephone: 01661 872 555

No information received.

West Yorkshire Police

Telephone: 01924 375 2222

Once again, information received regarding suspicious behaviour around stables.

18 August - 3 Asian males in a Silver Vauxhall Corsa - parked outside stable yards in Guisley, Leeds (near Leeds/Bradford Airport). The 3 men were seen videoing horses and the surrounding area/fields. The only horses in the fields at that time were Shetland ponies.

When they realised they had been seen they left quickly. One of the horse owners followed the vehicle down Carlton Lane and stopped them on Queensway to confront them. They refused to say what they were doing at the stables or why they were videoing horses and sped off.

The VRM of the Corsa is being checked by division.

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If something doesn't look right, then it probably isn't! Please ask your members to be vigilant and not to overlook such incidents. They are important and we need to know. Please publicise the use of Crimestoppers to report these incidents.

CRIMESTOPPERS - 0800 555 111

Durham Constabulary
Telephone: 0845 606 0365

No information received.

Cleveland Police
Telephone: 01642 326 326

No information received

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

No information received

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

Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Telephone: 0845 456 4564
Cambridgeshire Horsewatch: Lydia Crabtree (PCSO Cambridgeshire Constabulary)
Tel: 07921 294939 email: horsewatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk

50 bales of haylage stolen

CF0403340809 Between 31/07 - 04/08 Allens Drove, Gorefield, Wisbech, Cambs
50 x bales haylage wrapped in green/blue polythene stolen from paddock. Value £300

Tractor, mower and strimmer stolen

CF0404360809 Between 2230 - 2315hrs 04/08/09 from Stud Farm, Eagle Lane, Dullingham, Newmarket. Farm gates and doors to storage unit forced open Kubota SD30 Tractor Marston 1.5tonne Trailer John Deere Ride-on Mower Stihl Strimmer Stolen. Approx value £20,000

If you have any information regarding these or any other crimes please contact; Cambridgeshire Police on 0345 4564564

Trailer thefts

Please be aware of the following two Incidents that have occurred in Cambridgeshire over the last few days.

If you have any information concerning these or any other crimes please phone Cambridgeshire Police on 0345 456 4564.

CF0430960809

Between 1600hrs 16/08/09 & 1200hrs 19/08 Red Ifor Williams HB510 horse trailer stolen. Padlock to gate removed to gain access.
Lode Fen, Cambridge.

CF0430760809

Overnight 18/08/09
Large theft from farm Wimblington Rd, March, Cambridge
Items stolen include:
Ifor Williams stock trailer

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Blue/White MAN tipper truck
Generator and various power tools

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

Derbyshire Constabulary

Telephone: 0845 123 3333

Contact: Lesley Manger (DERBYSHIRE Pony Rescue)

Telephone: 01 773 831251 mobile 07842 240494. lesleykenstudponyrescue@gmail.com 07970 848416

Insp Erika Green Erika.green.1765@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk

[Please press CTRL and click here to see Derbyshire report](#)

Lincolnshire Police

Telephone: 01522 532 222

No information received.

Nottinghamshire Police

Telephone: 0115 967 0999

Pony left severely burnt after being set alight in a field

Article in Horse and Hound by Amy Mathieson, H&H news writer 14 August, 2009

A pony has been severely burnt after she was set alight in a field in Nottinghamshire. Four-year-old grey Welsh pony Baby Boo was found by her owner at 6.30pm on Sunday 9 August in her field off Mill Lane in Stapleford. She had burns to her rump and had broken through a metal gate in an attempt to escape. Police believe she was covered with petrol before being set alight.

The pony was taken to a specialist veterinary hospital to treat the burns and will remain there for at least two weeks. The RSPCA and Nottinghamshire police are now appealing for information. "This was a horrific and calculated attack," said RSPCA inspector Sarah Gardner. "I can't imagine what sort of people would be capable of doing this, but clearly we need to find out who they are to prevent them from attacking other animals." Anyone with information should telephone the RSPCA on 0300 1234 999 or Nottinghamshire police on 0115 9670999

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

Suffolk Horsewatch Bulletin

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

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613500. If you would prefer to pass on information anonymously call Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111

Crimes / Offences between 22 July and 4 August 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.

<u>Location</u>	Newmarket
Date	Between 19:00 and 20:20 on 22/7/09
Crime Category	Theft . of motor vehicle
Property	7.5 ton Iveco Ford Horse Box
Additional information	Colour . Silver with Horsesqwritten
Crime Reference	NE/09/1505

<u>Location</u>	Dalham
Date	15:00 26/07/09 and 08:00 27/07/09
Crime Category	Theft - Other
Property	2 x 12 ft high galvanised metal gates
Additional information	
Crime Reference	NE/09/1563

<u>Location</u>	Wickhambrook
Date	22:00 26/07/09 and 08:00 27/07/09
Crime Category	Theft - Other
Property	12ft long wooden gate and 3 ft wooden kissing gate
Additional information	
Crime Reference	HH/09/1576

<u>Location</u>	Wickhambrook x 3
Date	28/07/09 . 29/07/09
Crime Category	Burglary . other building
Property	Petrol, power tools and equestrian related equipment
Additional information	Several outbuildings in the Wickhambrook area were broken into.
Crime Reference	HH/09/1580, HH/09/1585, HH/09/1601

<u>Location</u>	Tostock
Date	Between 21:00 27/07/09 and 08:00 28/07/09
Crime Category	Theft - other
Property	trailer 1 a green lfor Williams 505 trailer 2 a blue lfor Williams 505
Additional information	A third trailer was damaged in an attempt to remove a hitchlock
Crime Reference	ST/09/2253

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<u>Location</u>	Lakenheath
Date	Between 19:00 29/07/09 and 16:00 30/07/09
Crime Category	Theft . other
Property	Grooming kit
	Electric fencing
Additional information	
Crime Reference	MH/09/1746

Crimes / Offences between 3 and 14 August 2009

<u>Location</u>	Wickhambrook x 3
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Please note: other offences may have occurred during this period, however details cannot be disclosed as the victim has stated they object to publicity.

<u>Location</u>	Hintlesham
Date	Between 20/07/09 and 03/08/09
Crime Category	Theft - other
Property	Gallagher B700 Power Plus energiser unit
Additional information	Stolen from field
Crime Reference	HD/09/1075

<u>Location</u>	Kedington
Date	03/08/09
Crime Category	Burglary . other building
Property	Petrol strimmer
Crime Reference	HH/09/1643

<u>Location</u>	Kedington
Date	Between 11/08/09 and 12/08/09
Crime Category	Burglary . other building
Property	Petrol generator
Crime Reference	HH/09/1718

<u>Location</u>	Thurston
Date	Between 21:50 and 22:00 on 11/8/09
Crime Category	Attempted burglary . other building
Property	none
Crime Reference	ST/09/2415

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Crime Reference

HH/09/1639, HH/09/1654, HH/09/1690

Metal thefts

Metal thefts are a problem countrywide and Suffolk has been experiencing thefts of many aluminium road signs; it is believed these are being stolen for their scrap value. We reported in the last Horse Watch bulletin of the theft of galvanised metal gates; although at this point the Police are not connecting the theft of the signs and the gates it would be simple act for the perpetrators of the sign thefts to steal farm gates whilst on their travels. Please take the following steps to avoid losing your gates:

- Make sure gates can't be lifted off of the hinges - invert the top hinge or weld a plate to the top.
- Mark gates to make them unique to your farm or yard. We suggest your postcode is painted or (preferably) engraved onto the gate, so in the event of theft and subsequent recovery, your property can be returned to you.
- Gates that are locked with good quality chains or padlocks are more difficult to steal.
- Make regular checks to see if they have been tampered with. If you believe they have been tampered with, contact your local police.

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

No information received

Leicestershire Constabulary

Telephone: 0116 222 22 22

No information received.

Warwickshire Police

Telephone: 01926 415 000

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

Warwickshire Police welcomes new members to Warwickshire Horsewatch. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns about the safety and security of your ponies or premises.

West Mercia Police

(incorporating Worcestershire, Shropshire, Herefordshire)

Telephone: 08457 444 888

Stolen coloured cob mare



Police officers in Telford are investigating following the theft of a horse from a field opposite Lawley Medical Practice. The incident occurred on Farriers Green sometime between 8pm on Thursday 13th

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August and 7.30am on Friday 14th August.

Sometime overnight it appears that thieves cut through the wire fence that surrounded the field and then stole one of the five horses that were in the field. It appears they carefully approached the horse and then walked it to the other side of the field before cutting another hole in the fence to make their escape.

It appears the horse was then led away through the wooded area on the other side of the field before being loaded onto a lorry or trailer of some sort and being taken away. A police spokesman said: "The owner of this horse is extremely upset by this theft as the horse is only 18 months old.

The horse is described as a white cob with black patches on her under belly, her rump and both sides of her face. She also has two black ears, a white mane and a white tail and is believed to be worth around £3000. Anyone who believes they may have information about this theft, or who knows where the horse is now being kept, is asked to contact police in Telford on 0300 333 3000, Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be called anonymously on 0800 555 111.+ Article/photo courtesy of <http://thewellingtonnews.co.uk/>

Review your stable security

There has been an increase in theft of cobs, Shetlands and coloured ponies with horses now being stolen in the West Mercia area. These are the first recorded thefts for many years on our patch. I would urge you to take additional security measures.

- Double check fencing get registration numbers of suspicious vehicles; get descriptions of anyone hanging around your yard that has no reason to be present.
- Consider micro chipping or freeze marking your horse Your vet can help with a microchip and Mary Awre can offer advice regarding freeze marking. Her details are 01295 690090 or have a look at the website www.freezemark.biz
- Consider some CCTV or at the very least buy some signs saying "CCTV IS MONITORING THIS AREA+I think Countrywide have these on sale? Or try your local farm outlet.
- Mark your tack and trailers.

I can help with all of this and if you let me know I am happy to come to your farm or yard to advice. Finally, along with the usual thefts of trailers etcō there have been thefts of young pheasants and partridge and the electric fencing outside their pens.

Regards,

Gail Greenhouse, Local Police Officer, Broadway Police Station Tel: 0300 333 3000 ex 3777

Suspicious photographers

We have had reports from the Longden area of Shrewsbury about cold callers taking photos of and enquiring if horses are for sale. The male in question described as tall thin ginger hair. A white transit and red car were seen in area. Please call in if you see any suspicious behaviour or vehicles. Ref: 0205S 180809. If you need to contact us please ring 0300 333 3000 or you can email <mailto:contactus@westmercia.pnn.police.uk>

Stolen horse

RURAL WATCH MESSAGE 15/08/09

Another stolen horse. Please read below and have a look at the photo to see if you know of his current whereabouts. The usual advice applies, either contact your local police or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Many thanks, GG.

Gail Greenhouse
Local Police Officer
Broadway Police Station
0300 333 3000 ex 3777

Stolen Horse - Hinkshay Road, Dawley overnight Saturday 25 July 2009. Horse is a 2 yr old dark liver chesnut Cob gelding 14.2hh, white star on its forehead, one shoe on and 2 white shocks on its back legs. Incident no 0199N 260708. Any info please contact Telford Police on 0300 333 3000



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

No information received

Northamptonshire Police

Telephone: 0845 370 0700

Northants Horsewatch

www.horsewatchnorthants.org.uk

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

PC 449 Glynne Malkin, Force Countryside & Wildlife Officer,

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

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

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

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

Electric fencing/energiser stolen

Stolen items in Church Brampton, Northants 18/19 August 2009. Please note that a yard was broken into last night or early this morning in Church Brampton. Thieves appear to have climbed over a gate and removed electric fencing items including an energiser and battery. Four freeze marked horses remained untouched.

Burglary

This is a message which has been received from Northamptonshire West Police to Farms and NHW in the area of Deanshanger.

The insecure tack room at a stable in Cosgrove was broken into and horse riding equipment removed sometime between 21.00 Monday 10 August and 07.00 Tuesday 11 August.

Owners are encouraged to have their property marked, (i.e. ack arking or SmartWater), which can act as a deterrent and also help officers return your property to you.

Residents are asked to remain vigilant, report any suspicious activity, or anything you see which concerns you perhaps while walking your dog. If you have any information relating to this incident please report using the dedicated Watch line 01604 432436, alternatively contact Northamptonshire West Police or Crimestoppers on the numbers below quoting reference WB/CMS/554/09.

****Northamptonshire Police Contact Details****

Emergency: 999

Dedicated Watch Line: 01604 432 436

Northamptonshire Police Switchboard: 03000 111 222 Crime Stoppers

Anonymously: 0800 555 111

West Midlands Police
Telephone: 0845 113 5000

Attempted tack shed break-in

A few days ago a yard in Belbroughton had their tack shed broken into (bolt cutters were used on the lock). It appears that nothing was taken as no tack of any value is stored in there, but it is believed they were looking for saddles and bridles. The break in has been reported to Bromsgrove Police who have attended the site and made reports.

You may be interested to hear that Worcestershire Horse Watch are having signs made for horse owners to display on their yard gates. Price to follow in due course.

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

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No information received.

Sandwell Horsewatch

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

No information received.

North West Region

Greater Manchester Police, Cheshire Constabulary, Lancashire Constabulary, Merseyside Police. To report suspicious behaviour or thefts please email admin@ukhorsechat.co.uk this is checked daily or Ring 07849 590251.

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

Greater Manchester Police
Telephone: 0161 872 5050

No information received

Cheshire Constabulary
Telephone 01244 350 000

No information received

Lancashire Constabulary
Telephone: 01772 614 444

No information received

Cumbria Constabulary
Telephone: 01768 891999

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

No information received.

South Wales Police
Telephone: 01656 655 555

No information received.

Gwent Police
Telephone: 01633 838 111

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

Stolen coloured cob gelding



Paint was stolen from a field in Monkswood. He was the only animal in the field at the time. The gate had a padlock and chains on, which were forced open and smashed. He was taken sometime between Sunday 9 August at 4.30pm and Monday 10 August. He was reported as stolen to the police immediately. It is believed that Paint may have been taken to the Bristol area.

h (?) gelding, brown and white skewbald, cob cross. He is mainly white, but has coloured

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from his right eye across his forelock area and includes his left ear and most of his left cheek. On the underside of his neck is a large block of brown.

All four limbs are white with feathering and on his left back leg is a coloured patch that extends into his groin. The right side of his body has a triangular coloured area in the saddle area and he has 2 more coloured areas over his right hip and right stifle areas. His left side has a large colour patch extending down his flank into his left groin.

At the moment the top of his tail is bald where he has rubbed it away. He has minor sweet itch that affects the top of his tail and slightly on his mane.

Paint is not freeze marked or micro chipped. However he is passported. He is approximately 12 years old. Paint has been added to the stolen horse register. If anyone has any information or has seen Paint please can you contact Gwent Police on 01633 838 111, quoting incident number 644 10/08/09.

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

Important Information

PC Karen Beaty of Strathclyde Police is setting up a Horsewatch scheme in her police area. She would like to hear from those persons in the equine community in her area who can assist her in getting the scheme up and running. As always the success of any Horsewatch scheme is the working partnership between the police and the community. To make her scheme work Karen will need the communities help. Strathclyde Police area is large and not only includes Glasgow but takes in a great deal of rural and island location. In fact the police area covers 5,370 square miles of Argyllshire, Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, Ayrshire and the Isle of Arran

Karen's contact number is 07868 098605

Or e mail karenbt@sky.com

Tayside Police

Telephone: 01382 22 3200

Tayside Police (Western Division)

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Donald Campbell - Crime Prevention Officer 01738 892937
Anonymous call can be made to - 0800 555 111

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

No information received.

Overseas News

No information received.

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

Useful Contacts

UK Horsewatch Alliance www.ukhorsewatch.org.uk
Stolen Horse Register www.stolenhorseregister.com

Crime Prevention – Don't Be A Victim of Crime

www.crimestoppers.co.uk Telephone 0800 555 111
www.smartwater.com Property Security
www.farmkey.com Telephone: 0870 870 7107, info@farmkey.co.uk
www.freeze-mark.biz mary@freeze-mark.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

Crime Detection – Find Your Stolen Property

www.missinghorsesonloan.co.uk or email missinghorsesonloan@gmail.com Telephone 07794 453911
www.nfed.co.uk/horsewatch
www.nfed.co.uk/hhwlogo
www.stolenhorseregister.com
www.equinemarketwatch.org.uk
www.tracingequines.co.uk
www.virtualbumblebee.co.uk
<http://www.skywatchcivilairpatrol.org.uk/>

Selection – Don't Be a Receiver of Stolen Goods – Check Before You Buy!

www.virtualbumblebee.co.uk
www.securedbydesign.com ACPO accredited Crime Prevention Associations & Firms

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<http://www.ter-europe.org/>
www.equinemarketwatch.org.uk
www.tracingequines.co.uk
www.animalsonline.org.uk

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The Equipment Register (TER) 01225 464599
Equine Market Watch Welfare

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Derbyshire

DERBYSHIRE HORSE RELATED CRIMES AND INCIDENTS				
For 14 to 27 July 2009 inclusive.				
Division	Reference	Date	Location	Details
A	Inc 703	15th July	A38 Mansfield side of M1	Reported: horse on the A38 near to Junc 28 Action: Multiple horses on M1 near Junc 28 near slip road horses now back in field.
A	Inc 704, 707, 714	15th July		Duplicate of above.
A	Inc 251	16th July	By-pass, Chalon Way, Ilkeston	Reported: Loose horses on link road at side of Tesco Action: Horse taken back to member of public's stables, we will try to trace owner
A		16th July		Duplicate of above
A		26th July	Codnor, unspecified	Reported: Horse and pony loose in market place, managed to get them into rec. Action: Someone coming to get horses
A	Inc 301	26th July	Nottingham Road, Codnor	Duplicate of above
B	Inc 255	25th July	Monyash Road, Over Haddon	Reported: Two large horses in our yard, don't know who owns them. Action: No horses seen
B	Inc 258	25th July	B5055 Monyash Stretch	Duplicate inc of above
C	Inc 5	21st July	B6036 Woolley Moor Stretch	Reported: Loose horse heading towards Ogstone reservoir Action: Inf walked horse into a field at side of graveyard
C	Inc 208	21st July	Westmoor Road, Brimington	Reported: Two horses on road behind Chesterfield hospital, field nearby may have come from there Action: With the horses and owners from equestrian centre
D	No inc.			

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Division	Reference	Date	Location	Details
A	Inc 239	7 th Aug	Mill Hill School, Peasehill, Ripley	Reported: Two horses appeared on school playing fields. Outcome: Informant states someone has just collected them.
	Inc 248	7 th Aug	Duplicate of above	
	Inc 258	7 th Aug	Duplicate of above	
	Inc 60	3 rd Aug	Nottingham Road, Ripley	Reported: Just down from the Gate P.H. there is a horse on the road dragging a chain. Outcome: Horse has gone back into field, but it may get out again..
	Inc 149	10 th Aug	Talbot Street, Pinxton, Nottingham	Reported: Two loose horses on the street Outcome: Horses put back in field
B	Inc 543	5 th Aug	Plough Inn, Leadmill, Hathersage, Hope Valley	Reported: Near Plough Inn there is a field with a horse lying under a tree, on further investigation we found the horse to be dead, will try and contact RSPCA Outcome: This has been passed to RSPCA
	Inc 408	9 th Aug	Hathersage, unspecified	Reported: About 4 hours ago I passed a horse lying down in field, don't know if its injured or dead Outcome: Caller given number for RSPCA <i>(This sounds like the same incident as above but there is a four day gap! Would have thought RSPCA would have responded to this incident within 4 days)</i>
B	Inc 94	3 rd Aug	Town Lane, Charlesworth	Reported: Horse stood on corner of road, Outcome: Horse put back in field opposite Hargate Hill.
C	Inc 117	31 st July	Mansfield Road, Clowne, Chesterfield	Reported: Horse on highway just as you go out of Clowne, Outcome: Area Search negative
D	Inc 722	5 th Aug	A38 between Clay Mills and Toyota roundabout	Reported: Horse on carriageway just before Burton turn, three of them, Outcome: Horse is on A38 Staffs advised, we will not be attending.
B	CR 42808/09	3 rd Aug	Lane Head Road, Little Hayfield	Offender gains entry to tack room by unknown means and steals two saddles from within. Value saddle £100 saddle £50