

**Hampshire Horsewatch Bulletin**  
(Incorporating Information From Around The Country)

**Date 26 August 2010**

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**Stolen**

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

No Information Received

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**

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**Winchester Country Watch**

- Between 20-22 July . **Crawley** - theft of an ornamental bird bath.
- Between 22-23 July . **Fontley** - theft of a wooden five bar gate.
- 23 July . **Bighton** - A report of a white Ford Transit, partial registration SG58\*\*\* seen driving slowly round the area. The driver, a white, curly haired male, aged approx 35 years, was paying close attention to the properties.
- 23 July 9.50pm - **Northington Down** - A white transit with green tipper body and HiAb crane on the rear seen driving slowly round the area. No registration taken.
- Overnight 23-24 July . **Avington** - a burglary at a business premises. Soft drinks, chocolate and cleaning products taken.
- Overnight 23-24 July - **Botley** - theft of diesel.
- Overnight 23-24 July - **Wickham**, - burglary of a nursery office.
- Overnight 23-24 July - **North Boarhunt** - 3 jacuzzis stolen from a commercial premises.

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**Suspicious incidents involving horses – Forestside, Rowlands Castle**

**Sunday 1 August between 1 and 4pm**

A mare was found with three cuts across her flank, a cut to the cheek of her buttock and three cuts to her genital area which also appeared to be slightly swollen. Vet was unable to determine what caused these wounds.

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**Saturday 7 August**

Two mares were found to be lethargic and slightly unsteady on their feet, one was worse than the other.

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**Wednesday 11 August**

Young horse was found with a plait in its mane. Owner is worried that her horse is being targeted in some way.

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**HYPHE – BE AWARE!**

**Stolen – Electric Fence Units - Frost Lane, Hythe**

Increased reports of shed breaks in the area plus further thefts of 2 electric fence units which were stolen from 2 separate fields within Martins Farm.

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**Plaiting incident – Nr Burley**

**20/08/10**

1 horse in a field of 3 was discovered with a plait in its mane.

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**Latest incident from around Hampshire**

Between 18/20 Aug at **Soberton**, a shed was burrgled and tools taken.

Between 19/21 Aug at **Wickham**, a catalytic converter was stolen.

Between the 20/22 Aug at **Morestead**, theft of coping stones from the church wall.

Overnight of 20/21 Aug at Old Alresford

21st, 9.00pm at **Bramdean**, **pale blue Toyota HiLux**, registration taken as **P336 HXO**, seen acting suspiciously.

22nd, 9.00pm at **Meonstoke**. A **white Ford Ranger pickup 4x4**, **RF06 HLD** was seen to drive off from a field having stolen a bale of hay.

24th, between 10am & 7pm, at **Owslebury**, theft of a green plastic double wheeled barrow from a field. Barrow marked with postcode SO21 1JJ

24th, 5.45pm, at **Twyford**, a **black Landrover Defender LL02 WHF** was seen to drive onto a yard, then ask for grazing. Caller says that the driver was looking everywhere.

24th, early evening, at **Stratton**. A **white Vauxhall Astra van**, **GR07 YJW**, was seen to drive down a driveway, but when challenged by landowner made off.

24th, 8.45pm, at **Meonstoke**, alarm activation on a farm, attempt made to gain entry to a barn. Green Subaru Forester estate **R779 YWL** was seen to drive off at speed.

Overnight of 24/25 Aug, at **Marwell Zoo**, storage container forced open and a red tool box and contents stolen.

Overnight of 24/25 Aug, at **Ovington**. Theft of 4 cast iron manhole covers, and a catering caravan smashed up.

25th, between 11.30am & 7pm, at **Durley**, a tack store was burgled and 7 saddles, bridles and other

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items stolen.

25th, between 12.45pm & 1.45pm, at **Bishops Waltham**, a Stihl chainsaw was stolen from the back of a works vehicle. **The chainsaw is a MS361 model and serial number is P83487631.**

Overnight of 25/26 Aug, at **Bramdean**. Vehicle broken into and items stolen.

Overnight of 25/26 Aug, at **Micheldever**, stubble field driven over, suspected poachers.

Overnight of 25/26 Aug, at **Hursley**. Georgian stone garden ornaments stolen.

Overnight of 25/26 Aug at **Droxford**, two field gates stolen.

**From North East Hants Countywatch**

Overnight of 20/21 Aug at **Andwell**, a **John Deere 6430** tractor **stolen**. Registration **RX07 EUT**.

Overnight of 20/21 Aug, at **Fleet**. 50 pheasant poults were shot dead with an air gun. Believed that the suspect also had a dog, as some of the birds had been mauled.

Overnight 20/21 Aug 600 pheasants stolen from pens in **Odiham**. Electric fence lifted and pen gates broken into. Unknown what pheasant breeds at this stage.

23rd, daytime, at **Privett**, a red Toyota Hilux 4x4 pick up was seen to steal a bale of hay from a field.

Overnight of 23/24 Aug, at Upton Gray, theft of diesel.

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**Below are the recent occurrences from Winchester Country Watch**

30/8 - Theft - **Cudridge** - Catalytic converter stolen from a 4x4 along with wheels for a Jaguar and some tools from a garage.

30/8 - 31/8 - Theft - **Old Alresford** - Overnight lead flashing was stolen from pool house.

30/8 - 31/8 - Burglary Non-Dwelling - **Swanmore** - Horse yard broken onto, locks broken roller door forced but nothing stolen.

30/8 @ 2200 - Criminal Damage - **Meonstoke** - vehicle pulled up to gate at fishery, cut clasp and entered premises, when security light came on person got back into grey 4x4 possibly Vauxhall Frontera and drove off. The male was of very large build (18-20 stone) wearing jeans, red t-shirt and a dark coloured body warmer.

28/8 - suss person - **Meonstoke** - suss male snooping around farm in vehicle **HN52 WAV**.

28/8 - Criminal damage - **Bishops Waltham** - Chain cut on gate to grounds, nothing stolen.

28/8 - Theft from Vehicle - **Beauworth** - Number plate stolen from parked car, ford Mondeo **HV09 XDW**

27/8 - Burglary Non- Dwelling - **Denmead** - Electric fence driven through, attempt to gain entry to container in field, no entry gained.

27/8 - Burglary Non-Dwelling - **Titchfield** - persons entered locked barn by cutting lock and stolen a Quad bike, blower, strimmer and Honda sit on mower.

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**Community Message from Aylesbury Watch Office - 17 August 2010**

**Reference: A 08/012**

**Burglary – Main Rd South, Dagnall**

Farming location reported at around 9pm on Saturday 14 August - Main Road South, Dagnall. Offenders forced entry to a container on site - nothing appears to have been stolen.

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**Burglary – Nash**

Another burglary to a container at a farm in Nash was reported during the daytime on the 14 Aug. A tractor was also tampered with. A white Escort Van was seen in the area, although it is not confirmed if this vehicle is connected to the offence or not.

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**Burglary – Winslow**

Lorry container was broken into at a farm in Winslow between 2am and 5am on the 14 August.

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**Stolen/Recovered – Massey Ferguson Tractor – Newton Longville**

A Massey Ferguson tractor was also stolen from a barn in Newton Longville overnight on the 14 to 15 August. The tractor was later recovered in the Soulbury area.

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**Stolen/Recovered – Tractor - Leckhamstead**

A tractor has been reported stolen from a farm at Leckhamstead at around 12:30pm on the 16 August. A witness saw the yellow Matbro being driven towards the A422, being driven by a male of Eastern European type appearance.

The vehicle was located on the 19 Aug in the Wolverton area of Milton Keynes.

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**Attempted burglary – Maids Moreton**

On the 16 Aug, around 3:30pm, two males were disturbed trying to break into a farm outbuilding at Maids Moreton. They made off in a silver Vauxhall Vectra.

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**Plaiting incidents – South Bucks Area**

A coloured cob was recently found with a plait put in its mane - this was a new plait and not an unruly mane - this horse is groomed every day with a neat and tidy mane - when the owner visited the horse, as she does every day, a plait was in the middle of the mane.

Just over 2 miles away at a riding school/livery yard, one of their horses also had the same style plait.

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Both owners removed their horses from these fields to try to keep them safe.

**Surrey Police**  
Telephone: 0845 125222  
**SAFE - Surrey Action for Equines** (Surrey Horsewatch) Tel: 01420 487625  
[www.surrey-action-for-equine.co.uk](http://www.surrey-action-for-equine.co.uk)

No Information Received

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

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**Kent Police**  
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**Sussex Police**  
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**Advice regarding hay and straw thefts**

Further to our previous message concerning the increase in the number of thefts of bales of hay and straw from fields and barns across the county, farmers and livery yards are asked not only to report any thefts and be aware of vehicles seen in suspicious circumstances, but to **mark the twine on their bails** in a unique way where possible. Police patrols have been tasked to stop vehicles seen carrying bales at night, unfortunately one bale looks like any other and any help in identifying where it came from would be useful. We do appreciate that for many large scale farmers this will prove to be a very difficult request.

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**Criminal Activity – The Mount, Ifield**  
**Police Serials 839 of 16/8, 536 of 20/8 & 541 of 24/8**

The Mount at Ifield has had a series of criminal activity reported recently including fences and locks on gates being cut, outbuildings being entered and a burglary where power tools and fishing equipment was stolen.

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**Stolen – Saddles – Storrington**  
**Serial 468 of 24/8**

Between 23 and 24 August farm premises in Hurston Lane, Storrington had the tack room burgled and 4 saddles were stolen.

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**Stolen – Gardening Equipment – Lindfield**  
**Serial 1290 of 24/8**

Between 29/7/10 and 5/8/10 (reported 24/8/10) whilst the victim was on holiday an outbuilding was burgled at Monteswood Lane, Lindfield and mower, strimmer and chain saws stolen.

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*With a bank holiday week end coming up it is often the time when rural raves or illegal traveller encampments are set up. If you see any suspicious activity please contact Sussex Police on 0845 6070999 immediately, as this type of activity can often be nipped in the bud if we receive early notification.*

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**Stolen – Saddle – Maplehurst**

**Ref: 462 of 23/8**

Overnight 22nd to 23rd August 2010 st ables in Copsale Road, Maplehurst were burgled by forcing the locks and a horse saddle has been stolen.

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**Suspicious Vehicle – Southwater Area**

**Ref: 749 of 30/8**

Vehicle seen in suspicious circumstances a green Diahatsu 4 track **N398 JOR**.

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**Theft of Fuel – Ardingly**

**Ref: 315 of 20/8**

Hammingden Lane, Ardingly - between 8pm 19 August and 5am August 20 - £150 of diesel stolen from a lorry park in farm yard.

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**Theft of Fuel – Pease Pottage**

**Ref: 1709 of 20/8**

Parish Lane, Pease Pottage - 7.30pm 20 August . 2 males seen siphoning diesel fuel from a digger. Made off in an N Reg, Burgundy BMW.

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**\*\*\* Fuel and Metal Theft Alert \*\*\***

Fuel thefts continue, including diesel and heating oil.

Hardly a day goes by without a report of metal theft; particularly popular with thieves at the moment, is lead theft from roofs.

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**SPECIAL REQUEST**

On 5 August 2010, a Silver Cross buggy was stolen from Wisborough Green. The owners of the buggy would welcome the return of this but, more importantly, are desperate to recover the Baby Birth Book which was in a bag hanging on the buggy. This book contains the birth details of their daughter and, as such, is irreplaceable. It has no monetary, only sentimental, value. If you have any knowledge of the whereabouts of this book, please contact NFU Mutual on 01798 874382 or post it to NFU Mutual, Hardham Mill Business Park, Mill Lane, Hardham, West Sussex, RH20 1LA.

**Bedfordshire Police**

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**Burglary –Riding Stables at Biggleswade**

**Crime Ref: JD/33334/2010**

Between 5-10 August offenders have managed to gain entry either by an unlocked back door, or by climbing over from a neighbouring farm. Stolen - metal detector, a hammer, and archery gear.

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For more information on reducing rural crime visit

[http://www.safer-beds.org/rmwebportal/rm\\_desktop/files/Watch%20Countryside%20-%20Crime%20Reduction.html](http://www.safer-beds.org/rmwebportal/rm_desktop/files/Watch%20Countryside%20-%20Crime%20Reduction.html)

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London  
The Metropolitan Police Service  
Telephone 020 7230 1212

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

**Wiltshire Constabulary**  
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No Information Received

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PC John Snellin, Force Wildlife Officer, Dorset Police Tel: 01202 220804 [wildlife-crime@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:wildlife-crime@dorset.pnn.police.uk)

**Suspicious incident – Sixpenny Handley**

Overnight on 23/24 August thieves tried to remove a steel barrier at the entrance to a farm in the Sixpenny Handley area.

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A reminder to all farmers that the %Stop That Thief+campaign is live and membership is available for anyone wishing to join - the minimum suggested donation is £50 and entitles you to have on loan a variety of security products on a trial before buy agreement.

Please bear in mind that crime does increase at this time of year now crops have been cut.

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There has been an increased number of unexplained injuries to horses in both the Dorset area and bordering county of Hampshire. In the past some of the injuries have been put down to rutting stags at this time of year, however some are more sinister. Please report any suspicious activity to the police.

Dorset police are currently auditing all Watch members and will segregate Horse Watch from Farm Watch. Members will be able to receive both Watch messages if required but this will enable us to get specific messages across to Horse watch members and, hopefully, improve the service. Please note that unlike some other Forces this is not assigned to a dedicated officer but has to be done in addition to normal police duties.

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A message to all horse owners to warn of a marked increase, especially in the East Dorset area, in the number of electric fencing units being stolen. Please mark your property well which is a deterrent to the thief and helps us to identify any stolen items.

**Avon & Somerset Constabulary**  
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**Stolen – Brown Leather Saddle – North Cadbury**

Evening of 11 August - brown leather E Jefferies Walsall saddle was stolen from a yard in North Cadbury, Somerset. The saddle has been marked with SD24 on the left stirrup bar by Avon and Somerset Police. The saddle was stolen along with other items but details of those missing items are yet to be confirmed.

**Gloucestershire Constabulary**

**Telephone: 0845 090 1234: 0845 090 1234**

The below named officer is the Horsewatch Co-ordinator at Gloucestershire Constabulary.

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**North East Region**

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

**South Yorkshire Police**

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**North Yorkshire Police**

**Telephone: 0845 606 0247**

**Scarborough & District Country Watch**

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**Criminal damage to horse field gate – Womersley**

**Crime Ref: 12100139181**

Reported 15 August at 1613 from a farm at Womersley . gate forced open/broken in to and the horses in the field escaped. They horses were later found at Stapleton.

**Poaching 25/08/10 – Sherburn**

A Rural Watch member reported poachers on land near Sherburn. As a result a vehicle was stopped and two males were arrested for being in possession of dogs and a dead Roe Deer.

**Theft of metal across district**

Overnight we have many reports of cables being stolen and other metal items.

- Electric cable and boilers have been stolen from Cotchers Lane, Saxton.
- Lightning cable has been stolen from St Mary's Church, Carlton



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- 250 metres of copper conductor wire stolen from Yorks Electricity at South Milford
- 600 metres of copper conductor wire stolen from live overhead lines Hirst Courtney.
- Gulley gates have been stolen at Fairburn, River Aire Bridge, Towton, Osterfield Lane, Monk Fryston.

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**Suspect Poaching 22/08/10 – Ulleskelf**

It was reported at 22.39hrs on 22 August that suspect poachers were on land at Ulleskelf. They had lamps with them. When the police arrived they turned their lamps off.

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**Suspicious Incident – Memoryfoam Mattresses**

On 20 August it was reported that 2 males in a white transit van were asking residents if they wanted to buy Memoryfoam mattresses. No registration number was obtained but it may have an Irish plate. However it could be linked to a similar incident involving a vehicle **NC57 FKL**.

**Northumbria Police**  
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**West Yorkshire Police**  
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**Durham Constabulary**  
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No Information Received

**Cleveland Police**  
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**Humberside Police including**  
**East Yorkshire, North East Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and Kingston upon Hull**  
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No Information Received

**Eastern Region**  
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Norfolk Constabulary, Suffolk Constabulary

**Cambridgeshire Constabulary**  
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**Stolen – Lamb & Piglet - Peterborough**

**Ref: CF0407440810**

Overnight 22/08 - Sacrewell Country Farm, Peterborough, Cambs

- 1 x Lincoln Longwool Lamb
- 1 x Saddle Back Piglet

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**Stolen – Trailer and Tack – Huntingdon**

**Ref: CF0411090810**

Overnight 24/08 - Station Rd, Warboys, Huntingdon, Cambs. Barn broken into.

Silver Ifor Williams 2 horse trailer stolen including saddles and riding equipment that was contained in trailer namely:-

- 1 x Saddle Company Black Leather Saddle
- 1 x Heather Moffat Treeless Saddle

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- 1 pr Leather Riding Boots
- 1 x Racewear Black Back Protector
- Schooling Whips
- Lunging Equipment
- Jackets & Gloves
- 1 x Horse Size Shires Exercise Sheet
- 2 x Riding Hats

**Derbyshire Constabulary**  
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**DERBYSHIRE HORSE RELATED CRIMES AND INCIDENTS**

**Bulletin No. 29: 29 July to 4 August 2010 inclusive.**

	Reference	Date	Location	Details
<b>A</b>	Inc 667	29 July	Meadow Lane Long Eaton	<b>Reported:</b> A horse and a cow have been attacked in their field by dogs which have been let off their leads whilst being walked in the field. <b>Outcome:</b> Attended and took details from all parties and witnesses. Both horse and cow have sustained injuries and one of the dogs has had a leg broken. All require veterinary treatment. Horse/cow owner will be claiming costs from dog owners as they were not under control and caused the injuries.
<b>A</b>	Inc 243	1 August	Inns Lane South Wingfield	<b>Reported:</b> Seven horses on road. <b>Outcome:</b> Attended and herded them into a field and secured the gate whilst owner located.
<b>A</b>	Incs 213, 215 & 242	2 August	A38 Mansfield	<b>Reported:</b> Black and white horse at side of busy carriageway. <b>Outcome:</b> Owner contacted, horse retrieved.
<b>A</b>	Inc 501	4 August	Derby Road Risley	<b>Reported:</b> Farmer reports dog from nearby house keeps getting into one of his fields where people keep their horses. One horse has now been bitten. <b>Outcome:</b> Attended, took details and looked at horse. No injuries on this occasion but officer to visit dog owner and give suitable warning and advice.
<b>B</b>	No reports			
<b>C</b>	Inc 330	30 July	Station Road Killamarsh	<b>Reported:</b> Loose horse on road. <b>Outcome:</b> Area searched, no horse found.
<b>D</b>				

**DERBYSHIRE HORSE RELATED CRIMES AND INCIDENTS**

**Bulletin No. 30: 5 to 10 August 2010 inclusive.**

	Reference	Date	Location	Details

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<b>A</b>	No reports			
<b>B</b>	No reports			
<b>C</b>	Inc 588	6 Aug	Chesterfield Road Worksop	<b>Reported:</b> Horse on the loose on the car park. <b>Outcome:</b> Informant managed to get horse behind fence.
<b>C</b>	Inc 589	8 Aug	Orchard View Bolsover	<b>Reported:</b> Brown horse running loose up Back Lane behind Orchard View. <b>Outcome:</b> Further call from informant horse now in car park.
<b>D</b>	No reports			

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**Bulletin No. 31: 11 to 18 August 2010 inclusive.**

	Reference	Date	Location	Details
<b>D</b>	Inc 646	16 Aug	Wilmore Road Derby	<b>Reported:</b> Donkey seen chained to a stump. Has water close by but does not look very securely tethered and is near a main road. <b>Outcome:</b> Owner is known and RSPCA are aware of this donkey. Local sanctuary is willing to take it but need police to actually remove it.
<b>D</b>	CR 43466/10	9-10 Aug	Stenson Road Barrow-on-Trent	<b>Reported:</b> Between 1pm on Mon and 10am on Tues unknown offender climbed over fence (after failing to break lock from enclosure gate) and forced shed lock in order to steal items. Two brown leather head-collars worth £80 and one navy blue summer sheet worth £30 were stolen. <b>Outcome:</b> Remote location, nothing seen or heard. A spate of break-ins into sheds and outbuildings has occurred in this area. Under investigation.

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**Bulletin No. 32: 19 to 26 August 2010 inclusive.**

	Reference	Date	Location	Details
<b>A</b>	CR 46053/10	22 Aug	Sandy Lane Coxbench	<b>Reported:</b> Horsebox parked up on street was stolen by unknown offender between 7.30pm and 8.30pm. Vehicle was Blue Iveco Ford livestock carrier with registration no. M899 KPF. <b>Outcome:</b> Location not overlooked, no forensic clues, no CCTV in area. Theft recorded on Police/DVLA computer systems. Crime filed pending vehicle being sighted/recovered.
<b>A</b>	Inc 740	26 Aug	Duffield Bank Belper	<b>Reported:</b> Donkey in middle of 60mph road. <b>Outcome:</b> Attended and searched whole stretch of road, no donkey found.

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<b>A</b>	CR 45748/10	19-20 Aug	Station Road Borrowash	<b>Reported:</b> Between 6pm on Thurs and 11.30am on Fri someone forced the lock on a field gate and stole a donkey from the field. <b>Outcome:</b> Of the fifteen donkeys kept in the field it was the friendliest one that went missing. The owner is sure it has not strayed. Grey female donkey with black dorsal stripe. Valued at £600. Theft under investigation.
<b>A</b>	CR 45304/10	18-19 Aug	Nottingham Lane Riddings	<b>Reported:</b> Between 5pm on Weds and 8am on Thurs screws were removed from stable door, entry was gained and tack items were stolen. Brown leather %b Whittaker+hunter bridle worth £200, brown leather dressage saddle worth £450 and brown leather %b ever+jumping saddle worth £500. <b>Outcome:</b> No CCTV coverage, remote location not overlooked. Under investigation.
<b>B</b>	No reports			
<b>C</b>	Inc 699	19 Aug	Marsh Lane Sheffield	<b>Reported:</b> Loose horse on road. <b>Outcome:</b> Area searched, no horse found straying.
<b>C</b>	Inc 455	21 Aug	High Street Eckington	<b>Reported:</b> Three horses seen on road, causing traffic tailback. <b>Outcome:</b> Area searched no sign of any horses, no traffic problems.
<b>D</b>	CR 42532/10	4-5 Aug	Woodville Road Hartshorne	<b>Reported:</b> Tack room entered and entire contents of building stolen including £500 of tack items (detailed list being compiled). <b>Outcome:</b> No CCTV coverage, house to house enquiries proved negative, nothing seen or heard. Crime filed unsolved.

**Nottinghamshire Police**  
Telephone: 0115 967 0999

No Information Received

**Norfolk Constabulary**  
Telephone: 0845 456 4567

07798635746 (Dann y/Sue Cracknell) [horsewatch@tiscali.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 5 and 17 August 2010**

Please note: other offences may have occurred during this period, however details cannot be disclosed

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as the victim has stated they object to publicity.

Location	Gisleham
Date	Between 21:00 on 11/08/10 & 17:00 on 12/08/10
Crime Category	Criminal Damage . other . under £5000
Property	
Additional information	Over a day time period damage caused to a horse left unattended in field by cutting off approx 3ft of tail with an unknown sharp instrument
Crime Reference	LO/10/5442

Location	Rushbrooke
Date	Between 17:00 on 16/08/10 & 08:00 on 17/08/10
Crime Category	Theft - other
Property	Rutland electric fence energiser
Additional information	Stolen from farm location
Crime Reference	BR/10/686

Location	Tostock
Date	Between 19:00 on 05/08/10 & 09:30 on 06/08/10
Crime Category	Theft - other
Property	3 x wheels for an Ifor Williams horse trailer
Additional information	During hours of darkness farm yard entered in rural area and 3 wheels stolen from horse trailer
Crime Reference	BR/10/686

**Abandoned equines on private land – what can be done?**

We occasionally receive reports of horses being apparently abandoned in privately owned fields or common land and are asked what can be done.

**An abandoned equine is a particularly difficult situation to resolve.** Until it has been proved that an animal is truly abandoned and not just stray or escaped, the owner has to be given a chance to come forward and claim their animal before alternative arrangements can be made.

If the animal is on common land contact the local parish and borough council to ascertain if there are commoners rights to grazing is permitted on the land. If not, then they will take the necessary action to rectify.

If a horse has been put onto private land without permission initially it must be established that the horse(s) has indeed been abandoned.

If it is in a poor condition contact one of the horse welfare charities, such as Redwings, the BHS or the World Horse Welfare, who will be able to discuss options with you. However, if the horse is in good condition removal of the horse is beyond the jurisdiction of welfare agencies and would need to be dealt with as a civil matter.

Many abandoned or stray animals are found wandering on roads. As public highways are under the direct control of the police, any animal found on a roadway should be reported to the police straightaway to reduce the risk of a serious accident. The police will often deal with the problem by putting a stray animal into the nearest field, which removes the hazard caused by the stray animal, but can cause a subsequent problem for the landowner.

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If you find an abandoned equine on your land, remember that it may well be frightened and should not be approached unless necessary. Always offer the equine some fresh water and, if possible, contain them in a place where they can graze safely, then take the following steps:

If you can, look to see if the equine has a freezemark. If it does, make a note of the mark and contact Farmkey on 01295 252544 or Freezemark Ltd on 01295 690090. Also it is now law for all new foals to be microchipped so it's worth checking to see if the horse has a microchip (all vets have a microchip scanner); this can then be checked against NED or the Petlog databases.

Look for signs of active care such as being shod, clipped, having a hogged mane, trimmed tail or trimmed whiskers which indicate that there is an active owner who will be looking for their escapee as soon as their absence is noted. If the equine has poor conformation or looks underweight, unkempt or elderly DO NOT assume that the animal is not wanted and cared for, but bear in mind that it might have been deliberately abandoned.

Report the abandonment to the police. Any escaped or stolen equine will normally have been reported to them. Ask for an incident number when you speak to them and keep a note of it for future reference.

Check [www.stolenhorseregister.com](http://www.stolenhorseregister.com) and [www.ukhorsewatch.org.uk](http://www.ukhorsewatch.org.uk) for equines that have been stolen. The NED website (National Equine Database) also have a Lost/Stolen section. [www.nedonline.co.uk/public/LostStolen.aspx](http://www.nedonline.co.uk/public/LostStolen.aspx)

Report the abandonment to the RSPCA. Although they do not always get involved directly, Inspectors may have or discover relevant information. If the equine is in poor condition or there is any sign of injury, make sure the RSPCA are aware of this.

If there is still no sign of an owner, you will need to put up an Abandonment Notice for a minimum of 14 days. This will notify passers-by that the equine has been abandoned and give the owner a reasonable period of time to come forward. The notice will state that if no owner is found, the animal may be legally rehomed or sold. It is good practice to issue another 7 day notice if no owner comes forward within the initial two week period.

You can download a template of an Abandonment Notice.

<http://www.redwings.org.uk/documents/AbandonmentNoticeWeb.pdf> . Fill in the details appropriately, protect the notice from the elements (eg. wrap it in a clear plastic bag) and display it prominently at the gate to the field or yard where the equine has been found. It is not necessary to keep the equine where it was found, or for it to be kept where you display the notice. It can also be useful to put up a card in local tack shops, supermarket and post office or put a notice in the local Free Ads.

Keep copies of all notices that you put up and notes of where you put them and for how long. If no owner comes forward after the horse has been rehomed, you will need to prove that you followed all procedures correctly and made a significant effort to find the owner of the horse. If you can do this, your actions will be protected by the law. It is also recommend that a diary of events is kept, as it is much harder to try and recollect events later on.

Many equines that are thought to be abandoned are owned by people who do not have their own land. These animals have not usually been abandoned and the use of an abandonment notice often results in the equine disappearing as suddenly as it appeared. If someone claiming to be the owner approaches you, it is advisable to ask to see the horse passport that they should, by law, have in their possession. This will prevent someone fraudulently claiming the horse. The passport will contain a detailed description of the equine that can be checked against the abandoned animal.

If no owner comes forward within the defined period, by law you are able to take legal responsibility for the equine. This allows someone to sell, re-home, euthanize or keep the horse or pony. The current difficulty with acquiring an equine in this way is the absence of their passport, which is a legal

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requirement and essential if you want to sell the animal or need to have it treated by a vet. Under the passport system it is not straightforward to issue a passport for an equine which should already have one and you will need to contact DEFRA for advice on this issue. Their helpline number is 08459 33 55 77.

Whatever course of action you decide to take, it is imperative to keep records of money spent or received, expenses incurred and actions taken (such as veterinary treatment, vaccinations, worming and so on) for several months afterwards.

There will always be the remote possibility that an owner comes forward in the future wishing to reclaim the horse (if the horse has been stolen before it was abandoned, they may have spent months looking for their equine). Here the law becomes even more complex and if an agreement with the owner cannot be reached, you may need to take legal advice to resolve the situation satisfactorily.

**To minimise the risk of animals being abandoned on your land, always keep gates securely locked.**

*The information provided is for guidance only and is given free without the intention of creating a contract. Neither the Suffolk Constabulary nor the agencies mentioned in this article take responsibility under contract law or any other legislation for the advice given.*

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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](mailto:watch@warwickshire.police.uk) Telephone 01926 684384

No Information Received

**West Mercia Police**

(incorporating Worcestershire, Shropshire, Herefordshire)

**Telephone: 08457 444 888**

**Burglary – Caravan and large shed – Springfield Lane, Broadway**

**Rural Watch Message – 8/8/10**

Overnight on 6/7 August.

A caravan and a large shed which is used for holiday accommodation was broken into in Springfield Lane. The only items that were stolen were two air guns. One was a Webley Tristar hand gun and the other a BSA .22 air rifle, there was also some air pellets taken.

**Worcestershire Horsewatch**

**Telephone: 07500 475708**

[www.worcestershirehorsewatch.co.uk](http://www.worcestershirehorsewatch.co.uk)

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[admin@worcestershshirehorsewatch.co.uk](mailto:admin@worcestershshirehorsewatch.co.uk)

WPC 3308 Gail Greenhouse, Local Police Officer, Broadway Police Station  
0300 333 3000 ext 3777, [gail.greenhouse@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:gail.greenhouse@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

No Information Received

**Herefordshire Horsewatch**

[www.freewebs.com/herefordshirehorsewatch](http://www.freewebs.com/herefordshirehorsewatch)  
[herefordshirehorsewatch@googlemail.com](mailto:herefordshirehorsewatch@googlemail.com)

Telephone: 07794 453911

Chair Co-ordinator . Tara Heinemann. Telephone: 01544 318038 Email: [hfdshorsewatch@aol.com](mailto:hfdshorsewatch@aol.com).

No Information Received

**Shropshire Horsewatch**

[www.shropshirehorsewatch.co.uk](http://www.shropshirehorsewatch.co.uk)  
[admin@shropshirehorsewatch.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.horsewatchnorthants.org.uk)

Sandy Redmore [lpchilds@bursam.plus.com](mailto:lpchilds@bursam.plus.com) or Linda Childs [sandy.redmore@btinternet.com](mailto:sandy.redmore@btinternet.com)

PC243 Claire Salmon, Force Countryside & Wildlife Officer,

[Claire.salmon@northants.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Claire.salmon@northants.pnn.police.uk) Tel: 03000 111 222

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

David Robins, Community Messaging (Ringmaster) [David.robins@northants.pnn.police.uk](mailto:David.robins@northants.pnn.police.uk)

Andy Roberts, Press officer [Andy.roberts@northants.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Andy.roberts@northants.pnn.police.uk)

No Information Received

**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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@ukhorsechat.co.uk) this is checked daily or Ring 07849 590251.

Horsewatch Contact Sarah Hallmark [saza911@hotmail.com](mailto: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**



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**Merseyside Police**  
Telephone: 0151 709 6010

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**Wales**  
Dyfed-Powys Police  
South Wales, Gwent, North Wales

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**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](mailto:ruth.james@gwent.pnn.police.uk)  
Severnside Neighbourhood Policing Team, Caldicot Police Station

No Information Received

**North Wales Police**  
Telephone: 0845 607 1001 (Welsh speaking) or 0845 607 1002 (English speaking)

No Information Received

**The Police Service of Northern Ireland**  
Telephone: 0845 600 8000

No Information Received

**Southern Ireland**  
An Garda Siochana  
Telephone: 00353 1 666 0000

No Information Received

**Scotland**  
**Horse Watch Scotland**  
**New Contact details**  
[www.horsewatchscotland.info](http://www.horsewatchscotland.info)

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Grampian - [david.paton@grampian.pnn.police.uk](mailto:david.paton@grampian.pnn.police.uk)  
Dumfries & Galloway Constabulary - [Judith.Richardson@dg.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Judith.Richardson@dg.pnn.police.uk)  
Fife Constabulary - [Ian.Laing@fife.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Ian.Laing@fife.pnn.police.uk)  
Tayside Police - [donald.campbell@tayside.pnn.police.uk](mailto:donald.campbell@tayside.pnn.police.uk)  
Central Scotland Police - vacant  
Northern Constabulary - vacant  
Lothian & Borders Police - vacant

**Suspicious Incident - Inverness**

A Friesian horse in the Culloden Moor area of Inverness has had its mane plaited between 2130hr on Monday 16 August and 0600 hr on the Tuesday.

**Mane plaiting** is thought to be a way of marking horses for theft. We always recommend that you contact the police if this happens, and if possible move the horse/pony to a different field. Stagger visiting times to your horse as your normal routine may have been clocked. Take a photograph of the plait before removing it, and of course contact the police.

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**Useful Contacts**

Stolen Horses International <http://www.netposse.com/stolenmissing/stolenhorses.htm>  
UK Horsewatch Alliance [www.ukhorsewatch.org.uk](http://www.ukhorsewatch.org.uk)  
Stolen Horse Register [www.stolenhorseregister.com](http://www.stolenhorseregister.com)  
National Equine Database [www.nedonline.co.uk](http://www.nedonline.co.uk)

**Crime Prevention – Don't be a victim of crime**

[www.crimestoppers.co.uk](http://www.crimestoppers.co.uk)  
[www.smartwater.com](http://www.smartwater.com)  
[www.farmkey.com](http://www.farmkey.com)  
[www.freezemark.biz](http://www.freezemark.biz)  
[www.equisecurity.co.uk](http://www.equisecurity.co.uk)  
[www.icebands.org](http://www.icebands.org)  
[www.padlockirelandnationalregister.com](http://www.padlockirelandnationalregister.com)  
[www.northernbrand.co.uk](http://www.northernbrand.co.uk)  
Saddleguard [info@saddleguard.co.uk](mailto:info@saddleguard.co.uk) . 01707 652577 or 07778 501915  
[www.Chips4Tack.com](http://www.Chips4Tack.com) Tel: 01323 460887 . ID marking for saddlery

Tel: 0800 555 111  
Property Security  
Tel: 0870 870 7107 : [info@farmkey.co.uk](mailto:info@farmkey.co.uk)  
[mary@freezemark.biz](mailto:mary@freezemark.biz) . Freeze marking for horses  
Dedicated to equestrian security  
Rider & Horse Safety

**Crime Detection – Find your stolen property**

[www.missinghorsesonloan.co.uk](http://www.missinghorsesonloan.co.uk) [missinghorsesonloan@gmail.com](mailto:missinghorsesonloan@gmail.com) . Tel 07794 453911  
[www.nfed.co.uk/horsewatch](http://www.nfed.co.uk/horsewatch)  
[www.nfed.co.uk/hhwlogo](http://www.nfed.co.uk/hhwlogo)  
[www.stolenhorseregister.com](http://www.stolenhorseregister.com)  
[www.equinemarketwatch.org.uk](http://www.equinemarketwatch.org.uk)  
[www.tracingequines.co.uk](http://www.tracingequines.co.uk)  
[www.virtualbumblebee.co.uk](http://www.virtualbumblebee.co.uk)  
<http://www.skywatchcivilairpatrol.org.uk/>  
[www.checkmend.com](http://www.checkmend.com)

If it's reported stolen it may be listed here.

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

[www.virtualbumblebee.co.uk](http://www.virtualbumblebee.co.uk)  
[www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com)  
[www.equinemarketwatch.org.uk](http://www.equinemarketwatch.org.uk)  
[www.tracingequines.co.uk](http://www.tracingequines.co.uk)  
[www.aminalsonline.org.uk](http://www.aminalsonline.org.uk)

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Equine Market Watch Welfare