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## **Editorial Comment**

I hope you will have enjoyed a Happy Christmas with friends and family.

May we, from Hampshire Horsewatch, wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Remember what is referred to below is only a selection of equine crime that is committed throughout the country. Many equine crimes are not reported to the police and equally many incidents are not circulated through police or Horsewatch channels.

The purpose of the bulletin is to advise and provide information, which will assist in crime prevention, recovery of stolen property, provide evidence to arrest and secure a prosecution against offenders who steal YOUR property.

Ultimately, protection of your property is YOUR responsibility. Horsewatch schemes and the police will do their best to advise and provide information to help you achieve that goal.

There has been ample crime prevention advice provided within past circulations of this bulletin. Equally, other equine media circulations provide crime prevention advice. Your local Horsewatch schemes and police will be able to assist with crime prevention information. All you have to do is ask and then implement that advice.

### **Be Safe – Be Seen (Kindly submitted by Suffolk Horse Watch)**

Further to the information, given in the last bulletin and which is repeated below, about the new British Horse Society website for reporting horse related incidents, on the day we had the freezing fog, we received a call from a member of the public reporting seeing two riders out hacking on a narrow country lane. Nothing unusual you may think, except the caller was lucky to see them as they were wearing brown jackets, black helmets and riding brown horses. They may have looked stylish in their riding attire, but with a combination of the fog and their drab coloured clothing they disappeared into the brown hedgerows. Neither rider was wearing one stitch of hi-viz clothing. An accident waiting to happen.

Over half of all accidents involving horses occur on minor roads, which are often narrow and twisty. Visibility can be a problem even in bright, sunny conditions and by wearing Hi-Viz gear, luminous and fluorescent, riders can give vehicle drivers a valuable extra three seconds 'reaction time' that can make all the difference in avoiding an accident. There are numerous Hi-Viz products available for riders, carriages and horses to make them more visible to vehicle drivers. A Hi-Viz tabard should always be worn, but other products include leg wraps, exercise sheets, martingale and bridle covers for horses, hat covers, mitts and flashing stirrup lights for riders, while carriage drivers can increase their visibility with a banner across the back of the carriage.

### **The Highway Code states that you should:-**

- Wear boots or shoes with hard soles and heels
- Light coloured or fluorescent clothing in daylight
- Reflective clothing if you have to ride at night or in poor visibility

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**At night:-** It is safer not to ride on the road at night or in poor visibility, but if you do, make sure you wear reflective clothing and your horse has reflective bands above the fetlock joints. A light which shows white to the front and red to the rear should be fitted, with a band, to the rider's right arm and/or leg/riding boot. If you are leading a horse at night, carry a light in your right hand, showing white to the front and red to the rear, and wear reflective clothing on both you and your horse. It is strongly recommended that a fluorescent/reflective tail guard is also worn by your horse.

Don't risk you or your horse's life. Remember every time you hack out **YOU** are responsible for your horse's safety. For more information visit [www.horseaccidents.org.uk](http://www.horseaccidents.org.uk).

**New BHS Website to record horse accidents**

The British Horse Society (BHS) has launched a website to record incidents involving horses. The society says there are no specific records of accidents relating to horses by road authorities and emergency services. So it has set up a website to collate data centrally.

The site, [www.horseaccidents.org.uk](http://www.horseaccidents.org.uk), was launched on 13 November for the public to record everything from dog attacks and road traffic accidents to incidents involving low-flying aircraft. The data will be used to lobby for better riding conditions. "Without hard evidence, it is impossible to lobby the government and other organisations to make changes," said the BHS's Sheila Hardy.

Over the coming months the BHS will add its own archived records to compare the number, location and type of incidents each year. You will be able to view incidents reported to the BHS and spot any problems in your area. If you or your horse has been involved in an equine related incident then the BHS want to hear about it.

For more information visit [www.horseaccidents.org.uk](http://www.horseaccidents.org.uk)

**Vehicle Tracking Systems** can be effective as vehicle theft prevention and retrieval devices. When used as a security system, a Vehicle Tracking System may serve as either an addition to or replacement for a traditional car alarm. Some vehicle tracking systems make it possible to control the vehicle remotely, including blocking doors or the engine in cases of emergency. The existence of a vehicle tracking device can be used to reduce the insurance cost, because the loss-risk of the vehicle drops significantly.

There are various vehicle tracker devices on the market, using one or a combination of tracing methods. Some vehicle tracking systems integrate several security systems, for example by sending an automatic alert to a phone or email if an alarm is triggered or the vehicle is moved without authorisation.

The three main methods of tracing are:

- VHF . Very High Frequency
- GPS - Global Positioning System
- GSM - Global System for Mobile Communications

A covert transmitter is hidden discretely in the vehicle. There is no visible aerial or other identifying feature so the

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thief cannot see it and won't know it is there.

VHF can still recover your vehicle even if it is in an underground car park, a shipping container or transported in a covered trailer unlike GPS and GSM based systems. Most police forces across the country have appropriately equipped police cars to trace stolen vehicles carrying a VHF activated tracker.

GPS pinpoints the location of a stolen vehicle every few seconds. If your vehicle is moved illegally, it can be located using the GPS in the vehicle tracking unit. If your vehicle is moved without the use of its keys, the unit will notify the service provider and they will contact you. This technology does not rely on the stolen vehicle being near to an appropriately equipped police car, and therefore means tracking can commence quickly and effectively even if a police car is not immediately available.

Like most things in technology there are pros and cons to the different systems and the decision on the equipment to purchase will depend on the customers individual needs and it is recommended you seek advice before making a purchase.

For more advice

[http://www.securedbydesign.com/pdfs/stolen\\_vehicle\\_book.pdf](http://www.securedbydesign.com/pdfs/stolen_vehicle_book.pdf)

<http://www.thatcham.org/>

**Thanks to Suffolk Horse Watch for all the above advice and information.**

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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 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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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

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[www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk)

Message from Hook Police Station Farm Watch

Dear All,

As I mentioned in the previous newsletter we were experiencing thefts from sheds and out buildings which were affecting town areas and not the rural. Unfortunately these have begun to move to our rural areas and I urge you all to check your current security. Make a note of models and serial numbers of kit like chainsaws, hedge cutters etc.

We, the Police, are planning some various operations to target these areas and off enders so watch this space.

We have seen a drop in the touting of scrap in our area but it continues in surrounding areas. The offenders for this crime in our area have either moved out to try elsewhere having learnt not to come to us. What we have seen is a rise in thefts of road signs, 30MPH limit signs, chevron markers etc from our local roads.

Trailer thefts have picked up with one or two in the Hart rural but others further afield have been hit harder. Particular makes are again I for Williams and twin axle trailers at that.

Telehandler thefts are rising countrywide so please bear this in mind when parking up your handlers. They are not

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only being used for resale but as a tool for smashing down or entering compounds and buildings.

On that note some of you may well remember the ~~you~~ posters we had and that we were hoping to get some larger more resilient ones made in ~~core~~plastic. I can now tell you that we have a number of these posters in A1 size. If anyone would like any please get in contact and I will arrange delivery of posters. A reminder of what they look like here. They are FREE!



Again, thank you for your help in letting us know about these incidents which we continue to try to address.

If you see a crime in progress, call 999. If you see poachers on land, call 999, and quote 'Operation Thornley'

For all incidents where the incident has happened, or there is no immediate threat to life or property, please 0845 045 4545. I know reporting incidents through this number can take time, but it is the only system we have, so please use it.

Mick Ames - PC 1536.

## Recent incidents/suspect things.

- 14/11/10 Odiham, Stihl petrol hedge cutter and leaf blower stolen.
- 15/11/10 Hartley Wintney, container cut open and welder stolen.
- 16/11/10 Odiham, house broken into with only a chainsaw moved with nothing taken.
- 17/11/10 Bramshill, tack theft from a stable block.
- 22/11/10 Doras Green, Honda 420 quad bike stolen 2008 model.
- 22/11/10 Blounce, attempted break in to an outbuilding.
- 25/11/10 Hartley Wintney, 30 Yorkstone paving slabs lifted from patio and stolen.
- 28/11/10 Swainshill, theft from a parked Landrover.
- 29/11/10 Ewshot, attempt theft of tractor.
- 29/11/10 Ewshot, fields driven over, linked to the attempt theft above.
- 30/11/10 Odiham, theft of Kawasaki Mule.
- 01/12/10 Greywell, theft of quad bike.
- 01/12/10 Greywell, theft of Hayter mower.
- 01/12/10 Greywell, shed broken into with chainsaw, hedge trimmer, strimmer stolen all Stihl makes.
- 07/12/10 Long Sutton, Chainsaw and leaf blower stolen.
- 07/12/10 South warnborough, twin axle trailer stolen.

## Poaching incidents

- N529CFC Vauxhall Monterey, poaching in Crondall.
- T623BRS White Vauxhall Astra Hare coursing in Alton.
- 13/11/10 Part registration 898 Isuzu Trooper seen at Hillside, Odiham.

## Stolen items (distinctive/identifiable)

- 01/12/10 theft from Greywell of a Red Honda Fourtrax Foreman quad bike registration HX54BVP chassis number 478TE22U544500253
- 01/12/10 theft of a Hayter model 423V motor mower, dark green, serial number 423V001466
- 30/11/10 theft from Odiham of a Red Kawasaki Mule registration RX56BXY, serial number JK1AF400BB600627

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- 28/11/10 Stolen Ford Transit van from a farm yard in west Green, J453SVP

**Stolen - Fishers Pond area of Winchester**

- A JCB HPP03 Hydraulic power pack
- A JCB BHB255 Beaver Hydraulic breaker
- Stihl BG86C blowers, serial numbers: 281789111, 281789412, 281677737 & 282918275
- Stihl HS86R short arm hedge cutters, serial numbers: 171565262 & 171565167
- Stihl HL100 long arm hedge cutter: serial number: 281648952
- Stihl MS362 Chain saw, serial number: 170882719
- Stihl FS400 strimmers, serial numbers: 170200886, 170200870, 170200880, 170200868, 170200887 & 171566419.
- Plaslode nail gun.

**Suspect Vehicles.**

The following list of vehicles are those from both our local area and others from outside the Hart area but may have links back to this part of Hampshire.

- R863 TCR Red Peugeot 306 believed involved in crime
- S74 YAN Green Subaru Forrester involved with poaching.
- KC54 BCY Ford Transit van in the Crondall area, poaching.
- G963 FVH Red Landrover 90 Defender seen in the Basingstoke rural area.
- N526 KMR Red Rangrover seen acting suspiciously in South Warnborough.
- RV54 OBT Ford Transit drossied touting for scrap.
- T623 BRS White Vauxhall Astra Hare coursing in Alton.
- N529 CFC Vauxhall Monterey, poaching in Crondall.
- W629 SOT or SUT small hatchback acting suspiciously in Crondall.
- T314 PGF Blue Daiwoo Musso poaching in the Basingstoke area but was caught in our area and the occupants dealt with 6 months ago.
- KV55 RZP Ford Transit acting suspiciously in Mattingley.
- 02/12/10 Bramdean area of Winchester a Ford Transit V292 EBJ involved in poaching.
- Incidents relating to dark green Vauxhall Frontera N576 HVS, 8.12.10. This vehicle relates to poaching and theft incidents in the Winchester area but it does travel further afield.

**Other information**

Hampshire Constabulary is looking for volunteers to assist with its Humane Animal Dispatch Scheme, particularly in the area running between Bishops Waltham and Winchester. The scheme allows the police to quickly contact the right person to assist with the humane dispatch of deer injured in accidents on the road.

The scheme was established in 2008 between Hampshire Constabulary Firearms Licensing Department and the British Deer Society. Humane Animal Dispatchers are experienced in humanely dispatching animals and are subject to a review by our Firearms Licensing Department. Those on the scheme must have an open condition on their Firearms Certificate and hold a relevant insurance policy. If accepted on the scheme, members are provided with an authorisation from the Chief Constable to act as a Humane Animal Dispatcher.

An application form can be supplied by contacting PS Richard LANE at Hampshire Police HQ 0845 0 45 45 45 ext 792231 or via [richard.lane@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:richard.lane@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

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It's not all bad news. Again 2 more poachers have been dealt with and another van was subject to a stop check and the occupants detained for fuel theft offences.

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**Further December Incidents**

- Overnight 5/6, at Compton. Private garage broken into.
- 6th, between midday and 3.00pm, at Kings Sombourne, an Ifor Williams 2 tonne twin axle tipping trailer stolen, bearing registration plate HY57 RKJ.
- 6th, early evening, at Compton, a report of a black vehicle driving slowly up and down near horse paddocks.
- 6th, 7.30pm, at Broughton, poachers using a dark Subaru, last letters of registration 'YB'
- Overnight of 6/7 at Owslebury, 50 bails of hay stolen from a barn.
- Overnight of 6/7, at Upham, a barn was broken into, storage containers entered and a large amount of machinery and horse tack stolen, including:
  - Western saddle . tan colour with sheep skin saddle & saddle horn from America . patterns on the fenders & clean stirrups covered in light tan suede leather stars with tassels on both back sides
  - Western saddle . black leather, big silver studs all round the edging, still plastic on under seat not yet removed
  - Back pad training pad
  - Treeless saddle . black, black fur underside
  - Treeless saddle . light green & grey, Cheyanne with cover
  - Treeless saddle . brown, Cheyanne with leaf attached to back
  - Wintec Air . VSD, black synthetic leather & suede with cover
  - Wintec Air . Isabella Worth, black suede, balancing rein attached to front dressage saddle with cover
  - Bridles . 2 x Hackamores full size / 1 x brown & 1 x black
  - English leather pony bridle . dark tan
  - 2 x Breast plates full size / 1 x brown & 1 x black
  - Western brown leather one ear full size
  - 1 x Red Parelli head collar & long line with leather end
  - Brown leather bridle with Montana silver buckles . cob
  - Clippers x 2 sets
- Overnight of 6/7, at **Swanmore**, a portacabin was burgled and equipment stolen.
- 7th, 10.00am, at **Little Sombourne**, occupants of a **Transit tipper CP55 HKF** driving round farms touting for scrap.

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- Overnight of 7/8, at **Twyford**, section of mane cut from a pony.
- 8th, 2.00pm, at **Old Alresford**, a **dark green Vauxhall Frontera N576 HVS** was seen driving on private land. 4 males on board, when challenged, asked landowner for permission for go ferreting. Permission declined.
- 2.45pm, at **West Meon**, occupants of a **dark coloured Frontera**, tried to steal a Goshawk that was in a carrying box, from the rear of a parked vehicle. They dropped the bird and box, when challenged by the owner, and made off.
- 4.20pm at **Waltham Chase**, occupants of the **Frontera**, try to steal a trailer loaded with a ride on mower, but are challenged and made off.

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**From Sussex Countrywatch**

Over recent weeks there have been 4 Landrover Defenders stolen. If you own a Defender, please make sure all the security measures are working. If possible beef-up the security with extra devices.

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**Some Good News!**

- Re the recent theft of Christmas trees from near **Medstead**. All trees have been recovered, along with the truck and trailer used to take them away. Enquiries continue.
- Following a report of theft of scrap metal from central heating systems at **Newtown**, on the 7th, two males were arrested. Enquiries are continuing.
- Following a report of suspected poaching at **Bramdean**, on the 8th, two males in a **white Ford Transit Connect van, FL55 XAS** have been cordially invited to have a chat with the local Constabulary at a later date.

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**Horse tack marking**

If any of you wish to have your tack marked, please contact PCSO Siobhan Murray at Alresford Police Station or refer to the Tack Marking Kit Location List which can be found on the Hampshire Horsewatch web site [www.nfed.co.uk/horsewatch](http://www.nfed.co.uk/horsewatch) Post Coding kits can be borrowed.

**Given the fact that a large amount of tack was stolen from Upham can YOU afford not to get or arrange to have you property post coded?**

**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](mailto:Christine.seal@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)  
[www.thamesvalleyhorsewatch.org.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyhorsewatch.org.uk)   [tvhorsewatch@btinternet.com](mailto:tvhorsewatch@btinternet.com)

No Information Received

**Surrey Police**  
**Telephone: 0845 1252222**  
**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

**Hertfordshire Constabulary**  
**Telephone: 0845 3300222**  
Email: [easttherhorsewatch@hotmail.com](mailto:easttherhorsewatch@hotmail.com)   [Jill.dockley@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Jill.dockley@herts.pnn.police.uk)   01992 533043  
The scheme is running in the Eastern area and will be rolled out across the county later.

No Information Received

**Essex Police**  
[Valerie.crawford@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Valerie.crawford@essex.pnn.police.uk) Tel: 07796 473908   [www.essexhorsewatch.org.uk](http://www.essexhorsewatch.org.uk)

No Information Received

**Kent Police**  
**Telephone: 01622 690690**

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**Sussex Police**

**Telephone: 0845 6070999**

[www.sussexhorsewatch.webs.com](http://www.sussexhorsewatch.webs.com)   [sussexhorsewatch@googlemail.com](mailto:sussexhorsewatch@googlemail.com).

**Two males arrested - Midhurst**

**Issue Date: 8/12/2010**

In the Midhurst area vigilant Farm Watch members immediately reported a red Volkswagen Golf acting suspiciously in Mill Lane, Stedham and also at Pendean near Heyshott. Units were rapidly deployed for an area search resulting in the stopping of the vehicle and the arrest of two males for the offence of going equipped to steal.

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**Suspicious Vehicle - Lindfield**

**Serial 0809 – 08/12/10**

H Reg, White Toyota Hilux, seen acting suspiciously, on 3 consecutive days, in the Snowdrop Lane area of Lindfield. On the last occasion this vehicle was seen full of Holly.

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**Grit Bins**

During the recent snow it has been reported by Highways that salt has been removed from the bins to grit private driveways and not roads and paths as intended. In one incident a flat bed truck removed the entire contents of a grit bin within minutes of it being filled.

Any incidents should be reported to Sussex Police on 0845 60 70 999.

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**Animal feed and bedding**

There has been an increase in reports of thefts of hay, bedding and horse feed from barns and stables. With the increase in cost this is likely to be an ongoing problem, and owners of livery yards and stables are asked to pass this information on to horse owners. Any incidents should be reported to police.

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**Attempt Theft – Tractor – Forrest Row**

Over £600 million worth of agricultural machinery (including Quad Bikes) has been stolen in England and Wales over the last 12 months, and last week an attempt was made to steal a Massey Ferguson tractor from a barn in the Forrest Row area. This was valued at over £120,000. The attempt failed after the thieves stalled the tractor and failed to get it re started.

It is recommended that owners of agricultural machinery consider security marking and registration of their equipment. For more information, contact your local Crime Prevention Officer or Neighbourhood Policing Team.

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**MANY THANKS!!!!**

A big thank you to all those farmers and 4x4 owners who assisted the police and public during the recent snow. Keep up the good work!

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**Lock up your Land Rovers or defend your Defenders**

Land Rover Defenders continue to be a vehicle of choice to steal. Older Defenders can appear much newer as there are few changes in design over the manufacturing years making them attractive to thieves. Intelligence suggests that a number of Land Rover Defenders are being stolen and cloned. There have been a number of reports of thefts in adjoining areas, the most recent incidents from our districts include:

**Theft of Motor Vehicle – Amberley**

**Reference 168 – 14/12/10**

Overnight 13/14 December 2010 from Hog Lane a green Defender X928 XAF

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**Theft of Motor Vehicle - Forest Row**

**Police serial 662 of 11/12/2010 refers.**



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Between 8th to 11th December 2010 a green Land Rover used off road on farm found abandoned in Balcombe on 11th.

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**Theft of Motor Vehicle – Ardingly**  
**Police reference 647 of 11/12/2010.**

Between 8th and 11th December 2010 a blue Defender registration BD 03 WPP from the High Street.

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**Theft – Tack – Portslade**  
**15/12/2010**

A number of rugs taken in Portslade

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**4 x 4s Targeted in Mid Sussex**  
**Serial No. 0145 of 17/12/10**

Two Landrovers were entered and an attempt was made to tow away a third vehicle in the West Hoathly area of Mid Sussex. Owners of 4x4 vehicles should be particularly aware of where they park, especially overnight. An old style Toyota 4x4 pickup, possibly red in colour was believed to be involved in the attempted theft and a white transit van had also been seen acting suspiciously earlier in the day.

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**Theft – Tack - Crawley**  
**Serial No. 0425 of 18/12/2010**

Three tack rooms at a livery yard in the Langley Green area of Crawley were broken into overnight. Saddles, bridles and a mini motorcycle were amongst items stolen.

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**Stolen - Digger - East Grinstead**  
**Serial No. 239 of 17/12/10**

Stolen from a secure compound on a building site in Windmill Lane East Grinstead overnight 16/17 December a 2.5 ton Hitachi digger.

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**Theft of Motor Vehicle – Washington**  
**Serial No. 374 of 19/12/10**

Stolen from farm premises The Pike, Washington overnight 18/19 December a blue Land Rover Defender index B11 JDL .

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**Bedfordshire Police**

**Telephone: 01234 841212**

Police Contact: Phil Cannings [phil.cannings@Bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:phil.cannings@Bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk)

Ringmasters: Sarah Stevens: [sarah.stevens@safer-beds.org](mailto:sarah.stevens@safer-beds.org) and Dean Doyle: [dean.doyle@safer-beds.org](mailto:dean.doyle@safer-beds.org)

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**London**

**The Metropolitan Police Service**

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**South West**

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

**Wiltshire Constabulary**

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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](mailto:ruralcrimeteam@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

**FOUND - Saddles & Tack - Swindon**

**07/12/10 - Wiltshire Horsewatch**

Items below were seen to be dumped by a male using a black car on Tuesday 7 Dec, mid morning!! The witness, on returning to the lay-by in Blunsdon Village, Swindon, found 5 saddles, 5 head collars + bridles/reins . all the saddles had stirrups attached!

DO YOU KNOW ~~€~~CASPER+- Sadly, none of the saddles were security marked....

- 1 x Black GP - Makers label - Bachelor Epping Essex harness and whip market BS6635 M
- 1 x Black GP . no markings, attached to a Kieffer gold line girth.
- 1 x Brown Leather Albion GP with Cottage Craft quilted numnah attached to saddle, grey in colour black piping.
- 1 x Black leather saddle - quick release stirrups - brown stirrup leathers
- 1 x Brown leather saddle - on the left stirrup bar the letter ~~Δ~~qbs66. Attached saddle cloth, multi coloured, blue with red and yellow outlined circles. Also attached brown girth Wintec elastic.
- 1 x Black leather head collar, lead rope attached brown and cream colour. Brass plate in the name of ~~€~~CASPERq
- 1 x large Aerborne head collar in material with Brass fittings.
- 1 x Brown leather head collar with brass fittings and green lead rope attached.
- 1 x Brown with a pink stripe material head collar with brass fittings and brown lead rope attached.
- 1 x Black and red lead rope
- 1 x Black Aerborne head collar ~~æ~~obqsize and lunging collar.
- 1 x Black Wintec girth
- 1 x Small pony size brown head piece snaffle bit with brown leather reins attached. Browband is wrapped in green and purple ribbon.
- 1 x Black leather head piece and nose band, snaffle bit attached, reins attached.
- 1 x Brown leather head piece with head band. Snaffle bit attached, brown reins attached.
- 1 x black head piece.

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**Stolen – Trailer – Brinkworth, Wiltshire**

**Police Crime number – 54100102185 - 5/12/10**

Black lfor Williams 505 trailer stolen between 19:00pm on 4/12/10 and 11am 5/12/10 from Callow Hill, Brinkworth, Wiltshire. It had a hitch lock, wheel clamp, was chained to a post in the ground and the gate it was behind had padlock either end. The gate was left on the floor so the horses could have left the field and gone onto a busy road, but thankfully did not. The trailer was originally green but painted black and paint peeling near mud guards showing green paint underneath. It has lost the window in the front. The mud guards have been chewed by a dog. It has a white roof. Chassis number 11347.



**Dorset Police**

**Telephone: 01305 222 222**

HorseWatch Co-ordinator [jane.brittain@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:jane.brittain@dorset.pnn.police.uk)

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

**Theft – Clothing – Wimborne**

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**Reference: C10D52050 -14/12/2010**

A large quantity of Musto and Toggi clothing was stolen from an outlet in Wimborne. If you are offered or hear of such items being sold on the cheap or from a dubious source please inform police

**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](mailto:lindsey.stone@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

Justin Gay 07795 503242 PCSO [Justin.Gay@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Justin.Gay@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk)

Tessa Smith 0845 456 7000 ext 62025 [Tessa.smith@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:Tessa.smith@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

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Carol Barnett : [chathamrow@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:chathamrow@ukonline.co.uk)

<http://www.somersethorsewatch.co.uk/> [info@somersethorsewatch.co.uk](mailto:info@somersethorsewatch.co.uk)

Tel: 0777 5856247

**Theft – Tack – Milborne Port**

**Crime No: 152715/10**

17 specialist saddles and bridles were stolen from a yard in Milborne Port sometime between 11pm on 16th Dec and 5am on 17th Dec.

**Gloucestershire Constabulary**

**Telephone: 0845 090 1234**

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

Melanie Campbell - [melanie.campbell@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:melanie.campbell@gloucestershire.police.uk)

Phone 0845 090 1234 <http://www.gloucestershirehorsewatch.org.uk/html/usefullinks.html>

Police Horsewatch Officers

Cotswolds - [melanie.oliveira@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:melanie.oliveira@gloucestershire.police.uk)

Stroud - [colin.drewett@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:colin.drewett@gloucestershire.police.uk)

Stonehouse - [kelly.akers@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:kelly.akers@gloucestershire.police.uk)

Dursley - [andrew.tring@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:andrew.tring@gloucestershire.police.uk)

Gloucester - [melanie.campbell@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:melanie.campbell@gloucestershire.police.uk)

Forrest - [tania.shuttleworth@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:tania.shuttleworth@gloucestershire.police.uk)

Tewkesbury - [kim.hadland@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:kim.hadland@gloucestershire.police.uk)

Bishops Cleeve - [sarah.sceats@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:sarah.sceats@gloucestershire.police.uk)

Cheltenham - [lorraine.mosley@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:lorraine.mosley@gloucestershire.police.uk) & [leanne.copping@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:leanne.copping@gloucestershire.police.uk)

Cheltenham - [lorraine.mosley@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:lorraine.mosley@gloucestershire.police.uk) and [leanne.copping@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto: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](mailto:Joanne.Kennedy@southyorks.pnn.police.uk)

**Stolen - Horse Lorry - South Yorkshire**

**Crime ref A/122741/2010**

Stolen 19-20/12/10 from Sykehouse, Doncaster - Leyland Daf Horsebox in grey with grey and blue Nike type tick design. 7.5 tonne which can carry 3-4 horses. It has Oakley living quarters with brown tweed type material and laminate flooring and Oakley horse section. Rear manual load door which has bolts on the inside to stop it being opened from the outside. VRM S814BFA

**North Yorkshire Police**

**Telephone: 0845 606 0247**

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**Scarborough & District Country Watch**

[www.countrysidewatch.org.uk](http://www.countrysidewatch.org.uk)    [countrysidewatch@hotmail.com](mailto:countrysidewatch@hotmail.com)

**Trespass on land at Stillingfleet**

It was reported that a silver Vauxhall Corsa Reg No T775 KCP was trespassing illegally on land at Stillingfleet. The police attended and there were three males and one youth in the vehicle who were given a warning and escorted to the Humberside border. If this vehicle is seen again please call North Yorkshire police on 0845 60 60 247 or [Reply using our website](#)

**Stolen – Horsebox – North Duffield**

**Reference No: 12100217564**

Reported on 21 December, a horse trailer was stolen overnight from stables in North Duffield. The Ifor Williams 510 horse trailer is described as silver in colour and has a chassis number of SCK40000001209421.

**Northumbria Police**

**Telephone: 01661 872 555**

No Information Received

**West Yorkshire Police**

**Telephone: 01924 375 2222**

[fiona.pearson@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:fiona.pearson@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)

**Distraction Burglaries – Ryedale, West Yorkshire**

**Reference: JP1366 - 161210**

On 11/12/10 a number of distraction burglaries from elderly people with a Water Board Modus Operandi occurred in West Yorkshire. Violence was used on one occasion where the elderly victim was punched. Sightings of a **Black Ford Focus, BF51 GYA**, were reported from the scenes, with a number of occupants within. The vehicle is reported to have no current keeper. This vehicle is believed to be currently used by a group of travelling criminals actively involved in distraction offences.

Please can all persons be aware of this vehicle. If sighted please contact North Yorkshire Police on 0845 6060 247.

**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](mailto:horsewatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk)**

No Information Received

**Lincolnshire Police**

PCSO Nicole Page East Lincolnshire 01205 312375

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PCSO Fylippa Bennett South Lincolnshire

Email [fylippa.bennett@lincs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:fylippa.bennett@lincs.pnn.police.uk)

Gainsborough Neighbourhood Policing Team West Lincolnshire

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Email [gainsboroughruralnorth.npt@lincs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:gainsboroughruralnorth.npt@lincs.pnn.police.uk)

No Information Received

**Derbyshire Constabulary**  
**Telephone: 0845 123 3333**

Contact: Lesley Manger (DERBYSHIRE Pony Rescue)  
Telephone: 01773 831251 mobile 07842 240494. [lesleykenstudponyrescue@gmail.com](mailto:lesleykenstudponyrescue@gmail.com) 07970 848416  
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**Bulletin No. 46: 26 Nov to 2 Dec 2010 inclusive**

**Williamthorpe Rd, North Wingfield**

**Inc 95 – 26 Nov**

**Reported:** Two horses out on road.

**Outcome:** Attended and secured horses at unused farm where there is a water trough and bale of hay, presume this is where horses are kept but RSPCA informed as issues with water supply for horses.

**Dark Lane, North Wingfield**

**Inc 434 – 28 Nov**

**Reported:** Two horses just off path on lane.

**Outcome:** Attended and put horses back in field.

**Dark Lane, North Wingfield**

**Inc 494 – 28 Nov**

**Reported:** Horses out (as above)

**Outcome:** Attended and patched fence again. RSPCA informed again to assess these ponies.

**Arleston Lane, Derby**

**Inc 386 – 28 Nov**

**Reported:** Travellers have left site and left a horse behind with no shelter, food or water.

**Outcome:** RSPCA informed.

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**Bulletin No. 47: 2 to 8 Dec 2010 inclusive.**

**Wilne Road, Draycott**

**Inc CR 66887/10 – 4/5 Dec**

**Reported:** Unknown person(s) broke into a container and took sugar beet. This was then fed dry to the horses in the field. One elderly white Section A Welsh pony died as a result.

**Outcome:** Under investigation. Owner of deceased pony has agreed to speak to press to publicise the outcome of this action (which was not thought to have been malicious) and warn against the consequences. A blue/fur head collar with gold horse motif on straps was also removed.

**Goose Lane, Codnor**

**Inc 360 – 6 Dec**

**Reported:** Five ponies got out of their field and may cause an accident.

**Outcome:** These ponies are local and have been returned to where they belong.

**Warmwells Lane, Ripley**

**Incs 55,67 & 78 – 6 Dec**

**Reported:** Three horses (cobs) belonging to travellers are on the park and could get on the road. They also have no rugs on.

**Outcome:** RSPCA informed and will deal with this.

**Alfreton Road, Little Eaton**

**Inc 66 – 5 Dec**

**Reported:** Loose horse near Eaton Hill.

**Outcome:** Horse became stuck in a cattle grid. Vet called to attend to injured leg. Horse hospitalised, owner contacted who liaised with vet.

**Upper Morehay, Ripley**

**Inc 103 – 6 Dec**

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**Reported:** Three horses in road near service station.  
**Outcome:** Owner contacted who came and retrieved horses.

**Glass House Hill, Codnor**  
**Inc 619 – 8 Dec**

**Reported:** One loose horse on car park, could get onto road.  
**Outcome:** Owner contacted, caller updated.

**Start Lane, Whaley Bridge**  
**Inc 505 – 3 Dec**

**Reported:** Three horses were left behind when owner moved 3 years ago. Locals look after them but one wanted to move them to where they can be fed and sheltered over winter. Advised police as precaution in case owner ever returns and reports them stolen.  
**Outcome:** Recorded for info only.

**Pilsley Lane, Bakewell**  
**Inc 73 – 3 Dec**

**Reported:** Horse at roadside, could cause an accident if gets onto road.  
**Outcome:** No further reports received.

**Chapel Street, Monyash**  
**Inc 468 – 5 Dec**

**Reported:** Two brown horses have just galloped onto Chapel Street from Flagg direction, heading towards A515.  
**Outcome:** Further call to say horses have been caught and placed in a field.

**North Street, Clay Cross**  
**Inc 208 – 5 Dec**

**Reported:** Two horses trying to get out of their field.  
**Outcome:** Local officers advised.

**Morton Road, Pilsley**  
**Incs 59, 79 & 80 – 3 Dec**

**Reported:** Driver of gritter saw horse galloping through village.  
**Outcome:** Attended and searched area, no stray horse seen.

**Holmsfield, Dronfield**  
**CR 66590/10 – 4/5 Dec**

**Reported:** Unknown offender gained entry to victim's insecure shed and stole 4 horse rugs from within.  
**Outcome:** Under investigation.

**Road, Wingerworth**  
**Incs 227 & 230 – 5 Dec**

**Reported:** Two horses escaped, reported by owner who was trying to retrieve them.  
**Outcome:** Owner located the horses in a field.

**Spinkhill Road, Killamarsh**  
**Inc 56 – 6 Dec**

**Reported:** White horse in road at bottom of hill.  
**Outcome:** No further calls.

**Southgate, Eckington**  
**Incs 371 & 385 – 8 Dec**

**Reported:** One pony and one horse in the grounds of residential home.  
**Outcome:** Owner located who retrieved horses.

**Hartshorne, Swadlincote**  
**CR 66650/10 – 5/6 Dec**

**Reported:** Unknown offender forced entry to detached garage on farm and stole a saddle from within.  
**Outcome:** Under investigation.

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**Wilmore Road, Sinfin**  
**Inc 482 – 8 Dec**

**Reported:** Concern for pony with no rug in a field.  
**Outcome:** RSPCA informed, they will deal with this.

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**Bulletin No. 48: 9 to 15 Dec 2010 inclusive.**

**Dale Road, Stanton-By-Dale**  
**CR 66792/10 - 7 Dec**

**Reported:** Between 5.15pm and 9.20pm an unknown offender removed padlock from farm main gates and stole horse trailer from driveway.  
**Outcome:** Attended. Trailer is for Williams 505, green, value £1500, was bearing no. plate LX02 JYT when taken. No CCTV in area. Remote rural location, no witnesses. No forensic evidence. Under investigation.

**Upper Marehay, Ripley**  
**Inc 87 – 13 Dec**

**Reported:** Loose horse near The Kestrel Inn, could get onto road.  
**Outcome:** Owner local, contacted and horse collected.

**Pektron Island, Little Eaton**  
**Incs 284 & 352 – 13 Dec**

**Reported:** Black horse escaped from field and is at roadside.  
**Outcome:** Horse moved back into field.

**A5004, Long Hill stretch**  
**Inc 666 – 11 Dec**

**Reported:** Large black horse ran out in front of motorist. Accident narrowly avoided.  
**Outcome:** Horse's owner contacted.

**High Street, Whitwell**  
**Inc 183 – 13 Dec**

**Reported:** Dead horse on grass verge at roadside.  
**Outcome:** Environmental Health Dept aware and dealing.

**A619, Barlborough stretch**  
**Incs 137 & 360 – 14 Dec**

**Reported:** Four horses wandering on road, going towards the roundabout near The Van Dyke.  
**Outcome:** Attended and put horses back in field. Fencing not secure. Attended later as horses were out again. Owner advised.

**Trans Penine Trail, Renishaw stretch**  
**Inc 198 – 15 Dec**

**Reported:** Two loose horses on trail. Could get out onto road.  
**Outcome:** Attended and walked the trail, no horses seen, no hoof prints in the snow, no further reports received.

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**Bulletin No. 49: 16 to 21 Dec 2010 inclusive.**

**Alfreton Road, Little Eaton, Derby**  
**Inc 324 – 18 Dec**

**Reported:** Horse stuck in field in ice due to weather conditions, will take a look.  
**Outcome:** Farmer trying to sort it out when police attended.

**Aldercall Hall, Aldercall Lane, Langley Mill, Nottingham**  
**Inc 263 – 16 Dec**

**Reported:** Concerns for horse in our stable, had horse from dealer it is unwell and older than stated from owner, owner wants to collect today but it is not fit to travel. RSPCA informed. Can officer attend.  
**Outcome:** Informant concerned about owner demanding to take animal which is not fit, waited one hour owner not attended, inf told to contact us again if any problems.

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**Inc 64 – 20 Dec**

**Reported:** Horse roaming around in the road.

**Outcome:** No sightings of horse, done length of road.

**Cemetery Road, Glossop**

**Inc 141 – 18 Dec**

**Reported:** Horse running down Cemetery road towards Hadfield.

**Outcome:** Located horse and managed to secure it in small paddock off Little Padfield Road.

**Morrisons, Barnfield Close, Staveley**

**Inc 738 – 17 Dec**

**Reported:** Trolley men have caught two horses running loose in car park.

**Outcome:** Owners tracked down and returned horses to paddock.

**A619 Barlborough stretch**

**Inc 317 – 16 Dec**

**Reported:** Three horses on road, snowing quite badly, officers were out to same horses two days ago.

**Outcome:** Owner contacted and spoken to re incidents of horses running loose, also horses in bad condition, RSPCA informed, attended and spoke with owner who has had 2 previous warnings, she has 24hrs to remove them from the field. If not, they will be taken off her.

**Bent Lane, Staveley, Chesterfield**

**Inc 251 – 18 Dec**

**Reported:** Loose horse on road, belongs to local resident who keeps dumping horses everywhere

**Outcome:** Owner of horse has been seen, is attending to secure the horse and has been suitably advised.

**Sidings Way, Westhouses, Alfreton**

**Inc 210 – 19 Dec**

**Reported:** Two horses in road, I will wait with them until officers get here.

**Outcome:** Made enquiries re owner, arranging for them to attend. Both horses bay (brown) details added to scratch pad.

**Nottinghamshire Police**  
**Telephone: 0115 967 0999**

No Information Received

**Norfolk Constabulary**  
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No Information Received

**Suffolk Constabulary**  
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Julie Dennis, Community Safety Unit on 01473 613994 e-mail [horsewatch@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:horsewatch@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

**Theft – Double horse trailer and contents – Stansfield**

**Crime Reference HH/10/2982 - Between 29/11/10 and 01/12/10**

Rice Europa double horse trailer . blue . serial no. R00333

Inside the trailer were buckets - grooming kits - travel boots, rugs and 3 sets of polo horse boots.

Additional information: Over a period of two or three days unknown person entered a farm yard in the village centre and stole the horse trailer by jemmying wheel clamps and removing them from wheels and towing away.

**Theft – Electric fence unit - Horringer**

**Crime Reference BR/10/1035 - Between 08:30 on 03/12/10 and 08:30 on 04/12/10**

Speedrite Hb150 electric fence unit and battery powering the energiser

Additional information: During hours of darkness unknown offender has stolen electric fence unit and battery enclosing sheep pen from wooden post.

**Criminal Damage – Stable - Eye**



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**Crime Reference: ST/10/4024**

Between 17:00 on 19/11/10 and 19:00 on 24/11/10

Additional Information:- Over a period of five days damage was caused to stable door situated on farm, suspect inserted unknown object into side of door causing damage.

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**Burglary Non Dwelling – Barn - Whepstead**

**Crime Reference: BR/10/1009 - 25/11/10**

Additional information:- During hours of darkness unknown offender gained entry to barn by climbing over gate and cutting off lock to barn, an attempt was made to take an Ifor Williams horse trailer but on being disturbed left the scene.

Silver car seen in the vicinity

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**Theft – Quad Bike - Hundon**

**Crime Reference HH/10/2959 - Between 19:30 and 20:20 on 29/11/10**

Additional Information:- Offenders drove a vehicle onto a farm and caused damage by forcing entry into several out buildings. Quad bike stolen from one of the outbuildings. The quad bike was fitted with a tracker device and the vehicle has subsequently been recovered by police on activation of this device. Enquiries are ongoing.

See the Editorial article on page 1 of this bulletin for more on vehicle tracking devices.

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**Theft – Horse rugs - Lakenheath**

**Crime Reference:- MH/10/2534 - Between 16:00 and 16:20 on 29/11/10**

Additional information:- Mid afternoon suspects approached an unlocked stable in a field and removed property from within ie; spade, fork, overhead light, horse rugs x 4.

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**Theft – Tack - Holbrook**

**Crime Reference: HD/10/1828 - Between 08:00 and 15:30 on 30/11/10**

**Additional information:-** Forced entry to tack room by forcing off padlock. Items stolen include:- 20 litre water carrier, 4 bridles . with bits, 6 head collars, Brown saddle, Black Wintec synthetic saddle.

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**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 41 5 000**

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**

No Information Received

**Worcestershire Horsewatch**

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

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No Information Received

**Herefordshire Horsewatch**

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Telephone: 07794 453911

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

No Information Received

**Shropshire Horsewatch**

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Call 07794 453911 or write to PO BOX 767, WORCESTER, WR1 9AE

**Appeal for vigilance over rural crime**

Police have urged people in Shropshire to be alert to suspicious activity in the countryside, especially at night, following a spate of rural thefts in recent weeks. With the majority of incidents taking place during the hours of darkness, the public has a vital role to play in reporting any vehicles or people that they suspect may be up to no good. Items stolen have included small items such as battery packs for electric fences and animal feed troughs, which are likely to be for their scrap metal value.

Police Constable Tim Weaver, Crime Reduction Manager for Shropshire, said that by being alert, the public could help police tackle rural crime.

*"A good rule of thumb to follow is that if it makes you look twice, then it's suspicious," he said. "If a report is made to police of potentially suspicious people or vehicles in the countryside, we can quickly check to see if it is genuine farm work or a crime in progress. Police would rather attend a false alarm made with good intent than deal with a theft further down the line. Report anything that makes you look twice on 0300 333 3000."*

PC Weaver also issued a few hints and tips for those living in isolated rural areas on how to protect their property against thieves.

*"The easiest and often most effective way to make your property less attractive to thieves, in addition to marking it with your postcode or commercially available property marking systems, is to personalise it," he said. "Paint it in bright colours, cover it with stickers or scratch designs all over it to make it unique. This will make it less desirable to sell on should it be stolen, and will be more readily identifiable."*

Some other hints and tips include:-

- Fit high quality locks and install security lighting and alarms to farm or other outbuildings used for storage
- Security mark all your property, both overtly and covertly
- Take photographs of valuable items and store them with serial numbers or markings and a description
- Gate all entrances and exits and ensure they are locked with robust, closed shackle padlocks when not in use and cannot be lifted off the hinges
- Consider CCTV
- Store all property indoors in a secure building when not in use.
- Join a Rural Watch scheme.

Rural Watch is an information sharing scheme, allowing information to be passed quickly and easily among its members. The scheme is linked to Shropshire Community Messaging, an email and text message alert system that informs its members of incidents and suspicious activity in their area, and offers crime prevention advice.

*"If you are already a member of Rural Watch, check with your neighbours and friends to see if they are too and if not, invite them to join," added PC Weaver. "The more people who sign up, the more eyes and ears there are out there to pass information on to both the police and the community."*

For more information on Rural Watch or how to join, contact scheme coordinator David Riley on 01743 237499 or visit [www.safer-shropshire.org](http://www.safer-shropshire.org). The Safe and Secure section of our website's Advice Centre, found at [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk), also has more information about rural security. Alternatively, contact the police on 0300

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333 3000for further advice.

**Northamptonshire Police**  
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Northants Horsewatch

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PC243 Claire Salmon, Force Countryside & Wildlife Officer,

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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**

No Information Received

**Merseyside Police**  
**Telephone: 0151 709 6010**

No Information Received

**Wales**

Dyfed-Powys Police

South Wales, Gwent, North Wales

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**Dyfed-Powys Police**  
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Y Gwalia, Llandrindod Wells. LD1 6AA  
Swyddfa Gwalia Office 01597827317  
Swyddfa Aberhonddu/Brecon Office - 101 est/ext 460  
E-bost/E-mail:haydn.lavin@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk

**Theft – Shed/Tack Room – Nr Welshpool Powys**  
**29 Nov 2010**

The list of tack below relates to a burglary where the offenders broke into a wooden shed/tack room near Welshpool Powys during the daytime on 29/11/10 by forcing the padlock/hasp possibly with a screw driver.

- Property Item No.1 - Plant - Stolen BLACK/RED PRO USER 2.3KVA GENERATOR X 1 - Valued at £150.00 - Serial No: G2300
- Property Item No.2 - Animal Accessories - Stolen BROWN/TAN ROCKSAND STUBAN EQUINE EQUIPMENT X 1 - Valued at £800.00
- Property Item No.3 - Animal Accessories - Stolen BROWN RACING EQUINE EQUIPMENT X 1 - Valued at £400.00
- Property Item No.4 - Animal Accessories - Stolen BRWON CHILDS SADDLE EQUINE EQUIPMENT X 1 - Valued at £240.00
- Property Item No.5 - Animal Accessories - Stolen TAN PONY SADDLE EQUINE EQUIPMENT X 1 -Valued at £60.00
- Property Item No.6 - Animal Accessories - Stolen BROWN DESSAGE SADDLE EQUINE EQUIPMENT X 1 - Valued at £200.00
- Property Item No.7 - Animal Accessories - Stolen BROWN GENERAL PURPOSE EQUINE EQUIPMENT X 1 - Valued at £200.00
- Property Item No.8 - Animal Accessories - Stolen BLACK CHILDS RIDING HAT EQUINE EQUIPMENT X 1 - Valued at £35.00
- Property Item No.9 - Animal Accessories - Stolen BLACK RIDING HAT EQUINE EQUIPMENT X 1 - Valued at £50.00
- Property Item No.10 - Animal Accessories - Stolen BLUE EQUINE EQUIPMENT X 1 - Valued at £50.00
- Property Item No.11 - Animal Accessories - Stolen BURGANDY EQUINE EQUIPMENT X 1 - Valued at £50.00
- Property Item No.12 - Animal Accessories - Stolen BLACK EQUINE EQUIPMENT X 1 - Valued at £45.00
- Property Item No.13 - Animal Accessories - Stolen BLUE EQUINE EQUIPMENT X 1 - Valued at £12.00

**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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Dumfries & Galloway Constabulary - [Judith.Richardson@dg.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Judith.Richardson@dg.pnn.police.uk)  
Fife Constabulary - [lan.laing@fife.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lan.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

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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)  
National Equestrian Crime Database [www.necd.org.uk](http://www.necd.org.uk)  
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  
01295 788226 or 07779262765  
Dedicated to equestrian security  
Rider & Horse Safety  
Tel: 01323 460887 . ID marking for saddlery

**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.animalsonline.org.uk](http://www.animalsonline.org.uk)  
ACPO Accredited Crime Prevention Assoc & Firms  
Equine Market Watch Welfare