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Information & Advice

Good News

There is a Horsewatch scheme being set up in Cornwall

The organiser is Bernadette Marsh on thegrazelivery@sky.com. Telephone number 07855 705892

The Horse Watch is focused on Golant, Lanlivery, Fowey, Lostwithiel, Par and St Blazey, Tywardreath, Polkerris and Luxulyan, but does not exclude surrounding areas.

A reminder all Police Forces now have the one contact telephone number which is 101

Many Forces will still retain their other individual telephone numbers but for general contact you are advised to dial 101 for all non emergency telephone calls

Horse Loan and Agreements

The problem of horse loans and agreements which go "wrong" continues to frustrate and upset many people, more so those owners who have parted with their horse in the belief, hope that their "pet" will be in a safe environment and be cared for. Ownership disputes are rarely resolved satisfactorily and invariably the owner of the horse is the person who is the aggrieved in more ways than one. In a majority of cases the owner of the horse will have to decide whether they want to pursue a civil case to have their property returned.

It is a fact of life that there are individuals who for their own gain will steal and deceive. This includes taking on other peoples horses ostensibly under the guise of taking it on loan for riding or companion purposes.

With horse loan disputes there is invariably a fine line between what may be seen as a civil dispute between two individuals or a theft. Proving a theft requires conclusive evidence that property belonged to another and that the person accused of stealing intended to permanently deprive the other of that property......Nothing is ever straight forward and depending on circumstances of cases individuals within law enforcement organisations will view matters differently. This may work to the advantage of the person who has seemingly done wrong

As with most things in life there is no easy answer to any given problem. Be prepared is the best motto, do your home work and make sure you seek advice before parting with your "property".....and your horse is "property"

Recently the Horse and Hound 19th January 2012 ran an article about "proving ownership". The article was directed towards highlighting why ownership disputes are on the increase and how to avoid one.

The below piece has been prepared and compiled by Bedfordshire Horsewatch and is circulated for information purposes.

"Beware if you are advertising your horse or pony for instance as a companion, for loan or free to a good home. You will probably be contacted by someone who is only interested in making a profit by taking

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your loved animal directly to a slaughterhouse or sale. This person may arrive with children in tow, full of love & hugs for your pony, and you like so many others in the past, may be tempted to let them take him/her away with them in their trailer. You will have received a promise that your horse or pony has a home for life, as a companion to weanlings, or some other convincing story, and that you will be welcome to visit. And that will be the last you see or hear of the pony.

At the very least you should enter into a legally binding contract, visit the prospective keeper, request & check references BEFORE you part with your horse - which should be freeze-marked, micro-chipped, passported, and registered in your name with the NED.

It may still not be enough, as certain people have been successfully operating across the country for years, and what they are doing is apparently not illegal. But at least if you have made checks, and obtained a signed contract, Trading Standards will be able to take some action and possibly bring a civil prosecution.

Once you have voluntarily parted with your equine you have no recourse in law. You have no influence on what happens to him or her after that. So, BEWARE, and think very hard before you take this important decision on behalf of your horse."

And WHW have also just issued this warning and given some excellent advice:

http://www.equine-

world.co.uk/news_read.asp?id=1820&title=World%20Horse%20Welfare%20Warn%20Do%20Not%20Be %20A%20Victim%20Of%20Rogue%20Horse%20Traders

There is someone out there who is and has been causing absolute heartache for years, names are known yet the police can do nothing because no laws have been broken. We HAVE to take responsibility for our horses' welfare.

Crime Trends

There has been a significant increase in the theft of gas cylinders throughout the country, not for the gas, but for their scrap value. There was a recent attempt in the centre of Horsted Keynes. If you have gas cylinders or know someone who does, it is advisable to keep them out of sight and secured where possible.

There has been a large amount of thefts of generator cables over the past 3 months. Four piles of sheathing were found dumped on a country lane in the Lindfield area. Most of the offences took place between 5.30 and 9pm on farms or associated rural locations. It is evident by the locations of the offences that the offenders would have to have seen the sites in daylight before committing the thefts at a later time or date. Some of the locations were well away from any public roads or footpaths.

Be particularly aware of any suspicious activity and report it immediately by dialling 101. If you believe a crime has or is about to take place then dial 999.

A message from Phil Ball of Sussex Horsewatch.....topical and one that is repeated year after year after.....

"One thing that still amazes me is that driving around the lanes I still see trailers and lorries parked up, ramps down and horse and rider no where to be seen. What a chance to steal the contents of the said transport. I know when you get back tired all you want to do is load up and get home, you may not be surprised to learn how many people are victims of this type of crime. Oh yes with the showing season

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coming up, be aware of the same type of crime taking place, you go off to enter a class, the thief knows that they have at least 1/2 hours to steal your property."

"You have been warned."

Don't Be Duped By Alarm Cold Calling

The below information comes from Bedfordshire Police but the sentiments relate anywhere in the country...just be cautious about people who telephone you. As a matter of policy Police Forces will not endorse businesses or organisations.

Bedfordshire Police are reminding residents in the county to be extra cautious when buying alarms over the telephone.

The warning comes after a number of residents in the Luton area contacted the force as they were concerned after receiving calls from alarm companies saying they had been endorsed by the police.

Crime Reduction Officer, Lara Curtayne, would like to advise all residents that Bedfordshire Police does not endorse or promote any company or service.

Lara said: "I would advise anyone receiving similar telephone calls to contact their local Trading Standards Office, and remember, if you are offered a deal which sounds too good to be true – it usually is."

Here's some advice to follow should you want to buy an alarm or if anyone receives a call like this:

- Please refer to your local Trading Standards office for a list of approved traders or visit <u>www.nsi.org.uk</u> for approved alarm and CCTV installers.
- Always get 3 quotes for comparison and ensure that all costs are explained to you.
- If you receive a cold call, please report it immediately to your Local Trading Standards office or complete the online complaint form at Consumer Direct: https://secure.consumerdirect.gov.uk/reportascam.aspx
- To help stop cold calling you can sign up for Telephone Preference Service (TPS) but do allow 28 days for it to take effect.

Further advice on how to stop cold calling is also available at:

http://www.which.co.uk/technology/phones/guides/ten-tips-to-stop-cold-calls/

The below message has been received from Sussex Horsewatch.

The piece is forwarded for information. Stories of incidents involving horses where the animal is injured or harmed is always upsetting and can be traumatic.

Incidents should be investigated to remove the fear of crime and allay suspicion. Investigations should be

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conducted by the police with the assistance of other equine interested organisations. In many cases the circumstances can be explained. Occasionally the injuries cannot and it may be that the injuries and causes remain unexplained.

It has always been the advice of Horsewatch schemes that any equine incident should be reported to the police this can range from injury to a horse, to theft, to damage.....unreported incidents remain "invisible".

Reference to the incident in Cornwall (it is referred to as Devon) is still as best is known unresolved in terms of the cause of the horse's death. To date Hampshire Horsewatch has not received any update on the Devon and Cornwall Police investigation.

Message from Phil Ball of Sussex Horsewatch

I must confess that the first message below I would not usually report due to the risk of scare mongering, but due to the fact that it has been broadcast by Kent Police and that the two incidents mentioned both occurred just across the county border in Surrey. I thought it best that I did. I do not have any further information or details on these crimes.

Equine Community message – From Sussex Police.

In recent weeks, the equine community has been unsettled by a number of high profile incidents around the country (Devon/South Wales) that have included serious assaults on horses leading in some cases to death. Indeed, the past week odd incidents have occurred in Tilford and Betchworth, (both just across the county border in Surrey), where sharp implements were used to cut off tails or cause injury.

Please could everyone be alert to anything suspicious in stables or paddocks containing horses.

South East inc London : South West : Midlands : Eastern : Wales : North East : North West Scotland : N. Ireland : Eire : Overseas News : Useful Contacts

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 Hampshire Constabulary Telephone: 0845 045 45 45

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

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www.hampshire.police.uk

NORTHERN COUNTRY WATCH WEEKLY WITH YOUR HELP

Targeted Patrol officers from Basingstoke arrested 5 males in the Hannington area for the offence of going equipped to steal, after they were reported as acting suspiciously by a local resident.

Targeted Patrol officers from Winchester arrested a male on suspicion of theft when he was found to have a large amount of armoured style cabling in his vehicle. Enquiries are ongoing.

Country Watch officers, with the assistance of Targeted Patrol officers from the Alton area, arrested three males for poaching offences in the Upper Froyle and Crondall area, and seized their vehicle. Enquiries are still on-going.

Targeted Patrol officers from the Alton area, assisted by Country Watch officers have reported two males for poaching offences in the Upper Froyle area, enquiries are on-going.

Reported Rural Crime

Crime reports UK - All reported crime can be viewed by logging on to the Crime reports website where any crime reported in Hampshire will be shown. This is good news as it gives you the freedom to check on reported crime at any time to suit you.

If you require any help or advice on how to access the information on this web site please contact the Country Watch Team.

Hampshire Police UK - is the official Hampshire Constabulary web site. Details of your local Safer Neighbour Teams (SNT) can be found on this, along with other information in relation to Hampshire Constabulary.

If you wish to contact the Hampshire Horse Watch regarding any Equine related crime prevention advice or to request tack marking you can E-mail them at equine@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

(N.B. The links to the web addresses have been removed as some people experienced problems when accessing the links via this message.)

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Winchester and surrounding area

- 08/02/12: 1725hrs: Yellow Van BX08*** seen in suspicious circumstances in the Alresford area.
- 14/02/12: 1110hrs: Blue Transit van YT04*** seen in suspicious circumstances in the Beauworth area.

Basingstoke and surrounding area

- 07/02/12: 1200hrs: Ford Escort Van GCZ*** seen acting suspiciously in the Long Sutton area.
- 09/02/12: 1930hrs: Dark coloured Hatchback T***** seen acting suspiciously on Farm premises.
- 10/02/12: 1200hrs: Blue Ford Transit VO51*** possibly involved in poaching activity in the Long Sutton area.

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East Hants and surrounding area

- 08/02/12: 1120hrs: White Ford Transit FV56*** seen acting suspiciously around a farm in the Froxfield area.
- 09/02/12: 1420hrs: White Mazda Pick up SEZ**** Seen acting suspiciously in the Froyle area.
- 10/02/12: 1050hrs: White Ford Transit ND56*** seen involved in poaching activity in the upper Froyle area.
- 11/02/12: 1740hrs: Silver Mitsubishi pick up DY06*** seen parked up in suspicious circumstances in rural area of Wyck.
- 14/02/12: 1640hrs: White Movano Van YC06*** selling furniture door to door in the Isington area.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Burglary

There have had a series of dwelling burglaries of large detached and remote / rural properties.

Over the past few weeks there have been a number of overnight dwelling breaks to large detached properties which are in rural / secluded areas within the Waterlooville and Havant areas, many of which back onto fields and are accessed by small lanes. All properties have been subject to a full tidy search of the downstairs rooms and the only items stolen have been ipods, ipads, TV's, mobile phones, cameras and handbags with other valuable items left behind.

Please be ware that if you have an alarm installed please remember to set it at night, if you have animals within the premises which may activate the alarm, contain them to a room and isolate that room from the alarm. Remove handbags, laptops, small removable items and valuables from sight and ensure that keys are removed from the inside of locked doors and placed out of sight.

Illegal Encampments

Illegal encampments are occurring on a regular basis. Please ensure any land you have is kept secure and access restricted to prevent entry by unwanted visitors.

Theft of Hay

There have been a few incidents of hay theft across the area. Please try to keep stores of hay out of sight and secure. If practicable, consider cutting the twine on the bales to make the hay difficult to remove and load onto a vehicle.

Theft of Heating Oil

As highlighted in previous emails, heating oil is still being targeted by thieves. If you have heating oil stored at your premises consider taking crime prevention action if you have not already done so.

Remote electronic oil level gauges are available which will set off an audible alarm if the oil level in the tank suddenly drops or falls below a quarter full. These gauges can be located in the kitchen, or perhaps a utility room to warn of any potential problem. There are two or three different versions on the market at the moment and cost between £70 and £100.

Fences and walls can also make life difficult for the thief. A wooden or metal fence, trellis or wall can give significant protection to the tank but it must be remembered that the oil tanker driver will need access to fill the tank. A metal grill or cage with a lockable access point across the top of this wall or fence can further improve security. The wall or fence should be as close to the tank and as high as possible. A product called 'Tank Guard' is now available which surrounds the existing storage tank with a metal enclosure. This sheet metal enclosure has lockable access doors to allow filling and maintenance and has internal anchorage points to fix it to the concrete base. A tank guard costs less than one tank full of

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oil and will last for many years.

Close shackle padlocks are the best to use due to their design. Close shackle padlocks have very little of the metal hoop (shackle) exposed and bolt croppers cannot get a good grip, therefore making it more difficult for the thief to access your oil.

West Country Watch

For those of you who are new to Country Watch, I thought I would take the opportunity to introduce you to t team.





Sergeant Louise Hubble leads the team. She has over twelve years experience in dealing with wildlife related crime and was instrumental in initiating Country Watch. Louise was the first Country Watch Sergeant to be appointed in the Force, and ran the initial pilot scheme that has now been adopted Force-wide. She represents Hampshire Constabulary on various forums locally, regionally and nationally and is constantly seeking to develop and implement new ideas.

PC Scott Graham has been a Wildlife Crime Officer for approximately five years. Since joining the team he has gained a wealth of knowledge in relation to rural issues and wildlife crime. Scott has responsibility for working with the Safer Neighbourhood Team in Test Valley South, as well as supporting the rest of the Country Watch team throughout the Forest.



PC Dave Ahern is the latest addition to the Country Watch team, joining in 2011. Dave has responsibility for managing Operation Dauntless targeting vehicles involved in rural crime. He has also planned and run anti-poaching operations and maintains the team briefing document to ensure all relevant information is available in a timely manner.



Police Community Support Officer Alan McCaffery seeks to provide a visible presence for much of his time. Alan visits many of the estates and farms throughout the Forest to provide crime prevention advice and reassurance. Alan conducts a lot of the engagement activity that the team undertakes including various shows and events throughout the year. Alan also manages the Stay Under 40 animal accident campaign.

We try to ensure that at least one of us is on duty every day. However, we are unable to provide cover for each day. We can be contacted on the team mobile for advice when we are on duty. There is also a voice facility for non-urgent enquiries. The Country Watch mobile is 07766 423174.

If we are not on duty and you require a Police Officer to attend, please phone the Enquiry Centre on 101. deploy the closest available unit to assist you. In an emergency please call 999.

Poaching

• 02/02. Sopley - Report of two males hare coursing with two Lurchers and a Jack Russell.

Rural Theft

- 02/02. Woodlands Copper cable stolen from electricity pole.
- 02/02. Michelmersh 2000ltrs of domestic heating oil stolen from a barn.
- 03/02. Bramshaw Horse rug stolen from horse in field. Attempt theft of water trough at the same time.
- 03/02. Woodlands Copper earthing wire stolen.

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- 03/02. Lockerley A small quantity of fire wood stolen from a farm.
- 04/02. Fordingbridge Two ferrets stolen from shed in garden.
- 04/02. Avon Small trailer stolen from grass verge.
- 05/02. New Milton Lead stolen from premises.
- 05/02. Beaulieu Outbuilding broken into and property stolen including quad bike, motor bike, trailer and RIB.
- 05/02. West Wellow A reel of electric fencing wire was stolen from a field.
- 06/02. Ringwood Lead stolen from roof or premises.
- 06/02. Holbury Weather Beater horse rug stolen from horse in field.
- 07/02. Dibden Purlieu Copper earthing cable stolen from electricity sub-station.
- 08/02. Bartley Roll of fencing wire stolen from field.

Theft From Motor Vehicle

- 02/02. Hythe Catalytic convertor stolen from van.
- 04/02. New Milton Stolen Stihl Chainsaw model MS362 and serial number 172901928. It has also been engraved with CHTS 11 on the top of the handle and the side of the casing and is in good working condition

Fly Tipping

- 05/02. Bockhampton Fly tipping of household waste including tiles.
- 06/02. Dibden Male seen fly-tipping domestic waste from vehicle. Investigation ongoing.

Vehicles of Interest

- Blue Hyundai car, index W293HFW. Vehicle seen with two males going through a skip looking for scrap metal.
- Twin cab transit pick-up, index P614WNS. (White cab and blue body). Vehicle seen cruising around farm area.

Road Traine Accidents (Animais)					
Day	Date	Time	Details	Location	
Tuesday	31/01/2012	7:12 pm	Pony - Nothing Found	Nr Sandy Balls, Godshill - B3078	
Friday	03/02/2012	5:40 pm	Bay Pony - Uninjured - WEARING REFLECTIVE COLLAR	Beaulieu Heath - B3054	

Road Traffic Accidents (Animals)

Other News & Information

On Wednesday 8th February 2012 Sergeant Hubble attended a National Metal Theft Seminar in Kettering. This provided an overview of the situation nationally, together with some of the efforts being made to tackle the problem. It was a good opportunity to liaise with other Police Forces experiencing issues similar to those in Hampshire. In true Policing style, the best practice from other areas will be plagiarised and written into a Hampshire document!

NORTHERN COUNTRY WATCH WEEKLY WITH YOUR HELP

Two males were charged with theft of logs from a farm after being arrested by targeted patrol officers in the Winchester area.

Five males were arrested by local targeted patrol officers in the Hannington area for going equipped to steal.

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Stop-check by the Roads Policing Unit on the A34 on 16/01...... http://www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/Hampshire/Portsmouth/PO6/News/Local-News/214918-Police-Recover-Thousands-of-Pounds-of-Stolen-Machinery-at-Portsmouth-Ferry-Port

(Monday 30/01) Mr B Philpott pleaded guilty at Fareham Magistrates court to (1) 1 x Hunting Act charge and (2) Section 34, Road Traffic Act charge of Driving otherwise than on a road (which it is alleged caused damage to fencing). These two charges related to two separate occasions when he drove over farmland. He was seen "lamping" on land where he had no permission to be and the defences under the Hunting Act were not available to him. The defendant pleaded guilty in the face of excellent evidence presented by the investigating officer and Crown Prosecution Service. The defendant received the following sentences;

a. Sec 1 Hunting Act – Fine £500 ; £15 Victim Surcharge ; Costs of £160 ; Forfeiture of two hand lamps used in the offence.

b. Sec 34, RTA – A Compensation Order of £500.

Three weeks ago on 13/01 Mr Shane Wells pleaded guilty at Aldershot Magistrates Court to daytime poaching at Harrow Basingstoke on 21st August last year (He was fined a total of £230). Country watch officers PC Jon Radcliffe and PCSO Tria Gibbs came across Wells poaching whilst on routine patrol targeting poaching hot-spots. An excellent piece of patrol work and conviction at court.

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Winchester and Surrounding Area

- 03/02/12: 1145hrs: White Ford Transit R461*** seen acting suspiciously in the Winchester area.
- 03/02/12: 1300hrs: White Ford Transit HJ58*** Seen acting suspiciously in the Twyford area.
- 04/02/12: 1000hrs: Blue car F779*** Believe involved in theft of metal in the Highbridge area.
- 07/02/12: 1550hrs: White Ford Transit MT06*** seen in the Sutton Scotney area offering teak furniture for sale.

Basingstoke and Surrounding Area

- 03/02/12: 1715hrs: White Ford Transit Pickup FD03*** seen acting suspiciously in the Malshanger area.
- 07/02/12: 1940hrs: Silver VW Passat LM05*** seen acting suspiciously in the Overton area.

Hart and Surrounding Area

- 01/02/12: 1900hrs: White Ford Transit van S768*** seen acting suspiciously in the Yateley area, possibly, fly tipping.
- 05/02/12: 1400hrs: Red Vauxhall Astra Y613*** seen acting suspiciously in the Crondall area, possible poaching activity.

Waterlooville and Surrounding Area

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• 03/02/12: 1500hrs: Red Ford Focus V929*** seen acting suspiciously in the Waterlooville area.

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Please be aware: With the arrival of the cold weather we have seen an increase in the theft of heating oil. Please ensure you secure your tanks and report any suspicious incidents to the Police.

Theft of diesel is still an issue - being stolen from storage tanks, but more commonly, directly from vehicles.

Theft of Hay & Feed Bins - Field in Crondall Rd, Farnham Crime Ref: 44120060670

Between 12-13/02/12 offender(s) have broken the padlock to a gate leading into the field, driven a vehicle into the field and stolen a large bale of hay and 2 x feed bins that were filled with food.

New Forest Rug Thefts

Warning:- in the New Forest area there have been recent reports of theft of rugs, some taken from the backs of horses.

The usual repeated message is post code your property.

Theft

RMS 44120070137

Fordingbridge

Date: between 1630 17/02/12 - 0900 18/02/12

Storage container in a field entered and property stolen

4/5 haynets, one new green, hayledge, green and navy2 x head collars cob size, blue the other black3 lead ropes, one thick, one pink and blue, other pink and purpleFal Pro 5' 9" turn out rug, with green piping extended zip off neckSet of 4 Velcro brushing boots size small and medium

Thames Valley PoliceTelephone: 0845 850 5505Thames Valley Mounted Section 01908 686075Watch Administrator – Thames Valley Police 0118 9181644Christine.seal@thamesvalley.pnn.police.ukwww.thamesvalleyhorsewatch.org.uktyhorsewatch.org.uk

Dogwatch No. 749 1. Theft of Tractor – Preston Crowmarsh, Wallingford Sometime between Friday 3 February at 16:45hrs and Saturday 4 February at 07:15hrs, a blue and white

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tractor and attached rotary road sweeper were stolen from premises in Preston Crowmarsh, Wallingford. The thieves used bolt croppers to cut the chain from steel gates to gain entry. Any information to the police please.

2. Lost Labrador - Langley

A chocolate Labrador female called Lola went missing from a garden in Langley on 4 February. She is 9 months, old very friendly and was wearing a brown collar with no tag. Any information to: 07703767687.

3. Lost Cocker Spaniel – Rotherfield Greys

A very shaggy eight year old black cocker spaniel named Sooty went missing from a garden in Rotherfield Greys last Saturday, 4 February. The dog is chipped and police have been informed. Any information to: 07768726019.

Dogwatch No. 752

1. Trailer Stolen – Three Mile Cross, Reading

A Brian James Clubman single car transporter/trailer (silver) has been stolen from a property in Grazely Road, Three Mile Cross, Reading. The trailer has had the jockey wheel replaced with one that is sky blue in colour. It has custom made brackets to extend the ramp. Five males were seen on CCTV forcing the padlock to enter the yard. They attempted to gain entry to a container but failed. They then attempted, and failed, to steal a recovery truck as well as entering and searching through a horsebox. They then pushed the trailer out of the compound onto a nearby road and left the scene.

Surrey Police Telephone: 0845 125 2222

SAFE - Surrey Action for Equines (Surrey Horsewatch) Tel: 01420 487625 www.surrey-action-for-equine.co.uk

No Information Received

Hertfordshire Constabulary Telephone: 0845 3300222

Email: <u>eastherthorsewatch@hotmail.com</u> <u>Jill.dockley@herts.pnn.police.uk</u> 01992 533043 The scheme is running in the Eastern area and will be rolled out across the county later. No Information Received

Essex Police

Telephone: 07984 928585

Valerie.crawford@essex.pnn.police.uk www.essexhorsewatch.org.uk

No Information Received

Kent Police

Telephone: 01622 690690

Co-ordinator Diane Leslie Veal - Email - diane.leslieveal@btinternet.com

No Information Received

Sussex Police

Telephone: 0845 6070999

Contact: Phil Ball

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

Suspicious Vehicle & Male – Bulls Lane, Cowford

At approximately 1900hrs Tuesday 7th February a red panel van (VRM - BG02 AZU) was seen and viewed as suspicious. It was parked in a gateway on Bulls Lane Cowfold. There was a male aged 25 - 30yrs old 6' 1", well built wearing a green woolly hat, green wellies and a green camouflage jacket stood beside the van.

There have been a number of recent thefts and reports of poaching in the Mid Sussex and Horsham areas, and you are reminded to remain vigilant and report any suspicious persons or vehicles to Sussex

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Theft of Generator Cables – Farm Between Lindfield & Ardingly Crime Ref: 0477 of 09/02/12

5 x 25 meter lengths of 100mil Power Lock Cable was stolen overnight from a farm. The cable was marked "MEMS POWER GENERATION - 0845 2230400 - PROTECTED BY SMARTWATER" and yellow in colour. Estimated value £2000. This is the latest of a series of similar incidents involving theft of temporary generator cables. The farm was visited 3 days prior to the incident by two white males claiming to be scrap dealers.

Suspicious Vehicle - Balcome Crime Ref: 0786 of 12/02/12

A white Vauxhall Combi Van, index OV55UBG was seen on farms in the Cherry Lane area of Balcombe. It is believed the vehicle was using stolen or false plates. Also seen was an N reg Blue Mitsubishi Shogun.

 Bedfordshire Police

 Telephone: 01234 841212

 Police Contact: Claire Ackerman – <u>Claire.ackerman@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk</u> Tel: 01234 842220

 Ringmasters: Sarah Stevens: <u>sarah.stevens@safer-beds.org</u> Rowena James <u>Rowena-james@supadooper.com</u> Kerry Willis-Jones: <u>Kerry.Willis-Jones@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk</u> David Layton: <u>David.Layton@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk</u>

Theft From Stables – Barton Le Clay

The offence took place between 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 8:30 a.m. on the 3rd of February. The offender has gained entry to the building and stole various property.

Theft of Rugs From Stables – Edworth, Nr Biggleswade

The offence took place between 8:00 p.m. on the 6th and 5:15 a.m. on the 7th of February. The offender has entered a gated yard and removed 10 horse rugs from the stable doors.

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

Bedfordshire Police ask rural businesses, and owners of livestock to be vigilant, after a theft took place in a field in Kempston.

The offence took place between 7:30 a.m. on the 15th and 9:00 a.m. on the 16th of February.

The offender has entered the field, where a horse is kept.

An insecure gazebo has been entered and two horse blankets have been taken.

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

If you have any information about this crime or other suspicious incidents, please call the Force Control

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Room on 1 0 1, and quote crime reference, J H / 5 6 3 0 / 2012.

Alternatively text your message to (07786) 200! 011

Email your message to chc@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk

You can get more information about missing or stolen horses at www.stolenhorseregister.com

Alternatively you can contact the independent charity, Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0 8 0 0 5 5 5 1 1 1

Or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

London					
The Metropolitan Police Service					
Telephone 020 7230 1212					
No Information Received					
South West					
Wiltshire Constabulary, Devon & Cornwall Constabulary, Gloucestershire Constabulary, Dorset					
Police, Avon & Somerset Constabulary					
Wiltshire Police					
Wiltshire Horsewatch Police Co-ordinator: PCSO John Bordiss					
Non emergency Tel: 101 ext 739817 or mobile: 07968942116					
john.bordiss@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk					
ruralcrimeteam@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk					
Wiltshire Horsewatch - Civilian Co-ordinator: Tracy Barthram					
Email: <u>tbarthram@hotmail.com</u>					
www.wiltshirehorsewatch.co.uk					

Non Dwelling Burglary

Crime Reference 54120011852 Date:08/02/2012 North Wraxall, Chippenham Overnight offenders have entered stable yard and broken through brick walls of tack room and removed the following items -

2 x sets of clippers, 1 x unknown make and 1 Lister, serial number;-14405.

1 x Honda strimmer/brush cutter, 4 stroke

- 1 x Kent general purpose saddle, black
- 1 x King event saddle, brown.
- 1 x King event saddle, black.
- 1 x New Wintec Pro saddle, close contact, wid care? adjustable tree,

black, size 17"/43cm, weathabeta code; - 663242.

- 1 x Pony saddle, general purpose, with crupper attatchment, brown.
- 1 x Pony show saddle, brown.
- 1 x Brown general purpose saddle.
- 2 x leather girths, 1 x cushioned elasticated girth.
- 2 x sets of adult leathers and stirrups.
- 1 x set of childs leathers and safety stirrups.
- 8 x assorted head collars including ropes.
- 1 x new navy and bright pink head collar with rope. Full size.

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1 x lunging surcingle, black canvas.
1 x lunging head collar, black canvas.
2 x full size bridles, with running martingales , one with eggbutt snaffle bit 4.5" and one with stainless steel fulmer snaffle.
1 x cob size bridle with running martingale and stainless steel snaffle.
1 x Charles Owen hat, showjumper navy velvet, size 7.
1 x Carles Owen hat, black, eventing skull type. size 6 7/8.
4 x sets of body armour.
Various pairs of riding gloves. One pair was black and bright pink.
3 x pairs of chaps. 2 x black and one pink.

Approx 10 tins of cat food. (Felix). Sadly only a few items are listed with serial numbers as highlighted.....

Any information to Wiltshire Police on 101

Crime information

1. POL-20120208-0082 08/02/12

Theft of Two "Gallagher"Electric Field Fencers and wheelbarrow this morning in the Lopcombe, Salisbury area! Offenders vehicle may have parked in layby on the A30 (end of cycle way). Any information / sighting of sus activity around 09:00

2. POL-20120204-0103 04/02/12

Tack room broken into overnight in the Chapmanslade Warminster area! Rugs and a large amount of Hay taken. Any information to Wilts Police Tel: 101

3. POL-20120204-0144 04/02/2012

Tack and Feed room broken into overnight Limpley Stoke Bradford on Avon area! See list of tack / Equipment stolen below. Information to Wilts Police Tel: 101

Stolen from the Tack Room:

- 10 x Horse Bridles, brown leather with rubber orange reins. Some had martingales attached and three had Australian Nosebands, these are bright orange rubber which goes down the horses nose and attaches to the bit. Total value £500.00.
- 2 x STIHL Petrol Yard Blowers. White and orange with black tube. No serial numbers known. One of these has got puppy teeth marks on the end of the blower tube. Value £200 each.
- 2 x Green canvas kit bags of tartan pattern. Value £40.00 each. Containing 8 x Lead Reins, value £40 each, 8 x Chiffneys (metal bit on end of leather which attaches to a lead rein) value. £20 each. 3 x Breast Girths, value £39.99 each. 6 x Exercise sheets, navy blue with emerald binding, woollen. Value £50.00 2 x Leather Roller (used to keep exercise sheet in position on horse) with brass buckles. £140.00 each

Stolen from the Feed Room :

• Horse rugs, which had been packed by me into bundles of ten and tied with yellow bailer twine. 20 x Stable rugs which were mainly blue and white check pattern, value £50-60 each. 15 x Horse Duvet which were navy blue, value £40 each. 5 x Turn out rugs. two were red and 3 were green, value £100 each.

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- 20 x white water buckets, approximately 10 litres. with stainless steel handle, value £15 each.
- 8 x Chubb, water fire extinguishers, bright red with black handle, value £90 each. None of the CO2 extinguishers were stolen.
- A stainless steel feed bin with lid and four interior partitions. 6' x 3', value £90.00
- 2 x wheelbarrows. Green in colour with double wheels. 4' long x 2 1/2 ' wide, value £230.00 each.
- 5 x shaving forks. Black metal prongs with red wooden handles. Value £20 each.

Stolen from the Medical Room:

• A set of "Woolsey" horse hair clippers, electric. The plug has a PAT sticker on it as they had recently been PAT tested, value £260.00

Devon and Cornwall Constabulary Telephone 101

Cornwall Horsewatch

The organiser is Bernadette Marsh

E mail <u>thegrazelivery@sky.com</u>. Telephone number 07855 705892 The Horse Watch is focused on Golant, Lanlivery, Fowey, Lostwithiel, Par and St Blazey, Tywardreath, Polkerris and Luxulyan, but does not exclude surrounding areas.

Devon Horsewatch

Georgina Dale georginadale@hotmail.com

Dorset Police Telephone: 01305 222 222

HorseWatch Co-ordinator jane.brittain@dorset.pnn.police.uk PC John Snellin, Force Wildlife Officer, Dorset Police Tel: 01202 220804 wildlife-crime@dorset.pnn.police.uk

Theft From Motor Vehicle – Howe Lane Between 2nd February and the 3rd of February 2012

A white VW Transporter van parked in Howe Lane had a back window smashed. Offenders have then stolen a hedge trimmer and a leaf blower which had been stored in the vehicle. At this time there are no witness and no CCTV.

Suspicious Incident - Alderholt

A lady in Alderholt had three males knock at her window on 06/12/2012. They were driving a white van - unfortunately no registration number was seen. She informed them that she was not interested and would call the Police. Recently the three males returned and again knocked on the lady's window - she immediately contacted the Police.

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Avon & Somerset Constabulary Telephone: 0845 456 7000

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

Justin Gay 07795 503242 PCSO Justin.Gay@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Elaine Seaward <u>elaine.seaward@avonandsomerset.police.uk</u> 0845 456 7000 extension number 62029

Carol Barnett : <u>chathamrow@ukonline.co.uk</u>

http://www.somersethorsewatch.co.uk info@somersethorsewatch.co.uk

Tel: 0777 5856247

No Information Received

Gloucestershire Constabulary Telephone: 0845 090 1234

The below named officer is the Horsewatch Co-ordinator at Gloucestershire Constabulary. Melanie Campbell - <u>melanie.campbell@gloucestershire.police.uk</u>

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

Police Horsewatch Officers

Cotswolds - melanie.oliveira@gloucestershire.police.uk

Stroud - colin.drewett@gloucestershire.police.uk

Stonehouse - kelly.akers@gloucestershire.police.uk

Dursley - andrew.tring@gloucestershire.police.uk

Gloucester - melanie.campbell@gloucestershire.police.uk

Forrest - tania.shuttleworth@gloucestershire.police.uk

Tewkesbury - <u>kim.hadland@gloucestershire.police.uk</u>

Bishops Cleeve - <u>sarah.sceats@gloucestershire.police.uk</u>

Cheltenham - <u>lorraine.mosley@gloucestershire.police.uk</u> & <u>leanne.copping@gloucestershire.police.uk</u> Cheltenham - <u>lorraine.mosley@gloucestershire.police.uk</u> and <u>leanne.copping@gloucestershire.police.uk</u> 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: Donna Fry - PCSO 8242 Doncaster East Country Crimewatch Officer Telephone: 01302 385502 BLACKBERRY 07789926325 Email: donna.fry@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

No Information Received

North Yorkshire Police Telephone: 0845 606 0247 Scarborough & District Country Watch

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

[Obs for Vehicle- Rural Watch]

Observations required for a white transit van YG09 VXS. On 13th February occupants were seen paying attention to metal on a farm in Hensall. Any sightings to North Yorkshire Police on 101

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Northumbria Police Telephone: 01661 872 555				
No Information Received				
West Yorkshire Police				
Telephone: 01924 375 2222				
fiona.pearson@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk				
No Information Received				
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 LincoInshire, North LincoInshire 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: 0345 456 4564				
Cambridgeshire Horsewatch: Gemma Dear (PCSO Cambridgeshire Constabulary)				
Tel: 07850 142630 email: horsewatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk				

Burglary – Dwelling in High Street, Bassingbourn Crime Ref: CF0050060212 of 01-04/02

Large amount of horse tack has been stolen from a utility room in a house at the above location. Items stolen include:-

- 2 x Stuben bridles 1 cob and 1 full size
- 2 x Collegiate bridle cob size
- Stuben martingale cob size
- Myler snaffle bit, Collegiate martingale
- French snaffle 5.5"
- Ideal leather 17" saddle in brown, leather and bent iron stirrups and an Airbourne girth

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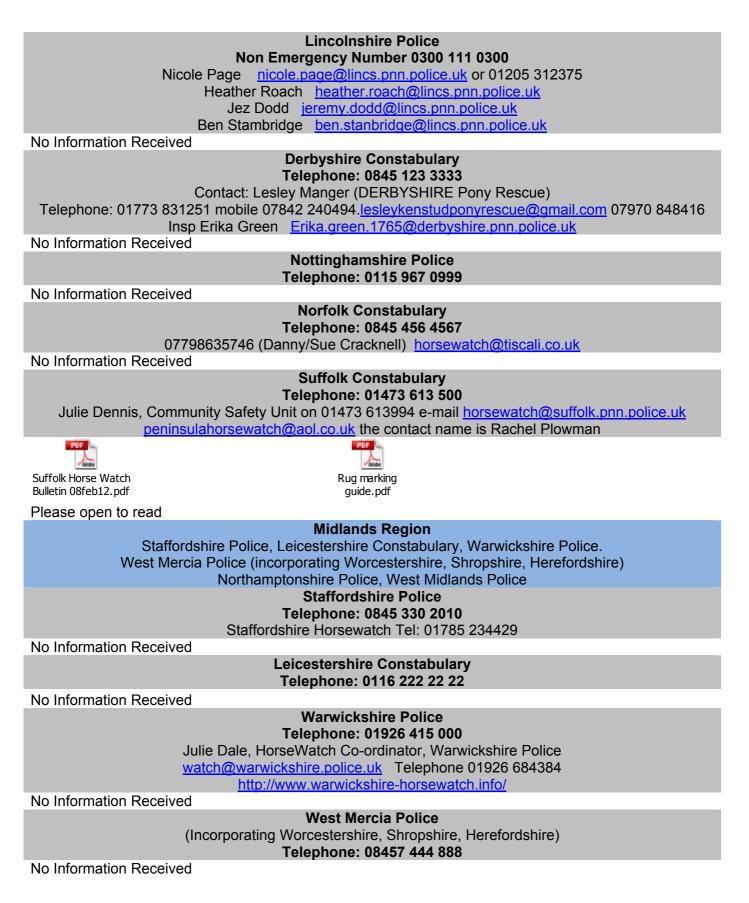
Block Fen Drove, Wimblington, Cambridgeshire

Overnight unknown offenders have gained entry to a site at location using bolt croppers to cut the padlock on the gate. Various items have been stolen from the site and a secured unit within including a **twin axle, twin box Hunter horse trailer**, Kubota GR1600 rise on lawnmower in orange, Dewalt cordless drills, jigsaw, circular saw and spare batteries for the drills, a compressor, Nilfisk Alto pressure washer, Ama Hedge trimmer and 2 x folding aluminium ladders.

PCSO 7348 DEAR Cambridgeshire Horsewatch horsewatch@cambs.pnn,police.uk Mobile: 07850 142630



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Worcestershire Horsewatch Telephone: 07500 475708

www.worcestershirehorsewatch.co.uk

bequity@hotmail.co.uk

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

No Information Received

Herefordshire Horsewatch

Telephone: 07794 453911

www.freewebs.com/herefordshirehorsewatch

herefordshirehorsewatch@googlemail.com

Chair Co-ordinator – Tara Heinemann. Telephone: 01544 318038 Email: <u>hfdshorsewatch@aol.com</u>. No Information Received

Shropshire Horsewatch

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

www.shropshirehorsewatch.co.uk admin@shropshirehorsewatch.co.uk

No Information Received

Northamptonshire Police Telephone: 0845 370 0700

Northants Horsewatch www.horsewatchnorthants.org.uk Linda Childs lpchilds@bursam.plus.com Sandy Redmore sandy.redmore@btinternet.com PC243 Claire Salmon, Force Countryside & Wildlife Officer, Claire.salmon@northants.pnn.police.uk Community Safety, Daventry Police Station, New Street, Daventry Northants, NN11 4BS Lynne Rosher (West) or Louise Hough (North) - Community Messaging ;

Lynne.Rosher@northants.pnn.police.uk Louise.Hough@northants.pnn.police.uk

Andy Roberts, Press officer <u>Andy.roberts@northants.pnn.police.uk</u>

No Information Received

West Midlands Police Telephone: 0845 113 5000

No Information Received

Solihull Horsewatch Telephone 0121 704 8577

Horsewatch Liaison Community Partnerships Officer, Community Reassurance Team,

PO Box 1833, Council House, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 3DZ

No Information Received

Sandwell Horsewatch

Telephone 0845 113 5000 (Switch board)

Helene Elder, Community Partnerships Officer

Ext/Internal 79116879 h.elder@west-midlands.police.uk

No Information Received

North West Region

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

Horsewatch Contact Sarah Hallmark <u>saza911@hotmail.com</u> Tel: 07599 485450.

Greater Manchester Police

Telephone: 0161 872 5050

No Information Received

Cheshire Constabulary

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Telephone 01244 350 000				
No Information Received				
Lancashire Constabulary Telephone: 01772 614 444				
<u>www.prestonhorsewatch.co.uk</u> John HOLLAND - PCSO 7025				
Lea & Cottam NHPT				
Lancashire Police				
Tel No. 01772 209441				
john.holland@lancashire.pnn.police.uk				
Preston Horsewatch				
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				
Dyfed-Powys Police Telephone: 0845 330 2000				
Haydn Lavin - Cwnstabl / Constable 938				
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Y Gwalia, Llandrindod Wells. LD1 6AA				
Swyddfa Gwalia Office 01597 827317				
Swyddfa Aberhonddu / Brecon Office - 101 est/ext 460				
E-bost/E-mail: <u>haydn.lavin@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk</u>				
PembrokeshireHorsewatch@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk				
No Information Received				
South Wales Police				
Telephone: 01656 655 555				
No Information Received				
Gwent Police				
Telephone: 01633 838 111				

PC Ruth James Email: ruth.james@gwent.pnn.police.uk

Severnside Neighbourhood Policing Team, Caldicot Police Station

Crime Information

Gwent Police Incident Numbers 87-14/02/12, 207-12/02/12, 152-12/02/12, 59-16/02/12

Over the last week, 4 farms in the Abergavenny/Rogiet/Undy, Gwent, Monmouthshire area, have had outbuildings entered by unknown persons over night. 3 farms had padlocks cut off their out buildings, items moved around inside, but nothing taken. The farm in Abergavenny also had locks removed to enter the building and approx. £9000 worth of horse riding equipment stolen.

A vehicle was seen acting suspiciously at one of the farms earlier on in the evening.

Security Tips:

Store valuable equipment and tools such as chainsaws, welding and cutting equipment, vehicles spares and riding tack in a secure building behind a strong locked door. Or, build a metal storage cage inside a building and keep it locked.

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Use British Standard locks, good quality locking bars and high security padlocks. Windows can be protected with mental bars. Lock outbuildings when you are not using them.

Thieves don't like well-lit areas so fit outside security lights that are controlled by an automatic timeswitch or infra-red beams that react to heat or movement.

Consider fitting an intruder alarm or closed circuit TV to alert you to anything suspicious.

Please remain vigilant at all times, anyone seen acting suspiciously at your premises please report it to Gwent Police with as much information as possible e.g. make/model/colour/registration number of a vehicle, clothing/description of person/s on 101 or 999.

Many thanks

Ruth James CO139 Severnside Neighbourhood Policing Team Gwent Police Magor Police Station Main Road Undy NP26 3EH

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				
Co-Ordinator - <u>fiona.stuart@horsewatchscotland.info</u>				
Strathclyde Police - <u>karen.beattie@strathclyde.pnn.police.uk</u>				
Grampian - <u>david.paton@grampian.pnn.police.uk</u>				
Dumfries & Galloway Constabulary - <u>Judith.Richardson@dg.pnn.police.uk</u> Fife Constabulary - <u>lan.laing@fife.pnn.police.uk</u>				
Tayside Police - 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 UK Horsewatch Alliance Stolen Horse Register Farm Key http://www.netposse.com/stolenmissing/stolenhorses.htm www.ukhorsewatch.org.uk www.stolenhorseregister.com Tel: 0870 870 7107 : info@farmkey.co.uk

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Tel: 0800 555 111 Property Security Tel: 0870 870 7107 : info@farmkey.co.uk mary@freezemark.biz – Freeze Marking for Horses 01295 788226 or 07779262765 Dedicated to equestrian security Rider & Horse Safety

info@saddleguart.co.uk – 01707 652577 or 07778 501915 Tel: 01323 460887 – ID marking for saddlery www.necd.org.uk

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missinghorsesonloan@gmail.com – Tel 07794 453911

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

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