

# Police Briefing Sunday 29th July 2012

## South Herefordshire & Golden Valley

### Crime Trends

Sometime between the 18th June and 19th July, six light clusters have been stolen from two lorries whilst parked in an industrial estate in **Pontrilas**. The wires to the side lights were cut, and the clusters unscrewed. Incident ref 73-N-190712

Overnight on Wednesday 18th/Thursday 19th July, a quantity of white diesel was stolen from a tank in an open garage in **Cusop Dingle**.  
Incident ref 101-s-190712

A Quad bike and a trailer were stolen from a farm near **Dorstone** overnight on Thursday 19th/Friday 20th July. The quad, a red Honda TRX 420, was not displaying a number plate and had been chained to metal fencing in a barn, and the trailer, a small sheep trailer, was parked outside nearby. Incident ref 150-s-200712

Overnight on Wednesday 24th/Thursday 25th July, a catalytic converter was stolen from a Ford ranger parked on a driveway of a property in **Grafton**. Incident ref 100-N-260712

Around midnight on Thursday 26th July, two males broke into several outbuildings on a farm outside **Clehonger** and stole a large quantity of power tools. The males were caught on CCTV entering the buildings, they then went on to cut the wires to the cameras.  
Incident ref 186-N-260712

### Suspicious Vehicles

On Friday 20th July, between 2pm and 3.15pm, a white Ford transit van **MT55HS\*** was spotted in the yard of a company in **Madley**, it followed another vehicle into the yard, and it sat there for some time, the occupants seemed to be having a good look round. When they were challenged by staff, they asked if their works van was for sale. This vehicle was circulated in my briefing of 22nd June when it was seen in suspicious circumstances in **Tretire**. I will be making contact with the owner of this vehicle. Incident ref 51-N-230712.

Please continue to report suspicious vehicles by dialling 101, it is very important for us to keep tracks on these characters. If it is reported at the time, an observation message is sent out to all patrols, and if a patrol is nearby they will attend the area. An intelligence report is submitted if it is a vehicle or user known to us, and often a letter is sent to the owner of the vehicle asking them to account for the vehicles movements - sometimes I even get a reply! Here are two examples

A reader of the briefings in **Madley** reported a vehicle acting suspiciously at the end of last month, it had been parked up in the gateway of a field with four occupants. I sent a letter to the owner and a few days later received a written reply explaining that he had been taken short and was answering the call of nature and apologising profusely! This one would appear to be genuine.

Another reader, a farmer in **St Weonards** reported a white Vauxhall van **VN55YH\*** driving into his yard on Sunday 22nd July. He had gone out and found the male out of the van looking around the yard and paying attention to some oil drums, he challenged the driver who then drove away. I wrote to the owner, who rang my mobile and gave a cock and bull story about looking for his dog! The fact that he lives about 50 miles away didn't stop him from insisting this was the case! Anyway, at least he knows that people are taking note of

registration numbers and calling us, and maybe will think twice before coming onto our patch!

So, please ring in details of suspicious vehicles as we do our best to follow up where we can, and all intelligence is recorded for the benefit of all our colleagues and helps in the fight against crime!

### A Good Result!

The force's economic Crime Unit has used the Proceeds of Crime Act to strip a convicted drug dealer of his ill-gotten gains. The 44 year old, who was sentenced to 17 years in prison in 2009, has been forced to pay back almost a quarter of a million pounds from the sale of his home and contents and two expensive cars. Which just goes to show, in the long run, crime really doesn't pay!

### Meet the Team

Football Coaching in Kingstone, Madley and Peterchurch

There are free sessions being run by CSO Kevin Powell every Friday until 31st August - Severn Site, Kingstone from 11.30am to 12.30pm

Madley playing fields from 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Peterchurch playing fields from 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Come and join in, open to all!

### Bredwardine Fete

Next Saturday 4th August at 2.30pm in the field opposite the Red Lion.

### Herefordshire Country Fair

Sunday 5th August on the Whitfield Estate at Wormbridge - we shall be there all day with our police gazebo! Please come and say hello!

### Longtown Show

Saturday 18th August - again, we'll be there with the gazebo!

If you are holding any events that you wish us to attend, please get in touch.

Best wishes

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