

# Police Briefing Wednesday 8th August 2012

## South Herefordshire & Golden Valley

### Crime Trends

A red Honda TRX 420 quad bike was stolen from the driveway of a property in **Bredwardine** between 5pm and 7pm on Thursday 26th July. Incident ref 451-s-300712

Between 2pm on Sunday 29th July and 9am on Monday 30th July damage was caused to a New Holland Tractor which had been left in a field near **Wormbridge**. The fuel cap had been removed but there had been no fuel in the tank, and a steel ball taken from an external tool box had been thrown through the offside window, smashing it. Nothing was taken from the cab, maybe an act of frustration at having found no fuel to pinch! Incident ref 173-s-300712

Sometime between the end of June and the end of July, about 6000 litres of kerosene have been stolen from a business in **Allensmore**. The plastic tanks where the fuel was stored were some distance from the road across a field, and the offenders have gone to some trouble to get to them, climbing over a tall hedge (using ladders belonging to the victim!) Incident ref 309-s-310712

A Landrover discovery **AD51ZFL** was stolen from a lane in **Longtown** between 8.30pm and 10.30pm on Thursday 2nd August.

Incident ref 741-s-020812

Between Friday 3rd August and 7pm on Tuesday 8th August, two garden sheds at a property in **Clifford** were broken into. A Honda 4 stroke 21" cut petrol mower and a hedge trimmer were stolen. Incident ref 278-n-070812

A portacabin on a building site in **Little Dewchurch** was broken into sometime between 1pm on Saturday 4th August and the following afternoon. A window of the cabin was forced open and several Makita power tools were taken, along with a key box containing keys to three completed properties, and keys to a large metal container elsewhere on site. The offenders had unlocked the padlocks on the container using the stolen keys, but once they opened the door it triggered an alarm which must have scared them off, as nothing was stolen from the container. Incident ref 76-s-060812

A wooden shed in a field in **Longtown** had damaged caused to the door overnight on Monday 6th/Tuesday 7th August when an unsuccessful attempt was made to gain entry. Incident ref 81-s-070812

### Suspicious Vehicles

Two lads were disturbed in a yard in **Madley** at 1.30am on Wednesday 1st August by the householder who saw them running to a blue Vauxhall meriva and leave in a hurry. He took the registration number as **VO55YMM**, but there is no trace of this number so it may have been taken incorrectly. Nothing was taken, please let us know if you have an idea where this vehicle comes from.

Incident ref 31-s-010812

On Monday 6th August at 11.30am a white Ford transit SWB van **VK02\*WA** was touting for scrap in the **Longtown** area. There were two males and a child in the vehicle. Incident ref 119-n-060812

## Another scam to be aware of

The below e-mail allegedly from the Inland Revenue has been forwarded by one of our readers.

Tax Refund Notification  
Msg Ref: 609/LA62811

You are almost at the end of the deadline date for you to claim your back dated tax refund for the amount of £305.56 for the dates 2007-2009.

Failure to do so will result in you loosing this claim and future claims.

Please complete the attached form correctly and return it before the end of April, as you will not be able to claim at any later date.

Sincerely,  
HM Revenue & Customs.  
London , HA7 2LD  
All rights reserved

If you have a similar e-mail, please forward it to the fraud department at HMRC at

[phishing@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:phishing@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk)

## Rogue Traders

We had a call from a farmer in **Allensmore** yesterday reporting that they had just had two callers at their farm saying "we have just been emptying a bitumen tank and wondered if (what's left?) it could be of any use to you on your drive, we have been emptying a tank of bitumen and wondered whether what's left would be of any use on your driveway with chippings on".

They were in a white van marked Stevens and Sons and with an orange light on top and flashy chequered official looking coloured strip (orange/yellow?) around the base of the vehicle and two male occupants. The one who got out was very well spoken and both in fluorescent jackets. They looked for all the world as if they had been working on an official site somewhere.

Never deal with these cold callers - there is no guarantee on the work, and they will overcharge. They will often come up with a story that they have material left over from a job, which is untrue. They go to a quarry first thing and buy ready made 'tarmac' which has to be used that day, which is why they are anxious to find a victim to offload it on!

By law, before they carry out the work they have to give a written quotation, and give the customer a 7 day cooling off period. If this is not adhered to (which clearly it wouldn't be in those circumstances) then they can be prosecuted - if the Trading Standards can get hold of them!

Please report any such visits straight away on 101, and we will try and catch up with them.  
I have passed the details on to Trading Standards.

Best wishes

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