

# Police Briefing Friday 17th August 2012

## South Herefordshire & Golden Valley

I am trying a different format in this edition - instead of listing incidents in date order, I am listing them by area so that you can see at a glance what is happening in your particular area - feedback is welcome. Fiona

### Ewyas Harold

Two properties in the village had outbuildings broken into overnight of Monday 13th/Tuesday 14th August.

A Stihl strimmer was stolen from a shed after the padlock had been forced off, the padlock was taken away.

Incident ref 157-s-140812

A garage was broken into and a Shindaiwa 4450 petrol bull strimmer and a Stihl MS 240 chainsaw were stolen, the padlock was also stolen.

Incident ref 32-n-140812

A Giant Revel mountain bike was stolen from outside a house on the Pontrilas Road between 8am on Monday 13th August and 1pm on Tuesday 14th August.

Incident ref 465-s-140812

Two vehicles were driving on the common on Thursday evening (16th) around 6.30pm, a black 4 x4 and a red hatchback. They were seen twice and each time they sped off.

Registration numbers were taken at the time, but we are unable to trace the vehicles from the numbers given.

Incident ref 716-s-160812

### Garway

A quantity of diesel was stolen from a coach parked in a yard between midnight and noon on Friday 9th August.

Incident ref 310-s-090812

### Kentchurch

A silver Ford galaxy R15\*HRO was seen snooping around in the Kentchurch and Wormbridge areas between 11pm on Wednesday 15th and 1.30am on Thursday 16th August. There were at least two males in the car, no dogs were seen in the vehicle, when the vehicle was approached, the lights were turned off and it made off.

### Kingstone

Over the past few weeks several youths from the village have been issued with Anti Social Behaviour warning letters for incidents that have been reported to us - damaging trees, throwing missiles at cars and other anti-social behaviour. Some youths are now about to receive the second stage warning. We, as a team, will be treating such behaviour robustly, so please report any incidents of anti-social behaviour on 101.

### Madley

A suspicious vehicle was seen driving slowly along the lanes and looking over hedges in the area at about 6.30pm on Friday 9th August. There are no details of the registration number but it is described as a blue Ford transit builders truck with a very clean cab. The cab

looked like it had been recently re-sprayed. Apparently, a truck of the same description had been seen on another occasion by a farmer. Keep an eye out for it, and make a note of the registration number if you see it, then call us on 101.

Incident ref 826-s-090812

A male from Allensmore who had been disqualified from driving but was still regularly driving to work in Madley was arrested and charged for driving whilst disqualified last week.

## Alarm Companies

Following the continuing trend for burglaries from outbuildings, we have recently received a number of enquiries regarding approved alarm companies which we referred to our Crime Risk Managers in Worcester. This is the advice that has come from them which is clear and should answer most of your queries:

"As far as alarm companies are concerned, we point people in the direction of the NSI and SSAIB which are alarm inspectorates. Membership for each company is voluntary, but to fit a police response alarm, ACPO (Association of Chief Police Officers) insist that a company belongs to one of these organisations.

Both web sites have search engines, put in your post code and it will bring up a list of companies in the area".

<http://www.nsi.org.uk>

<http://www.ssaib.org>

## SCAMS

A local resident had a call from someone called Rob on 0208 8193941 saying that she had not claimed 14,000 Euros (£12,000) in the Euro Lottery. She knew this was not possible as she had not entered the Lottery, however he told her that she could claim the money if she took a photo ID, mobile phone and £500 cash to Western Union, Eign Gate, Hereford HR4 0AB. By filling in a 'Sending Form' and phoning the above number he would then guide her through. When he told her that she should fill the country to send the £500 to as **India**, alarm bells rang. She consulted the Manager asking if it was a scam. He said, "Yes, it happens frequently". A close shave and thankfully unsuccessful - BEWARE!! Trading Standards and the Police should be notified immediately.

While using the Internet, another resident noticed an icon of a Policeman appear on the screen saying "Stop! Your computer has been blocked by the PCEU of the Metropolitan Police". To get your computer unblocked you are required to send £100 by UCASH Payment to PO Box 38451. Fortunately the resident did not carry on and has been able to disarm it by using some helpful advice via Google.

Best wishes

Fiona

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