



COUNTRY WATCH

Western Weekly:

25th April 2014

Colleagues,

Garden and power tools were the desired items to be stolen this week, seeing many secure and insecure sheds and garages being broken into or forced open to facilitate the theft of these items. The criminals know that this is the time of year we all start to think about our gardens and getting it ready for the warmer weather. Many of us will be considering buying new equipment or servicing last year's tools, hedge strimmers, chainsaws, lawnmowers etc... so please could I ask that you take this opportunity to take a quick photograph of the item and record any serial numbers, if the item doesn't have any identification numbers, then Country Watch can assist in supplying inexpensive marking products for painted metal, bare metal or plastic items. Please bear in mind that of all the theft from outbuildings, sheds or garages this week, the victim has had the added expense of damage being caused to doors, hinges, locks and padlocks. With clear (free) signage from Country Watch and having your items marked and identifiable, criminals will go elsewhere for easier pickings.

Red Royal Mail pillar box thefts, we are not sure why these items are being stolen, they can't easily be sold on the internet, and they're no good as scrap metal, so any ideas? Has anyone noticed strange activities around any small Royal Mail post boxes?

This week I attended and gave a presentation for the Campsafe seminar held by Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service at Lyndhurst, with presentations from the Forestry Commission, National Parks Authority, Verderer's and Agisters Office and various informative presentations from HFRS themselves. We spoke about the importance of safety whilst camping and visiting the New Forest, including BBQ's, open fires and fire safety outdoors, we discussed anti-social behaviour, dogs being kept 'under proper' control, designated cycle routes, the protective nature of the land and the importance to protect it and keep it clear of litter. Ground nesting birds and the message "Ponies 'Do not touch' Please... do not feed" and the importance why we ask people not to get too close to our New Forest livestock "Ponies, donkey's, sheep, cattle and pigs" (they bite and they kick!).

Kind Regards

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Western Country Watch

Poaching

Nothing to report this week

Fly Tipping

No reports of any fly-tipping this week.

Rural Theft

- 16/04 Milford Theft of copper wiring and non ferrous metal from bin area of tip site.
- 17/04 Hamble Attempt theft of outboard motor.
- 17/04 Romsey Sewage plant unit valued at £4000 stolen from grounds of private dwelling.
- 17/04 Fordingbridge Padlock to farm gate cut intruders disturbed by land owner who made off in nearby vehicle.
- 18/04 Hedge End Attempt theft of a sheep from field reunited with owner.
- 18/04 Brangsgore Garden equipment stolen from secure garden shed items valued at £700.
- 19/04 Rinwood Post box stolen from residential property
- 18/04 Hythe Retail outlet broken into cash and a large quantity of catapults stolen.
- 19/04 Totton Unlocked cycle stolen from rear garden.
- 20/04 West End 3 Mountain bikes stolen 2 from out building 1 from car roof rack valued at £ 1200.
- 21/04 Hedge End Two persons seen on CCTV to enter retail park small safe containing £400 stolen.
- 21/04 Dibden Purlieu Garden shed broken into nothing stolen.
- 22/04 Blackfield £200 worth of Copper tape stolen from a secure container.
- 22/04 Fawley Fence panels and posts stolen from school grounds.
- 22/04 Romsey Attempt theft to garden shed by removing door hinges nothing taken.
- 22/04 Romsey Secure garage force open and a Disc cutter stolen.
- 22/04 Romsey Unsecure garage entered, a Stihl petrol cutter and Bosh breaker stolen £ 1,100.
- 22/04 Romsey 2 sheds broken into by removing/cutting locks nothing stolen.
- 22/04 Totton 6 properties on building development site, new unfitted UPVC windows stolen.
- 23/04 Fordingbridge Outbuilding broken in an attempt to locate an Ifor Williams trailer, nothing stolen.
- 23/04 Ringwood Lead flashing stolen from school roof using scaffold left in place by onsite workers.
- 23/04 Brangsgore Red Royal Mail pillar box stolen.
- 24/04 Ringwood Various power tools stolen from a secure garage.
- 24/04 New Milton Over £1000 worth of copper lightning protective tape stolen from an electric sub station.
- 24/04 Lymington Red Royal Mail pillar box stolen.
- 24/04 Sway Red Royal Mail pillar box stolen.
- 24/04 Chandlersford Various high valued power tools stolen from a secure garage.
- 24/04 Chandlersford 100ltrs of diesel stolen from a fuel tank in a secure yard.
- 24/04 Upton Damage caused to a storage shed on paddock fields.

Suspicious Vehicles/Vehicles of interest

- 22/04 Fawley Silver Corsa type vehicle seen down private track. One of two males taking photograph of horse.
- 22/04 Beaulieu 2 suspicious vehicle seen parked in entrance to field Police called attended all in order.

(Please be mindful that the driver's of these vehicles may be going about their lawful business)

Theft From Motor Vehicle

- 20/04 Ringwood Secure vehicle broken into using house brick purse stolen from handbag.
- 22/04 Bramshaw Vehicle broken into by smashing rear window bag stolen.
- 23/04 Eastleigh 150ltrs of diesel stolen from a parked and secure lorry.
- 23/04 Sopley Stihl chainsaw and hedge trimmer stolen from a secure vehicle.

Off-Road Vehicles

- 19/04 Fordingbridge Unknown persons have caused damage to fields and fences by driving through and over.
- 22/04 Blackfield Mini Moto in nearby woods
- 24/04 Calshot Several reports of a mini-moto and a quad bike riding around the area with a loud exhaust.

Rural Arson

Nothing to report this week

Miscellaneous Offences

- 16/04 Fordingbridge Terrier dogs escaped and were caught worrying lambs. Owner identified and dealt with by police.
- 17/04 Dibden Enclosure Report of 3 large dogs on leads in company with person jumping up at horse rider.
- 20/04 Romsey 4 males detained after foot pursuit by Police for recent non dwelling burglaries. Police investigation ongoing.
- 24/04 Chilworth A small group of travellers have moved onto the Science Park.

Animal Accidents

Week commencing MONDAY 14th APRIL 2014

We are very pleased to report that there was no Road Traffic Accident's involving Commoners stock for the above week.