



# COUNTRY WATCH

## Western Weekly:

28<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Colleagues,

Due to various commitments for the team, this week's newsletter is a day early rather than not send one out at all. We have been busy this week with meetings with partner agencies to plan for the forthcoming spring and summer events and have been assisting our Neighbourhood teams with their Crime Prevention operations.

We are quickly approaching the time of year for nesting birds. A quick reminder, whilst you are trimming your hedgerows and tidying gardens, to be on the look out for birds nesting and try not to disturb them. Also be aware of ground nesting birds whilst walking your dogs on the forest and in nature reserves. Now we are into the lambing season, please ensure you keep control of your dogs and don't allow them to worry the livestock. Whilst on the subject of dogs, as I mentioned last week there have been a number of dog thefts across the area recently. If you have any information at all, maybe you spot someone who seemingly has a different dog each time you see them, please let us know. Those who have had dogs stolen know only too well it's like somebody taking a member of the family away. We have today been looking at dog collars with a tracking device embedded within them. Anyone who would like further information, please feel free to contact us.

The trend for equine related crime has remained with us this week. Car and leisure batteries used for electric fencing units have been targeted, probably now people are moving their horses into spring fields the opportunity to steal the batteries is too tempting for the thieves to resist. Please remain vigilant and mark your property for identification.

Kind Regards

Debby Holman  
Western Country Watch Sergeant

### **Rural Theft**

- 20/03 Hedge End Horse feed stolen from a secure horse shed.
- 20/03 West Wellow An attempt theft of an energiser battery.
- 20/03 Sway A catalytic converter stolen from a vehicle.
- 20/03 Lymington A large energiser battery stolen from a field.
- 20/03 Calmore 6 metal beds stolen from a care home.
- 20/03 New Milton A large quantity of used cooking oil stolen.
- 20/03 Fordingbridge A number of Stihl power tools stolen from a secure garden shed.
- 20/03 New Milton Two energiser batteries stolen from a field.
- 21/03 Eastleigh A blue SMC RAM 250cc quad bike stolen.
- 21/03 Eastleigh 20mtrs of copper cabling stolen from a telephone substation.
- 23/03 Sway A secure workshop was forced open and tools stolen from within.
- 24/03 Eling Chainsaw stolen from farmer's field whilst owner was inside having lunch
- 26/03 Mopley 50m of copper cable stolen from electricity sub station
- 24/03 Exbury Insecure barn entered and shavings fork stolen
- 25/03 Tiptoe Generator and tools removed from outbuilding

### **Poaching**

- 25/03 Romsey 3 males caught fishing without permission

### **Fly Tipping**

- 23/03 Romsey Rubble fly tipped in rural location
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### **Theft From Motor Vehicle**

- 20/03 Lymington Power tools stolen from a secure works vehicle.
- 22/03 Fritham Personal items stolen from an insecure vehicle.
- 22/03 Abbottswell Smashed rear window and handbag stolen from display on back seat.
- 22/03 Hale Purlieu Smashed rear window and handbag stolen from display on back seat.
- 23/03 Romsey Stoney Marsh Car park, vehicle broken into by smashing window and handbag, wallet, mobile phone and passport stolen
- 23/03 Mottisfont Theft of purse from vehicle parked in secluded rural car park. Entry gained by smashing front door window.
- 21/03 Lepe Theft of diesel from dumper truck parked in a compound secured with harris fencing
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### **Off-Road Vehicles**

- 22/03 Canada Common A quad bike and motorcycles have been seen riding across the forest.
- 23/03 Beaulieu 4 vehicles driving off road at Beaulieu Heath (aerodrome) Enquiries ongoing

### **Miscellaneous Offences**

- 22/03 Bolderwood A male was spoken too by the Forestry Commission after he was caught attempting to start a fire.
- 25/03 Lepe Damage caused at construction site

### **Animal Accidents**

No reported accidents for the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014