



COUNTRY WATCH

Western Weekly:

20th February 2014

Colleagues,

The last week has been rather hectic for everyone with the severe storms and flooding issues of last weekend. The whole team have been involved one way or another with assisting in the flood efforts. Jim and I were involved in a few rescue missions last Friday, where people had got stuck in the flood water. We also dealt with quite a number of trees down in the wind. On Monday, Scott and Alan, who had been deployed to assist the army in Romsey with the flood efforts ended up sitting on a road closure for many hours after a serious crash closed the road. This was then compounded by a lorry turning over on the diversion route which meant gridlock in the Greatbridge area.

As you can see from the crime summary below we are experiencing a very high number of rural thefts at the moment, particularly power tools of the Stihl variety among others. I cannot stress how important it is that your tools are secured away and security marked. Every physical barrier you put up makes breaking in less attractive. Security marking means it is more difficult for the thief to dispose of the property. Once security marked, put up signs to draw attention to the fact that everything you have is security marked – again every possible way of discouraging the thief in the first place. Furthermore, there is a better chance of being reunited with your tools if you are unlucky enough to be the victim of a theft or burglary if they are marked. For items which have serial numbers use www.immobilise.com to register them with your name, this way if they are located anywhere in the Country they can be traced back to you. If you are offered 'cut price' power tools by a man in the pub or see them advertised on E-bay at prices too good to be true, the likelihood is that they are stolen. Please let us know and we will check it out.

In a good news story, two males who travelled into Hampshire from London have been arrested this week after they were caught attempting to steal used cooking oil from a premises in Hinton Admiral. They were seen driving a Red Transit panel van, index X12 ENJ, within the vehicle were barrels and drums of used oil, red diesel and other oil based liquids. Have any Country Watch members seen this vehicle in the past or had any oil stolen which you haven't reported, can you describe any distinctive containers? Both males are currently on Police bail for further enquiries.

For information, we now have a supply of padlock alarms in the office. If you have previously asked for a padlock (cost £10 each) and haven't yet received it drop me an email and I will make some arrangements to get one to you.

Kind Regards

Debby Holman
Western Country Watch Sergeant

Rural Theft

- 12/02 Bartley Overnight break to stable block resulting in the theft of two border terrier dogs and two ferrets. No photographs available but both are working dogs, they are bitches and neither are suitable for breeding. One has a distinct thick coat with a parting along the centre of her back and the other's fur is turning grey and she is balding on her tail. They go by the names of Holly and Pepper.
- 11/02 Bramshaw Theft of white Mercedes Horsebox lorry from driveway containing many items of tack
- 13/02 New Milton Forced entry to garage by removal of padlock and Honda Generator, Makita Cordless drill and Ryobi table saw stolen.
- 13/02 Bransgore Barn entered via air duct, container forced and CB radios and bottle jack stolen.
- 13/02 Eastleigh Thousands of pounds worth of Golfing equipment stolen from a secure warehouse.
- 13/02 Ampfield A quad bike and various power tools stolen from a secure outbuilding on a golf course.
- 13/02 Beaulieu Shipping container used for farm storage forced by bending metal door – possibly specialist tools used. Wheel clamp also removed from adjacent Ifor Williams trailer. Unconfirmed what has been stolen.
- 13/02 Fawley Garage at nursery premises broken into and Kawasaki Mule and ride on lawn mower stolen – mule recovered nearby with engine still running
- 13/02 Bransgore 3 ornamental stone mushrooms stolen from front garden
- 13/02 Ringwood rear windscreen of car smashed in Ivy Wood car park and fishing gear stolen
- 14/02 Lyndhurst theft from vehicle in forest car park, driver's window smashed and purse stolen
- 14/02 Brockenhurst Church outbuilding broken into and 16 x 6ft LED Christmas Tree shaped decorations stolen.
- 14/02 West Tytherley Storage shed forced open, nothing stolen.
- 14/02 Hamble Secure timber shed forced open, nothing stolen.
- 14/02 Hamble Another secure shed forced open, nothing stolen.
- 14/02 East Wellow A catalytic converter stolen from a white panel van.
- 14/02 Hamble A secure workshop forced open and two pushbikes stolen.
- 15/02 Lymington Several sheds/outbuildings in rural location broken into and tools including a hammer and fence basher stolen
- 15/02 Upton A red metal Royal Mail post box stolen.
- 15/02 Blashford Three wooden sheds had padlocks and hasps forced and Stihl chain saw and Specialized mountain bike stolen. Shipping container forced open by twisting off good quality padlock.
- 16/02 Stoney Cross 7 Chainsaws (inc Stihl & Husqvarna) worth over £5000 stolen from a secure garage.
- 16/02 Avon 200ltrs of red diesel stolen from farm vehicles on secure private land.
- 16/02 Hardley Fencing cut around field.
- 17/02 Testwood High value power tools stolen from a secure storage unit.
- 17/02 Minstead A four wheeled horse carriage was stolen from an unlocked barn in a secure yard.
- 17/02 Lymington A pair of ornamental black hares sat up on hind legs valued at £2000 each have been stolen from a secure garden.
- 17/02 Lyndhurst Theft of two horse carriages from insecure barn – carriages lifted over a fence and locked gate
- 17/02 Blackfields Attempt to force entry into secure garage causing damage only.
- 17/02 Fordingbridge A push bike and a petrol hedge trimmer stolen from an insecure garage.
- 17/02 Eastleigh Full exhausts system stolen from a parked Mercedes Sprinter van.
- 17/02 West End Various power tools stolen from a secure works vehicle.
- 18/02 North Gorley A generator shed and a large storage container has been forced open causing damage, nothing stolen.
- 18/02 Ealing 100ltrs of diesel stolen from a secure vehicle whilst parked at the wharf.
- 18/02 Ringwood Commercial power tools stolen from a secure storage containers.

Poaching

Nil reported this week in Western area

Fly Tipping

Hazardous Waste	2 small fly tips of corrugated asbestos.	Bramble Hill Walk
Hazardous Waste	Small pile of asbestos roofing.	Stoney Cross
Hazardous Waste	Small pile of asbestos	Longcross
Fly Tipping General	5 bags of household waste	Wootton Inclosure
Fly Tipping General	Double mattress	Linford Bottom
Hazardous Waste	Between Longcross and Fritham asbestos sheeting in ditch	Bramshaw
Hazardous Waste	Cooker.	Minstead
Fly Tipping General	Car parts left in Inclosure gateway	Beaulieu

Suspicious Vehicles/Vehicles of interest

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

R809 NRU a Blue Mazda pick-up was seen in suspicious circumstances around the Beaulieu area. A Country Watch warning letter has been sent to the registered keeper.

EN56 DHM a white Ford transit dropside lorry with "South Coast Trees and Landscaping" has been seen on several occasions in suspicious circumstances and near locations which have seen an increase in rural outbuilding thefts.

R928 KYJ a blue Vitara JX soft top has been seen driving into a secure yard looking at scrap metals and batteries, the occupants of this vehicle were then caught re-attending the secure site on Sunday as they thought the yard would be quiet, they gave there lame excuses and made off at speed...!

Theft From Motor Vehicle

- 18/02 Whitefield Moor Forced entry into a secure campervan, various personal items stolen.

Off-Road Vehicles

- 16/02 Blackfield A quad bike was seen being ridden by adults and children on common land.

Rural Arson

- 18/02 Hardley Fire damage caused to a wooden horse stables, cause unknown and HFRS investigating.

Miscellaneous Offences

- 14/02 Holbury Three padlocks forced on gates and horses strayed/let out into other fields.
- 14/02 Fordingbridge Damage done to pheasant pen fencing in private wooded area
- 18/02 Shirley Holms A piebald cob gelding was trapped in barbed wire and in a ditch for a week when Country Watch and the RSPCA attended to free the injured horse, the horse was then recovered and transported to the vets for treatment. We have yet to locate the owner.

Animal Accidents

Week commencing MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2014

Day	Date	Time	Details	Location
Friday	14/02/2014	8:30 am	Sheep - Killed - HIT & RUN	Bramshaw Church - B3079
Sunday	16/02/2014	6:45 pm	Donkey - Killed - HIT & RUN	Longcross - B3078