



# COUNTRY WATCH

## Western Weekly:

14<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Colleagues,

Firstly, my apologies for there being no newsletter last week. It has been a particularly busy period but hopefully now normal service will be resumed!

Over the past couple of weeks the team have been involved in a number of local policing operations including speed enforcement operations across the New Forest area in conjunction with the local Neighbourhood Policing Teams and a multi-agency road check in co-operation with the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency. Both of these operations were successful with a number of speeding motorists being dealt with and some 14 vehicles being temporarily taken off the road with serious safety defects.

Last week we had a successful outcome in an investigation into illegal fishing practices at a local fishery. A male was interviewed by the Country Watch team and the Environment agency for fishing without purchasing fishing rights and then publishing photos of his catch on social networking sites and catching fish out of season. The suspect, having been caught red handed by police, received a conditional caution for theft of fish and a public apology to various angling organisations will be forthcoming over the next couple of weeks.

Crime figures over the past couple of weeks have shown an increase in equine related crime, theft of equipment, vehicles and even a reported theft of four horses from a field in the Botley area on 1<sup>st</sup> March. This matter is currently under investigation. If you have any information about this please contact me. Details of the horses are attached. I would urge you to ensure your tack is security marked. We have a tack marking/post coding kit as do your local Horsecatch Co-ordinators and can arrange for you to have use of it for tack marking events if you are interested in running such an event please contact the Country Watch team and we will pass your details onto Hampshire Horsecatch.

Dog thefts have also increased over the past couple of weeks, with three dogs being stolen in the Romsey area in one day. Happily for one owner the dog was located and returned. For the other, however, both dogs remain missing and the owners are understandably beside themselves with worry and are very upset. I would urge you to ensure you keep tabs on your dogs, especially if they are 'outdoors' or working dogs. Take photos of them in case they go missing so they can be circulated and get them microchipped so they are easily identified. Country Watch teams have microchip readers so we can use them to scan any located dogs. Over the past month there has been a number of working spaniels and a couple of border terriers stolen. Be vigilant and report suspicious activity and if you are offered an adult dog where the owner can't give you any history, be wary and get it checked for microchips.

With spring finally appearing to be on the horizon and Easter around the corner, please take this opportunity to check your field and land access points and gateways. Now would be a good time to ensure they are not easily accessed by any unauthorised persons looking for land to set up camp. Ditches, large tree trunks and concrete bollards can all assist in this regard.

Kind Regards  
Debby Holman  
Western Country Watch Sergeant

## Rural Theft

- 07/03 Dibden Purlieu Unlocked shed entered overnight and bike stolen from within.
- 05/03 Woodlands Four wheel trap stolen from field, see photograph at bottom of document
- 07/03 Marchwood Attempt made to access a shed via going through the roof, alarm went off deterring offenders.
- 09/03 Brockenhurst House broken into via back window, untidy search off all rooms.
- 09/03 Brockenhurst House broken into via patio door, untidy search of house, jewellery stolen.
- 09/03 Brockenhurst House broken into via kitchen window, untidy search of house, jewellery stolen
- 10/03 Beaulieu Electric fencer unit stolen from field.
- 02/03 Romsey 2 Lorry batteries and electric fence units stolen
- 01/03 Botley Four horses reported stolen from field, two geldings and two colts.
- 07/03 Romsey Springer spaniel stolen from parked and insecure vehicle – dog now reunited with owner
- 07/03 Romsey 2 Cocker spaniels stolen from farmyard whilst running loose
- 13/03 Holbury Break-in to garden shed, coarse fishing equipment stolen
- 13/03 Calmore Chain saw and loppers stolen from shed sometime over past few months
- 13/03 Ringwood Theft of Karcher pressure washer and power tools from garage
- 13/03 Fordingbridge Stihl chainsaw and hedge trimmer stolen from timber outbuilding
- 07/03 New Milton Theft of metal from telecom site

## Poaching

- 11/03 Bransgore Gamekeeper reporting the discovery of 2 roe deer remains which appear to have been shot and butchered

## Fly Tipping

Date	Type	Description	Location
04/03/2014	Fly Tipping	10 bags of wallpaper and DVDs	Darkwater
04/03/2014	Fly Tipping	Garden Shed	Burbush
04/03/2014	Fly Tipping	Garden Waste/ Branches	Blackwell Common
05/03/2014	Fly Tipping	2 transit loads of plaster, carpet, brick rubble and other items.	Shave Wood
07/03/2014	Fly Tipping	Doors and Window frames with glass	Burley

## Theft From Motor Vehicle

- 09/03 Totton Between 03/03 and 09/03 fuel stolen from petrol tank of Range Rover by drilling through the petrol tank
- 12/03 Ringwood Handbag stolen from footwell of vehicle parked on the roadside by smashing front passenger window

## Off-Road Vehicles

- 08/03 Copythorne Common 7 males riding motorbikes on the common stopped by Police and all issued with Section 59 warnings.

## Miscellaneous Offences

- 09/03 Lyndhurst VW Camper van PN52 OWB stolen from Deerleap car park.
- 04/03 Bursledon Pony remains dumped on railway line

## Animal Accidents

**Week commencing MONDAY 3RD MARCH 2014**

Day	Date	Time	Details	Location
Tuesday	04/03/2014	7:10 pm	Dark Chestnut Pony - Nothing Found	Hatchet Pond – B3055 (E)
Tuesday	04/03/2014	7:20 pm	Pony - Nothing Found	Burley
Tuesday	04/03/2014	8:40 pm	Cow - Injured & Destroyed - HIT & RUN	Ipers Bridge - Hilltop
Thursday	06/03/2014	7:15 pm	Pony - Nothing Found	Grigg Lane, Brockenhurst
Friday	07/03/2014	6:55 pm	Donkey - Uninjured	Roundhill, Brook - B3078

## Photo of Trap Stolen from Woodlands area



## Details of Horses Stolen from Botley

Horse 1. 14 years old Bay Gelding. Has white markings on its nose. At the time it went missing it was rugged in a blue Master Rug. It was shod. Warmblood breed - showjumper

Horse 2. 12 years old chestnut gelding white markings on its face. At the time it went missing it was rugged in a blue Master Rug. It was shod. Warmblood breed - showjumper

Horses 3 & 4. 2 x Bay yearling colts with white face. Not shod or rugged. Classed as difficult to handle. Warmblood/welsh cob crosses