



COUNTRY WATCH

Western Weekly:

30th January 2014

Colleagues,

It has been another busy week for the Country Watch team with site visits and meetings.

PCSO Jim Hordle and I attended a new forum meeting this week encompassing officers from Hampshire, Dorset and Wiltshire. It was a very productive meeting with information and intelligence being shared across the County borders. It won't come as any surprise to learn that all three forces have the same people of interest in their sights. It is useful however to exchange the information between the local officers in all three Counties and this helps with cross border working on an operational level and ensures a 'joined up' approach.

Historically this time of year sees an increase in heating fuel and diesel thefts with temperatures dropping. Be vigilant and check your oil tanks. Tack thefts also seem to increase at this time of year. I have been lucky enough to source a new Tack Marking product which I am going to try out on my own saddle and will post the resulting photographs for you next week if it is successful.

The past week has seen the trend in rural theft continue, particularly burglaries to sheds, garages and outbuildings. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, please security mark your tools and equipment and ensure you lock up your outbuildings and secure them sufficiently. Just a padlock is not going to do the job. It needs a really good padlock maybe one with an integrated alarm. They aren't expensive, just £10 each from your Country Watch team or local NFDC offices. Alternatively you can get good quality shed alarms for £15. When you consider the cost of replacing the tools in your sheds (especially the expensive power tools which seem to be flavour of the month) another £10-£15 to help with the security isn't a great deal. Also I have heard reports of people noticing vehicles driving up and down roads, acting suspiciously, maybe looking for opportunities to steal. Please, please, if you see something like this take a note of the registration number and call the police on 101 straight away. If they look like they are in the process of stealing something, call 999.

I have been asked to remind people of the Police and Country Watch contact numbers. If you want to speak to the team about security products, a site visit or anything else which isn't crime in progress then the team mobile is 07766 423174, there is a voicemail facility on this line but please be aware that the team are not constantly on duty and there may be a delay in any message reaching us. As mentioned above, if you see what you think is a crime in progress call 999 for an emergency response. If it is suspicious activity and not ongoing then call 101 and speak to the Force Enquiry Centre, they will assess whether your call needs immediate response or whether it can wait until the Country Watch team or your local Beat Officer are next available. Finally you can email me directly on deborah.holman@hampshire.pnn.police.uk – please be aware though that I am not on duty 24 hrs a day 7 days a week, so you may not get an immediate response.....even I need to sleep sometimes!

Kind Regards

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Western Country Watch Sergeant

Rural Theft

- 23/01 Blackfield Break to garage – power tools stolen
- 26/01 Ringwood Break to outbuilding – Stihl chainsaw stolen
- 27/01 Fordingbridge Theft of Stihl leafblower from unlocked garden shed owners wheelbarrow also stolen
- 27/01 Fordingbridge Break-in to shed and power breaker box smashed and power turned off. Nil disturbed
- 27/01 Fordingbridge Entry gained to garage and barn but nothing stolen
- 28/01 Fordingbridge Forced entry to workshop Stihl power tools stolen
- 27/01 Breamore Report of 9 sheep stolen from farm, later recovered nearby but no damage found to fences or gates
- 24/01 Fordingbridge Persons entered insecure outbuilding and removed bottles of alcohol using a storage container from the building to take the goods away
- 28/01 Ower 5 metres of copper piping stolen from electricity transponder site
- 28/01 Ashurst Informant reporting 6 cows/2 steers missing from herd grazing on New Forest
- 29/01 Fordingbridge Outbuilding broken into by forcing padlock, Stihl chainsaw and power pack stolen
- 27/01 Romsey Attempt theft of heating oil from tank in garden
- 29/01 Rownhams Theft of copper earth wire from telegraph pole

Poaching

- 27/01 Calshot Deer carcass reported by member of the public – possible poaching
- 29/01 Cadnam Two bags containing pheasant feathers, heads and feet found by member of the public – possible poaching

Fly Tipping

- 27/01 Brockenhurst Pile of suspected asbestos dumped in Ivy Wood Car park

Suspicious Vehicles/Vehicles of interest

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

- 29/01 Romsey White Peugeot Partner van registration NV07NVJ. 2 male occupants appeared to be 'scoping out' an empty property. Stated they carried out tree work at the location when confronted by member of the public – this was not the case and they left after being challenged.

Theft From Motor Vehicle

- 22/01 Totton Theft of catalytic converter from works van
- 23/01 Brockenhurst Theft of handbag from vehicle parked at Whitemoor Car Park
- 25/01 Fritham Fuel cap forced open and fuel removed from tank
- 27/01 Ringwood Both rear light clusters removed from a Landrover Discovery parked under a shelter off road
- 27/01 Totton 2 x Catalytic converters stolen from works vans
- 28/01 Totton Catalytic converter theft from works van
- 28/01 Fordingbridge Power tools stolen from secure van parked on driveway by smashing door window
- 29/01 Fordingbridge Theft of diesel from works van

Off-Road Vehicles

Nothing of note this week

Rural Arson

Nothing reported this week

Miscellaneous Offences/Incidents

- 23/01 Beaulieu Suspicious males in dark coloured Honda car with Polish registration plates followed a female out running in Matley Wood area shouting comments at her.
- 26/01 Lymington 5 young male occupants of black BMW car deliberately harassed a lone horse rider by throwing things out of the window at the horses feet causing horse to spook and rear
- 25/01 Martin Fences to nature reserve cut to allow access to unauthorised 4x4 vehicle

Animal Accidents

Week commencing **MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2014**

Day	Date	Time	Details	Location	Agister
Monday	20/01/2014	6:56 pm	Bay Filly - Injured	Salisbury Trench nr Brook - B3078	A Napthine
Monday	20/01/2014	7:45 am	Brown filly - Injured & Destroyed	Salisbury Trench nr Brook - B3078	P Rix
Wednesday	22/01/2014	6:15 pm	Chestnut Mare – Killed	A31 westbound - Handy Cross	P Rix