



COUNTRY WATCH

Western Weekly:

27th February 2014

Colleagues,

The past week has seen me engaged on some driver training for some of the time and also some Health and Safety Training. I am now authorised to drive the Country Watch Land Rover off road and to tow the trailer we use at the shows during the spring, summer and autumn (although probably not both at the same time!) The rest of the team have been busy with site visits and ongoing investigations.

We have received several reports over the past week or two of livestock being bothered or attacked by dogs. With the lambing season upon us, sheep are particularly vulnerable to dog attacks. I know that responsible dog owners will keep their dogs under control, just bear in mind that farmers may be moving sheep into fields which have previously been empty, so be on your guard and keep dogs on leads when adjacent to farmland. It is a very sad situation for all concerned when a farmer or landowner has to shoot somebody's family pet which they have the right to do if the dog strays onto their land and is caught attacking or worrying livestock.

The trend for thefts from sheds and outbuildings continues and so I would again stress vigilance when checking your security. The weather is forecast to get colder over the next week or two which historically points to a projected increase in thefts of heating oil. Keep an eye out and report any suspicious activity to help us identify those responsible.

Kind Regards

Debby Holman
Western Country Watch Sergeant

Rural Theft

- 18/02 Brockenhurst Insecure garage entered and bag of tools stolen
- 20/02 Ringwood Padlocks and hasps forced on garden shed, no entry gained nil stole.
- 20/02 Tiptoe Forced entry into a garage 2 hedge trimmers and a drill stolen.
- 20/02 Brockenhurst Male knocked at front door stating he had lost his dog, whilst talking 2 males jumped rear garden fence and stole 2 Stihl chainsaws from shed.
- 21/02 Ringwood Garden shed broken into and Stihl combi tool stolen.
- 21/02 Ringwood Forced entry to garage 3 Stihl petrol stools stolen, all other items left behind.
- 21/02 Ringwood Insecure shed has a mountain bike and BMX stolen from within.
- 21/02 Ibsley 2 outbuildings forced open number of tools stolen, Stihl and Husqvarna chainsaws and hedge cutters.

- 21/02 North Baddesley Fence post remove from field, horses then escaped.
- 22/02 Braishfield A 5 year old rough broken coated slate grey – greyhound lost possibly stolen.
- 23/02 Fordingbridge Motocross bike stolen from garage, aggrieved went out to look for it shortly after and saw 3 males trying to start it further down the road. All 3 males made off leaving bike behind, recovered by owner.
- 24/02 Ringwood Home owner disturbed a male in his garage, male made off leaving stolen mountain bike (21/02) behind which has been recovered by Police.
- 24/02 Lyndhurst Cooper earth cable stolen from pylon.
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Poaching

- 16/02 Burley Stag found dead after being shot in head on private land at Burley Manor Hotel.
- 21/02 East Dean A local male was caught rabbiting with his lurcher dog on private land, Investigation ongoing.

Fly Tipping

- 19/02 Dibden Builders rubble, black sacks and plaster dumped in front of emergency entrance to Dibden enclosure.

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| 18/02/2014 | Fly Tipping | 2 fence posts and concrete. | Boundway |
| 21/02/2014 | Fly Tipping | 2 Mattresses, 2 televisions, an armchair, sofa and mirror. | Wootton Bridge |
| 22/02/2014 | Fly Tipping | Black plastic, and other items. | Dibden Inclosure |
| 24/02/2014 | Litter | Garden waste. | Darkwater |
| 24/02/2014 | Fly Tipping | 2 Sofas and a computer. | Whitemoor Pond |

Suspicious Vehicles/Vehicles of interest

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

- 21/02 Ringwood A female was seen getting out of a Black Land Rover on a private driveway, this female was seen to get out of her vehicle and appeared to lean over into the garden to pick up the residents dog, the owner shouted, and the female got back into the Black Land Rover and sped off.
- 26/02 Plaitford A Silver Mercedes Benz saloon, index **PE02 YPZ** was used to steal a bale of hay, does anyone have any knowledge of the vehicle as the registration number is not known on the Police database.

Theft From Motor Vehicle

- 24/02 Puttles Bridge Hand bag stolen from rear seat, covered by blankets.
- 25/02 Andrews Mare Car broken into and wallet stolen from sports bag left in view

Off-Road Vehicles

- 20/02 Lordswood Inclosure Three motorcycles heard riding around in the woods.
- 20/02 Rockbourne Quad bikes heard racing around village.

Rural Arson

Miscellaneous Offences

- 21/02 Lower Itchen A fishing sign cemented in concrete has been pulled up out of the ground.
- 23/02 Ashurst **RX55 VEV** black BMW stolen overnight.
- 23/02 Copythorne **NJ55 GVC** white Ford Transit Van, locked and secure stolen from lay by between 1115 and 1255.
- 25/02 Eastleigh Two males known for committing rural crime have been arrested for breaking and entering a tyre & exhaust centre, they are both currently on Police bail.

Animal Accidents

Week commencing **MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2014**

| Day | Date | Time | Details | Location | Agister |
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| Tuesday | 18/02/2014 | 6:20 pm | Brown Mare - Injured & Destroyed | Hilltop to Ipers Bridge | M Lovell |