



COUNTRY WATCH

Western Weekly:

29th August 2014

Colleagues,

Although a relatively quiet week in terms of rural crime, this week has been an especially busy one for me as I have been left in sole charge of the Western Country Watch office due to unforeseen absences! Next week I am taking what I consider to be a well deserved rest! Scott and Alan should be available on the team mobile if you have any issues, 07766 423174.

With crops being harvested and fields being down to stubble in some places we are likely to see further reports of hare coursing and other similar dog related activities. Please report anything you see as soon as possible. We have the power to seize dogs from criminals involved in this type of activity and will not hesitate to do so if we can catch them in the act; we very much rely on our colleagues in the rural areas to be our eyes and ears and let us know what is happening.

At a recent Rural Crime Group meeting it was raised that elsewhere in the country vehicles with keyless ignition have been identified as being potentially vulnerable to theft, the advice being given to people who own such vehicles is to buy and use a steering lock as a secondary form of security. Something to bear in mind if you are the owner of such a vehicle.

Kind Regards

Debby Holman
Western Country Watch Sergeant

Rural Theft

- 21/08 Norleywood Report of theft of three horse headcollars from a field
- 23/08 Burley Shed broken into by breaking two padlocks, bicycle and petrol leaf blower stolen
- 24/08 Sway Padlock broken off on side gate to garden, shed then broken into by damaging padlock, Husqvarna, Honda, and Stihl power garden tools stolen.
- 25/08 Bursledon Shed and trailer at horse field broken into, turnout rugs and old saddles stolen.
- 25/08 New Milton Large motor cycle stolen from Longslade View car park in broad daylight in 45 minute window of opportunity
- 26/08 North Baddesley Off road Yamaha YZ85 blue and yellow motor cross bike stolen from garage in communal garage area
- 26/08 Romsey 2 x 6ft metal loading ramps stolen from back of trailer in open fronted shed within farm premises
- 26/08 Hardley Coach company reporting at least two incidents of attempted diesel thefts from their coaches over the past few weeks

Poaching

- 26/08 Fawley Deer found at the roadside in a quiet country lane with front legs tied together – likely poaching

Suspicious Vehicles/Vehicles of interest

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

- 20/08 Mopley Silver Landrover Freelander registration YC55TEO seen in suspicious circumstances on several occasions over the past week, suspected involved in crime

Theft From Motor Vehicle

- 22/08 Romsey Magnetic blue light stolen from roof of Senior Fire Officer's vehicle whilst in attendance at an emergency response incident.
- 22/08 Fordingbridge Rubber gutter seals removed from vehicle parked on driveway
- 24/08 Ringwood Two headlights stolen from Landrover parked at the road side

Miscellaneous Offences

- 22/08 Hawkhill 7 dead pigeons dumped at entrance to inclosure
- 22/08 Burley Several reports from members of the public of a suspicious male hanging around Mill Lawn car park following women and children, although not approaching them.
- 23/08 Whitsbury Damage to fences on the gallops, believed by poachers driving their 4 x 4 vehicles through the wooden fencing.
- 24/08 Longdown Damage to fences discovered at Equestrian premises after 3 males were disturbed in the main yard by a member of staff.

Animal Accidents

DETAILS OF ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Week commencing MONDAY 18th August 2014

Day	Date	Time	Details	Location
Tuesday	19/08/2014	3:30 pm	Donkey Foal - Injured	Frogham
Sunday	24/08/2014	9:40 pm	Donkey - Injured - HIT & RUN	Crows Nest - B3078