

## Editor's Welcome

Are you giving the same attention to tightening your security as you do checking your girth? Whatever your plans for this summer are, whether you are a Happy Hacker or a serious competitor, I guarantee you check your girth before you set off. But can I say the same about how many times a day you check your yard security?

Have you left that handy wheelbarrow out to help thieves carry your belongings to their waiting car? Did you report that suspicious vehicle parked near your yard? Are you really making an effort to keep ownership of your hard-earned property? Could you be doing more – would your trailer withstand the attention of the thwarted trailer thieves in Leighton Buzzard – check out their aborted mission under Thames Valley Police section of this week's bulletin.

To all those who have suffered and experienced equine crime you may be interested to know that taken from [www.travellerstimes.org.uk](http://www.travellerstimes.org.uk) is a list Horse Fair dates

3rd May - Wisbech Horse Fair  
3rd May Ledbury Horse Fair  
14th May Stow Fair  
20th May Wickham Fair  
25th May Appleby

Stolen property turns up anywhere. At New Forest Pony Sales in the New Forest Equine Liaison Officers have recovered stolen trailers, and on one occasion a stolen horse. All property was returned to the owners/insurance companies. The person in possession may have unwittingly bought the items not knowing they were stolen but at the end of the day the property was seized. The horse owner to say the least was overjoyed to have her horse back.

If you feel that a visit to these Fairs could realise the recovery of your property you are strongly advised to contact the police in the area where the Fair takes place before going in order to get advice.

Three years ago a lady identified her stolen Shetland at Wickham Fair. She had to seek police help in recovering it. That pony was micro chipped which significantly assisted in proving ownership.

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### South East Region

**Hampshire, Thames Valley, Surrey, Hertfordshire, Essex, Kent, Sussex,  
Bedfordshire and London**

#### HAMPSHIRE

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#### **Tack sale**

Plaitford Village Hall (off Salisbury Road, nr Romsey) on Wednesday 29th April (this week) between 7pm and 9pm. Enquiries to Hannah Beech on mobile: 07790160532

#### **Stolen: Piebald Cob Stallion**

Stolen from Romsey area 24th April 2009

Theft of a horse, feathered white and black cob stallion called Charlie. More details to follow....look out for photos on stolen horse register and Hampshire Horsewatch web site

Good news...just before sending out the bulletin the owner contacted Hampshire Horsewatch to say her horse had been found in a field several miles away. There is little doubt the horse was stolen. The owners robust lines of enquiry in the 24 hours after the theft was discovered ensure the horse was "returned"

#### **Tack Theft from Stables**

Crime Ref: 44090172666 - Burglary non-dwelling - 'Finches Hatch', Forest Road, Hale. Date 1800 21st April 2009 and 0800 22nd April 2009. Persons unknown have cut a metal chain on a large metal gate

which gives access to a field. These persons have then forced entry to a set of wooden framed stables by forcing a door lock with a unknown tool and cutting a padlock bolt. **Various horse tack and equine equipment has been taken including saddles, bridles, whips and blankets. These persons have also gained entry to an insecure horse box and removed various horse related equipment.** The cut bolts, chains and padlocks have been left on scene. An untidy search has been completed in both areas.

**Stolen Ifor Williams horse trailer.**

RMS 44090171735 refers. Date Between 1000 -1730 21st April 2009. Wickham area

This model was about 14 years old and painted blue. A blue Landrover discovery was seen driving at speed towing a similarly described horse trailer through Wickham on this date. The vehicle and trailer negotiated the small roundabout in Wickham near the Shell garage and nearly turned over and travelled in the direction of Fareham on the A32.

A blue Discovery has been seen in other local areas to Wickam in what may be termed suspicious circumstances. So please be watchful for any blue Discovery style vehicle, its occupants.....if seen and you believe your sighting warrants a report then phone the police .....0845 045 45 45.....in the case of an emergency dial 999

**Stolen: Two Saddles**

Theft of 2 saddles from an insecure barn between 22:00hrs 22nd and 06:00hrs 23rd April 2009 in the Nursling area of Southampton. The saddles are identifiable - one has a red button on the top of the saddle and an 'h' on it with safety stirrups - the other saddle is older with a faded seat and unusual light weight fibre stirrups. Both had black saddle cloths RMS 44090175814 crime reference.

**3 yards broken into - Mill Lane, Sway**

On Friday 17 April overnight 3 yards were broken into in Mill Lane, Sway. The thieves got away with a lot of stuff including all rugs, various headcollars & halters, two bridles, various headcollars, mucking out tools and a pair of liveryman trimmers. The other yards had electric fence energizer, rugs, headcollars and distinctive rope halters taken not sure of the full list.

**THAMES VALLEY**

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**Attempted Horsebox Theft**

Location Woodlands Farm, Spring Lane, Cookham Dean, Berkshire, Crime reference number: LC3315401-09.

Sometime between the morning of 8<sup>th</sup> April and the morning of 9<sup>th</sup> April an attempt was made to steal a horsebox. The driver's door had been opened, the steering wheel stop-lock had been removed and the battery isolator switch had been broken off and jump leads connected up to the isolator and batteries. When the owner tried to start the lorry, the keys would not go in to the lock and it looks like the thieves broke the ignition barrel. Again there is no sign of any damage to the steering column although the cover underneath the steering wheel appears to have been removed and replaced. There is every possibility

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the horsebox was probably being stolen to order. All owners of horse boxes and trailers are reminded to immobilise their vehicles in order to reduce the possibility of it being stolen.

**Attempted Trailer Theft**

Attempted theft of a horse trailer at 9pm on the evening of 20th March in village of Mentmore, Near Leighton Buzzard. Thieves made a serious attempt to steal the trailer but were thwarted by security measures put in place by the owner.

The owner did see a silver saloon car (like a Vauxhall Vectra type) in the gate entrance opposite her yard. This was unusual as nobody has ever parked there before. The car pulled away a few minutes after the owner had entered the premises.

They left a three-metre long metal bar behind which it is believed they used to lever the locks off. They removed the hitchlock with force, wrenching it open. They let the air out of one of the tyres making it smaller, then with the bar made the three-point wheel clamp larger, and removing it from the wheel. That was two of the locks gone.

The third lock was an SAS wheel clamp, which just covered one wheel nut and appears this is where they came unstuck (or stuck). They managed to remove it from the wheel nut and somehow it ended in getting the other side of the wheel and jammed between the chassis and wheel. They never tampered with any of the actual key locks themselves, just used brute force alone. They even managed to move the trailer about 6 feet forward and about 3 feet to the side. No vehicle was taken on the premises.

**SURREY**

**S.A.F.E. Surrey Action for Equines** (Surrey Horsewatch) Tel: 01420 487625  
[www.surrey-action-for-equine.co.uk](http://www.surrey-action-for-equine.co.uk)

No information received.

**HERTFORDSHIRE**

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The scheme is running in the Eastern area but will be rolled out across the county later.

**Found**

An extremely shy black mini Shetland mare and her halterbroken foal along with a yearling donkey colt have been found abandoned and taken into protective custody. If you know anything about these animals' origins or are missing them please contact Karen Broad at Welwyn Garden City police station on telephone 01707 638000

**ESSEX**

[Valerie.crawford@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Valerie.crawford@essex.pnn.police.uk) Tel: 07796 473908 [www.essexhorsewatch.org.uk](http://www.essexhorsewatch.org.uk)

No information received.

**KENT**

**Awaiting Details**

No information received.

**SUSSEX**

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**BEDFORDSHIRE**

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**Ride On Mower Stolen from Stables**

14/04/09 Horse Watch Lower Stondon

A burglary took place at a stable yard in Lower Stondon, near Henlow, between the 8th and the 10th of April. The offender removed a ride on mower from a building that had been left unlocked. If you have any information about this crime, please call the Police Control Centre on (01234) 841212 for North and Mid Beds, or (01582) 401212, for South Beds, and quote crime reference, J/,1,4,9,1,1,/2009. Alternatively text your message to (07786) 200011 { or email your message to [chc@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk](mailto:chc@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk) }  
Bedfordshire Police ask rural businesses, and owners of livestock to be vigilant. Please report any suspicious visitors, or vehicles immediately, to the Police Control Centre.

**London**

**Awaiting Contact Details**

No information received

**South West**

**Wiltshire, Devon & Cornwall, Gloucestershire, Dorset, Somerset & Avon**

**Wiltshire**

**Awaiting Contact Details**

No information received

**Dorset Information**

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Horse Watch Eastern 9<sup>th</sup> April 2009

A warning to all horse owners particularly in Wimborne Verwood areas. There has been a steady increase in reported incidents at yards recently. Please be extra vigilant and consider increasing security. Shed alarms can be purchased from as little as £8 and a system that alerts you by phone as little as £25. Please mark all your tack so if it is recovered can be identified and returned to you Horse Watch Coordinator PC 61 Jane Brittain If you have any information regarding this message please call the Dorset Police on 01202/01305 222222 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Thank you

**AVON & SOMERSET**

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**Stolen : Black Mare and Skewbald Mini Shetland**

Sometime between 23rd April and 24th April 2 ponies were stolen from a field just past Oldford on the roundabout on the Old A4 road towards Beckington.

- Black mare 13.2hh Aged approximately 16-18yrs old . She has a Long black mane and a long tail that drags on the ground. She has a white star on face that has now gone grey

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- Dark brown and white miniature Shetland. 2 years old

Anybody who may have witnessed these ponies being loaded into a trailer or box is being urged to please come forward. Officers would also like to hear from anyone who thinks they have seen these ponies since 24th April, if they've suddenly appeared in a field near you or they've been seen being led. Callers can contact Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 or Police on 0845 456 7000 quoting Guardian number 52385/09 .Thank you

Tess Smith, PCSO support 8682 Tel 0845 456 7000 Ext 62029 or 07825 756276

## DEVON & CORNWALL

Gina Dale C/O Okehampton Police Station, Exeter Road, Okehampton, Devon, EX20 1NG

No information received.

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE

The below named officer is the horse watch coordinator at Gloucestershire Constabulary.

Melanie Campbell

[melanie.campbell@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:melanie.campbell@gloucestershire.police.uk). Phone 0845 090 1234 ext 4182.

### Police Horsewatch Coordinators

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No information received.

## North East Region

Yorkshire, Northumberland, County Durham, Cleveland and Humberside

### SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

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No information received.

### Northumberland Awaiting Contact Details

No information received.

### County Durham Awaiting Contact Details

No information received.

### Cleveland Awaiting Contact Details

No information received

### Humberside Awaiting Contact Details

No information received

## Eastern Region

Cambridgeshire, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, Nottingham, Norfolk. Suffolk

### Cambridgeshire

Cambridgeshire Horsewatch;

Lydia Crabtree (PCSO Cambridgeshire Constabulary)

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**Stolen Tack, Rugs, Feed, Fencing, First Aid Kit, Wheelbarrows**

CF0178250409

Between 1900hrs 06/04/09 & 2100hrs 07/04/09 Tack room broken into and various items to the value of £700 stolen - Sandbank, Wisbech St Mary's, Cambridge. Feed, Turnout Rugs, Electric Fencing, First Aid Kit, Grooming Kit - Large wheelbarrow used to remove items.

CF0180740409

Between 1930hrs 08/04/09 & 0650hrs 09/04/09 Tack room broken into saddlery to the value of £4300 stolen - Burwell, Cambridge. Large amount of good quality tack including 13 saddles taken - wheelbarrow used to remove items.

Any information regarding the above please contact Cambridgeshire Police on 0845 4564564

Cambridgeshire Horsewatch

PCSO 7214 Crabtree, Rural Community Action Team (RCAT) Mobile: 07921 294939

Mobex: 7111708 email: [lydia.crabtree@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lydia.crabtree@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

**Derbyshire**

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**Lincolnshire**

**Awaiting Contact Details**

No information received.

**Nottingham**

**Awaiting Contact Details**

No information received.

**Norfolk**

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No information received.

**Suffolk**

**Awaiting Contact Details**

No information received.

**Midlands Region**

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**Warwickshire**

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**WORCESTERSHIRE**

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**Attempt theft of saddlery 12/4/09**

Between the hours of 20:45 hrs 11/4 – 09:00hrs 12/4/09 unknown offenders cut a chain which was securing the gate to a yard at Stanton Near Broadway Worcestershire, they then attempted to gain entry to a metal container containing a quantity of saddlery, fortunately nothing was stolen.

On the same day a suspicious incident occurred at a nearby farm where two horses were let out of their stables. Incident 189 12/04/09 refers to both incidents.

Many thanks

Pc Tracy Warburton, Horsewatch coordinator, Gloucestershire Police Tel: 0845 090 1234

**Herefordshire Horsewatch**

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Telephone: 07794 453911

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**Solihull Horsewatch**

Horsewatch Liaison

Community Partnerships Officer, Community Reassurance Team,  
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**Sandwell Horse Watch**

Helene Elder, Community Partnerships Officer

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No information received.

**SHROPSHIRE**

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[admin@shropshirehorsewatch.co.uk](mailto:admin@shropshirehorsewatch.co.uk)

Call 07794 453911 or write to PO BOX 767, WORCESTER, WR1 9AE

See West Mercia entry

**West Mercia**

**FIGHTING CRIME IN RURAL TELFORD EVENT**

Saturday 9th May 2009 10:00am - 4:00pm at Field & Farm Country Store, Horsehay, Telford TF4 2PX.

Further information available at [http://www.safer-](http://www.safer-shropshire.org/rmwebportal/images/fighting_rural_crime.jpg)

[shropshire.org/rmwebportal/images/fighting\\_rural\\_crime.jpg](http://www.safer-shropshire.org/rmwebportal/images/fighting_rural_crime.jpg)

### **Sheep Stolen**

It has come to my attention that a local farmer has experienced the theft of a small number of sheep from land near to Broadway Tower. The theft occurred overnight on 12/13<sup>th</sup> April. The incident also involved a lamb being tied up with wire and thrown onto the roadside. This is obviously very disturbing. If you are aware of any similar incidents or can provide information as to why this might have happened, please can you contact me to discuss. I am happy to speak with you in confidence to try to prevent any further incidents of this nature.

Best wishes, Gail.

WPC 3308 Gail Greenhouse

Local Police Officer, Broadway Police Station, 0300 333 3000 ext 3777,

[gail.greenhouse@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:gail.greenhouse@westmercia.pnn.police.uk) West Mercia Constabulary 0300 333 3000.

Gloucestershire Constabulary 0845 090 1234

### **Tack Theft**

Overnight 21/4/09 a stables in the Quatt area of Shropshire was broken into. A substantial amount of riding equipment was stolen. Ref: 0384S 210409. Please ring 0300 333 3000 to report any information or concerns you may have.

### **Suspicious Vehicles (3)**

16/4/09 13:00 two vehicles arrived at Industrial Site in Cleobury area. Grey Transit pickup K908 Y?H, White Transit S345 V?G. Driver of one said he was looking for someone, 2nd driver wanted to "borrow" a spanner. Vehicles then left. Please report any sightings. Ref: 0299S 160409. Please ring 0300 333 3000 to report any information or concerns you may have.

Please note the following suspicious vehicles:

- 1) a Red Vauxhall Astra Estate N96 WR?, and:
- 2) a Red Peugeot 309 J861 VJ?.

Both are believed to be driven by a male suspected of committing rural thefts. Please make your members aware and report any sightings (if possible noting the description of occupant(s) and direction of travel) to the police call centre via the switchboard on 0300 333 3000, quoting incident ref 427-S-120409.

**Rural Watch Quarterly Newsletter**  
**for the Bridgnorth Section of West Mercia Police Shropshire Division**  
**Edition 1**

Shropshire Division is divided into five Sections, each aligned with District Council boundaries. A quarterly news letter is produced for each Section by a small team of volunteers based in Monkmoor police station.

We would welcome suggestions and requests from Rural Watch members, which would help to deliver an improving service from the Shropshire Community Messaging service and the newsletter.

**Shropshire Community Messaging.** Also known as 'Ringmaster' is an automated messaging service that will alert participants to incidents in their geographic area or particular type of business area (for example, farms). The alerts can be sent out via e-mail, text messages and voice mail. Rural Watch members automatically subscribe to Ringmaster.

Ringmaster can be accessed via [www.safer-shropshire.org](http://www.safer-shropshire.org)

**Rural Watch membership** Shropshire Rural Watch was successfully piloted in Bishops Castle at the beginning of 2008. With the introduction of the Shropshire Community Messaging service (Ringmaster) late last year, it was decided to expand Rural Watch to all of the Shropshire division. This has been very successful with over 400 members signing up so far. The membership includes schools, post offices, pubs, businesses, farms and residents. As one of your local police officers states, 'We are establishing a ring of eyes and ears around Shropshire that is helping to protect the rural community from crime'

**Please Note:** Members who have received the large Rural Watch Signs must ensure that they are displayed on their own private property as planning permission is required for elsewhere.

#### **PACT Meetings**

<b>9th April</b>	<b>Albrighton</b>	Face to Face Surveys at Wesley Hall Methodist Church High Street Albrighton at 10:00am.
<b>9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Highley &amp; District</b>	Surgeries at Cath's Café at 5:00pm
<b>9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Bridgnorth Rural East</b>	Surgeries at Arden Way Community Centre at 10:00am.
<b>16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Highley &amp; District</b>	Surgeries at Cath's Café at 5:00pm.

#### **Local Events**

<b>4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Albrighton</b>	Flower Show at the Red House
<b>11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Albrighton</b>	2009 Summer Fayre
<b>10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Much Wenlock</b>	William Brookes School Fayre
<b>29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Much Wenlock</b>	Parents Induction Evening at William Brookes School.

**Trends in Crime in Shropshire:** Detective Chief Inspector Neil Jamieson said the decrease in domestic burglaries was encouraging, especially after an early summer increase last year, mainly in the Oswestry, Market Drayton and Shrewsbury areas. He said police had been successful in dealing with individual offenders who were responsible for these localised "spikes". Two of those arrested were from outside Shropshire, coming into the county from Merseyside and the West Midlands.

#### **Crime in the Bridgnorth Section**

**Burglary Dwelling:** There have been a small number of burglaries of dwelling offences during the past three months.

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- 15 of these were committed during the day time.
- An operation was put in place to tackle day time break-ins across the section and bordering areas and arrests were made as a result.
- No similar offences have occurred since these arrests.

Several people have recently been arrested and remanded in custody from both the West Midlands and Liverpool in connection with house burglaries in Shropshire. Detectives are continuing to investigate crimes associated with individuals from these areas

**Burglary non dwelling:** There have been a number of offences since the beginning of the year across rural areas of the section.

- Over half of these offences have been at farm outbuildings or to sheds.
- Power tools appear to be the main property targeted although tractors have also been attacked and there have been a number of motor cross bikes stolen.
- Offences are spread right across the section and there doesn't appear to be any particular pattern.
- Method of entry appears to be either via insecure premises or cutting padlocks.

**Vehicle Crime:** There have been 28 vehicle crime offences since the beginning of the year.

- Although these are mainly in Shifnal Town, there have also been offences around the more rural locations.
- These include 5 incidents where lorries have been targeted for fuel and their loads on the A41 at Tong, Shifnal.

**Theft:** Almost half of the Thefts reported were at farms, where items are left on view on farm land or in yards – the main property targeted appears to be trailers.

## North West Region

Greater Manchester, Cheshire, Lancashire, Merseyside

To report suspicious behaviour or thefts please email [admin@ukhorsechat.co.uk](mailto:admin@ukhorsechat.co.uk) this is checked daily or Ring 07849 590251.

No information received.

## Staffordshire Horsewatch

on 01785 234429 or email [staffs@stolenhorseregister.com](mailto:staffs@stolenhorseregister.com)

No information received.

## Scarborough & District Country Watch

07871 237634

[scarcountrywatch@live.co.uk](mailto:scarcountrywatch@live.co.uk)

No information received.

## Wales

Dyfed-Powys, South Wales, Gwent, North Wales

### **Stolen: Electric Fence Unit**

Sometime overnight on 19th April/20th April, a locked field was entered and an electric fence

unit taken, in the Caerwent area. Please ensure all items are securely locked away and kept out of sight. Please report all incidents to Gwent Police telephone no. 01633 838 111.

### **Mane Plaiting**

On the evening on 14th April 2009, a horse owner from Caerwent reported that the previous evening someone had plaited the mane of his Welsh Cob whilst it was in it's field. It was not reported at the time, but reported after information came to light that a group of 'travellers' had been seen acting suspicious in the area of the horses on Sunday evening. Owner has been given security advice re marking etc. Contact Gwent Police on 01633 838111 if you have any information or any similar incidents occur.

### **Attempted Horse Theft**

On Thursday 9th April 2009, around 10.00 p.m., an attempt was made to steal two horses from their field, in Shirenewton. Very luckily they were seen being led into another field, ready to be loaded onto a waiting lorry. The owner called the police by which time the thieves and their vehicle had disappeared. Thankfully the horses are safely back in their field where they belong.

Please be extra vigilant, padlock your gates, and keep a watch for any suspicious vehicles/strangers near your horses and ponies. Please report any suspicious activity/incidents to Gwent Police telephone no. 01633 838 111.

### **Scrap Metal Alert**

Over the past few months there has been an increase in thefts of metal items from fields. Included in these thefts are field gates, which causes problems as it allows animals to wander onto the public highway thereby putting themselves in danger and being a danger to other road users. Please consider the arrangements you have regarding any gates - turn the top hinge to prevent it being removed; use security chain and padlock on both sides of the gate; use wire rope on hinge side of gate (at top and bottom); alarm distant gates.

Anything that delays the criminal in removing a gate heightens the chance he is disturbed or gets caught in the act.

### **Stable Break-Ins**

A number of stables/yards/barns associated with equestrianism were broken into overnight 8th/9th April 2009 in the Bishton/Rogerstone area of Newport.. The scenes were both single occupancy and multi-occupancy. Entry was gained forcibly and various equestrian property taken. Please take time to review your security arrangements and consider contacting your local Neighbourhood Officer for any crime prevention advice. Please report any incidents to Gwent Police Telephone no. 01633 838 111.

### **Suspicious Vehicle**

At approximately 2.15pm on 7th April 2009, a suspicious white Iveco make van, X-reg, approached the owner of a very secluded set of stables in the Penrhos area of Raglan asking if there was any scrap for sale. The stables are located down a very narrow track and house a number of riding horses. Although there is no evidence to suggest they were doing anything other than looking for scrap, due to the location of the stables, difficulty to reach and the fact no

other reports have been received regarding this vehicle in the vicinity this matter is being posted on Horsewatch.

**Northern Ireland**  
Awaiting Contact Details

No information received.

**Eire**  
Awaiting Contact Details

No information received.

**Scotland**

**Perth And Kinross Horsewatch**  
Fiona Stuart [pkhorsewatch@hotmail.com](mailto:pkhorsewatch@hotmail.com) Tel: 01350 727116  
Stuart Fee [feestuart@msn.com](mailto:feestuart@msn.com)

No information received.

**Dumfries and Galloway Horsewatch**  
Mona Parr [Mparr2001@aol.com](mailto:Mparr2001@aol.com)

No information received.

**Ayrshire**

Incident date 16th April 2009

A report has been received of an incident in the Girvan, Ayrshire area where a couple of Irish men enquired about short term livery whilst appraising the horses stabled there and asking questions about them. The stables in question had 4 dogs which mysteriously disappeared at the same time.

A point noting is that the ferry between Scotland and Ireland is at Stranraer in Ayrshire and it seems a coincidence and very convenient. What the Scottish contributor did not give was description of the dogs!

**Overseas News**

No information received.

**Useful Contacts**

**UK Horsewatch Alliance**  
**Stolen Horse Register**  
**Farmkey** Tel: 0870 870 7107

[www.ukhorsewatch.org.uk](http://www.ukhorsewatch.org.uk)  
[www.stolenhorseregister.com](http://www.stolenhorseregister.com)  
[info@farmkey.co.uk](mailto:info@farmkey.co.uk)

**Crime Prevention – Don't Be A Victim of Crime**

[www.ukhorsewatch.org.uk](http://www.ukhorsewatch.org.uk)  
[www.rug-ID.co.uk](http://www.rug-ID.co.uk)

[www.crimestoppers.co.uk](http://www.crimestoppers.co.uk)  
[www.smartwater.com](http://www.smartwater.com)

The website of the UK Horsewatch Alliance  
Email [info@rug-ID.co.uk](mailto:info@rug-ID.co.uk) for rug marking or contact Dee on 07747 467737  
Or call 0800 555 111  
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[www.farmkey.com](http://www.farmkey.com)

[www.freeze-mark.biz](http://www.freeze-mark.biz)

Saddleguard:

07778-501915

[www.equisecurity.co.uk](http://www.equisecurity.co.uk) |

[www.icebands.org](http://www.icebands.org)

Call 0870 870 7107

[mary@freeze-mark.biz](mailto:mary@freeze-mark.biz) for freeze marking for horses.

| [info@saddleguard.co.uk](mailto:info@saddleguard.co.uk) or call 01707-652577 or

Dedicated to equestrian security

Rider and Horse Safety

## **Crime Detection – Find Your Stolen Property**

[www.nfed.co.uk/horsewatch](http://www.nfed.co.uk/horsewatch)

[www.nfed.co.uk/hhwlogo](http://www.nfed.co.uk/hhwlogo)

[www.stolenhorseregister.com](http://www.stolenhorseregister.com)

[www.equinemarketwatch.org.uk](http://www.equinemarketwatch.org.uk)

[www.tracingequines.co.uk](http://www.tracingequines.co.uk)

[www.virtualbumblebee.co.uk](http://www.virtualbumblebee.co.uk)

<http://www.skywatchcivilairpatrol.org.uk/>

Equine Market Watch Welfare

Email [info@virtualbumblebee.co.uk](mailto:info@virtualbumblebee.co.uk) for Recovery Property

## **Selection – Don't Be a Receiver of Stolen Goods – Check Before You Buy!**

[www.virtualbumblebee.co.uk](http://www.virtualbumblebee.co.uk)

[www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com)

The Equipment Register (TER)

<http://www.norr.co.uk/police/>

[www.equinemarketwatch.org.uk](http://www.equinemarketwatch.org.uk)

[www.tracingequines.co.uk](http://www.tracingequines.co.uk)

[www.animalsonline.org.uk](http://www.animalsonline.org.uk)

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/northern\\_ireland/7407932.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/northern_ireland/7407932.stm)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/essex/7373167.stm>

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/north\\_yorkshire/7434372.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/north_yorkshire/7434372.stm)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/surrey/7431907.stm>

[info@virtualbumblebee.co.uk](mailto:info@virtualbumblebee.co.uk) for Recovery Property

ACPO accredited Crime Prevention Associations & Firms

01225 464599 to check that item is not stolen

The national off-road register for motorbikes & quads.

Equine Market Watch Welfare

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DERBYSHIRE HORSE RELATED CRIMES AND INCIDENTS				
For 9 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2009 inclusive.				
Division	Reference	Date	Location	Details
A	Inc 359	11 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Taylor Lane, Loscoe	<b>Reported:</b> Loose horse, near Ripley Ind Est. <b>Outcome:</b> Owner located and attending.
A	Incs 200 & 441	15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Bailey Brooke Drive, Langley Mill	<b>Reported:</b> Three horses on Aldecar footpath. <b>Outcome:</b> Possible owner located who will attend and deal whether they are hers or not.
A	Incs 877 & 650	11 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Furnace Lane, Loscoe	<b>Reported:</b> Six horses have got loose from their tethers. <b>Outcome:</b> Owner contacted who will attend.
A	Inc 517	13 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Shipleigh Gate, Eastwood	<b>Reported:</b> Three horses frightened by motorbikes have bolted from their field and are running along the towpath. <b>Outcome:</b> Attended and secured them back in their field.
A	Inc 214	16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Waingroves Road, Ripley	<b>Reported:</b> Field owner received no rent from horse owner for 18 months and wishes to impose abandonment notice. Reported to police for information only.
A	Inc 292	15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Park Hall Road, Denby	<b>Reported:</b> Horse on road. <b>Outcome:</b> Informant managed to put horse back in field.
B	No reports			
C	No reports			
D	CR 21228/09	19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ambaston Lane, Thurlston	<b>Reported:</b> Back in February £30k paid for horse subsequently returned due to performance. Promised replacement from Belgium never arrived. <b>Outcome:</b> Being investigated via Interpol

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