

SHIFNAL CRIME

Rural Watch – East Shropshire

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A full and thorough investigation is underway following an armed robbery at a bank in Madeley, Telford this afternoon (Monday 20 March)

The offence happened at approximately 3pm when a person, entered Lloyd's Bank on the High Street in Madeley. The individual produced what appeared to be a gun, although whether it was real or an imitation gun is unknown, and demanded money before leaving on foot.

Nobody was injured in the incident and witnesses and staff have been provided initial support by the investigating officers.

The suspect is described as medium build and approximately 5'10" tall. They were dressed all in dark clothing but believed to be wearing black and white trainers. The suspect was carrying a black holdall and they had their face covered during the offence.

Superintendent Tom Harding said: "We understand that this crime will be very concerning to the local community and I would reassure you that such a crime is unusual for the Telford area. We will have additional patrols in the Madeley area for the next few days to offer support to the community and identify any further witnesses. I have allocated a significant number of officers to this investigation to ensure we identify and arrest the suspect as soon as possible. To assist us in this I would ask that, as this was a busy time of day in the centre of the town, that anyone who has seen anything suspicious in around the High-Street area this afternoon, or has any other information relating to this serious offence, please call West Mercia Police on 101 quoting incident number 411s of 20 March. If you want to give information but don't want to give your name you can give details to the independent charity Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111 or by visiting their website.

Latest Reported Crimes for the South Shropshire Area

Burglaries of Dwellings

Between **2pm Sun/5pm Thurs 12-16 March**, a house in **The Hope, Stanton Lacy, Ludlow**, was raided while the occupant was away. Three small antique items were taken and others were damaged. **(OIS incident reference 0261s 160317)**.

Between **2.20am/3.05am on Thurs 16 March**, a resident of **sheltered accommodation in Church Stretton** was disturbed by someone at a patio door, and called the police. The police found an unknown male on the floor of the kitchen in a neighbouring house and arrested him on suspicion of Burglary Dwelling. The male appeared confused by drugs or alcohol and had entered through an unlocked patio door. **(OIS incident reference 0042s 160317)**.

Theft From a Motor Vehicle

Between **7pm Wed/5pm Thurs 15-16 March**, diesel fuel was stolen from two vehicles in a yard at a garage on **Bromfield Road, Ludlow**. **(OIS incident 0135s 160317)**.

Thefts from Gardens.

Between **10.40am/11.10am on Fri 17 March**, a freshly delivered Karcher pressure washer was stolen from the driveway to a house in **New Road, Ludlow**. **(OIS incident 0224s 170317)**.

A portable greenhouse with a green frame which was tethered to a wall, was stolen from a property at **Doddington, Hopton Wafers**. The theft was reported on **Fri 17 March** but could have occurred during the previous 3 to 4 days. **(OIS incident reference 0302s 190317)**.

Latest Reported Crimes for the Shrewsbury Area

Burglaries

Between 11pm and midnight on Sat **18 March** an office at a hotel in **Castle Street** was raided. An empty safe was taken. Keys were also taken from a table in a guest's room. **(OIS incident reference 0389s 190317)**.

Overnight between 9pm Sat/7am Sun **18-19 March**, rented garages in **Freer Meadow, off Crommere Road**, were forced open. Doors were damaged but no thefts have been reported yet. **(OIS incident reference 0174s 190317)**.

An outbuilding at a property in **Brook Road, Bomere Heath** was broken into between 1.50pm Wed **8 March** and 1.15pm Thurs **16 March**. A door was damaged. **(OIS incident reference 0394s 160317)**.

Theft of a Purse

Between 12.30/12.45pm on Wed **15 March**, a pink and purple purse was stolen from a rucksack style bag which the victim was carrying on their back whilst browsing in shops in **High Street**. The rucksack had been unzipped and the purse and its contents which included travel passes and bank cards were taken. **(OIS incident reference 0293s 170317)**.

Theft of a Motor Vehicle

Between 7pm/8.45pm Sat **18 March**, a black Yamaha 125cc motor bike was taken from a garden in **Argyll Street, Castlefields**, and was later found on fire in an alleyway nearby. A young witness had seen two males in the alleyway with a motor bike around the time of the incident. **(OIS incident reference 0870s 180317)**.

Thefts from Motor Vehicles

A blue, grey and yellow rucksack was taken from a delivery van in **Burton Street, Castlefields**, around 11.15am on Fri **17 March**. The rucksack contained maps, a first aid kit, sandwiches and car keys. **(OIS incident reference 0265s 170317)**.

Overnight between Wed/Thurs **15-16 March**, a company car in **Penson Way, off Ellesmere Road**, was broken into. A workbag, laptop, cash and Love to Shop vouchers were stolen. **(OIS incident reference 0087s 160317)**.

Criminal Damage.

Between 5pm Sat/9am Sun, three vehicles in Dorset Street and another in **New Park Street, Castlefields**, were vandalised and tyres damaged. **(OIS incident references 0127s 200317)**.

Between 6pm Fri/6am Sun **17-19 March**, a chain on a field gate near **Fox Farm, Cross Houses**, was cut and a fence was peeled back to make access to a prospective campsite for a quad bike. **(OIS incident reference 0250s 190317)**.

**WELL FOLKS I HAVE TO REPEAT THE WARNING PUT OUT BY
THE STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE ABOUT THE THEFTS OF HIGH
CLASS VEHICLES**

Don't leave the car keys on the hall table for "Joe Criminal"

Police Ref: 0591s120317 Crime Ref: 22DR/20922Q/17

Between 2pm 10/03/17 and 5.10am 12/03/17

Offender(s) have snapped lock of rear door to gain entry. Untidy search of premises. Car keys taken and Offender(s) have then driven away **Blue Volkswagen, Registration: PJ54ULG.**

Police Ref: 0737s150317 Crime Ref: 22DL/21982T/17

Between 7.30pm and 8.30pm 15/03/17

Three Offenders have entered premises through unlocked front door whilst Occupants on the premises. IP threatened with crow bar and bat. Offenders have then taken car keys and driven away **Blue Audi SQ5 Quattro, Registration: E8RBK.**

Police Ref: 0721s170317 Crime Ref: 22DL/22646P/17

Between 7.40pm and 8.39pm 17/03/17

Offender(a) have entered premises rear patio doors. The IP returned home and noticed rear patio door open. The IP then noticed car lights on the drive. Opened the front door and was confronted by a male who told the IP to get back inside. The IP closed the door and phoned police. Untidy search of two bedrooms. Spare car keys stolen. **Silver BMW 123D, Registration: YC58XSE.**

Police Ref: 0859s110317 Crime Ref: 22DQ/20646Q/17

Between 8pm and 10.56pm 11/03/17

Offender(s) have entered premises via insecure door and stole set of car keys. **White Mercedes C250, Registration: BF60DLE stolen.**