

SHIFNAL CRIME

Rural Watch – East Shropshire

Information as it becomes available in regards thefts and warnings in your area.

Rural News from around the Patch

EVENING FOLK'S

Well our "Joe Criminal" has been busy again
Once again Mountain Bike's seem to be high on his
shopping list

Community information, Latest reported crimes for the Shrewsbury area

Burglaries at Residential Premises.

Between 2.30pm Wed/12 noon Sat 8-11 November, a detached garage in **Vennington Road, Westbury**, was raided and a quantity of new kitchen equipment was stolen. (OIS incident reference 0293s 111117).

Overnight between 10pm Wed/6.20am Thurs 8-9 November, an intruder climbed into a back garden in Wilfred Owen Close, off **Holywell Street, Underdale**, and stole a yellow/gold Silver Fox mountain bike from a family's cycle shed. (OIS incident 0106s 091117).

Around 3.40pm on Thurs 9 November, a person who appeared to be an opportunist intruder stole items including collectable watches from a flat in hotel premises in **Castle Gates**. (OIS incident 0868s 091117).

An opportunist offender appeared to have got into a house in **Sundorne Avenue** overnight between Sat/Sun 11-12 November and made off with three handbags. (OIS incident 0216s 121117).

Thefts from Motor Vehicles.

Between 10.30pm Wed/4.30pm Sat, 8-11 November, a holdall and contents,

including a metal detector, were taken from a vehicle in **Wilfred Owen Close, Underdale**. (OIS incident 0475s 111117).

Around mid day on Thurs 9 November, a black sports bag was stolen from a car off **John Street, Castlefields**, which had been left unlocked briefly by a caller. A witness reported seeing a male making off on a bicycle with the bag under his arm. The bag was later found in Argyll Street, (OIS incident 0717S 091117).

A hand bag was taken from an unlocked car parked in Belle Vue Road, near the junction with **Betton Street**, overnight between Sun/Mon 12-13 November. (OIS incident.)

Also overnight between Sat/Sun 12-13 November, a car in **Holywell Street** was raided. A torch and food were among items taken. (0202s 131117).

Headlights were stolen from a Land Rover Discovery in a driveway in **Annscroft**, overnight between 8pm Sat/9am Sun 11-12 November. (OIS incident 0267s 121117).

Between Wed/Sat 8-11 November, heavy duty batteries were stolen from a vintage army vehicle parked in a farmyard off Alberbury Road, Ford. (OIS incident 0150s 131117).

Criminal Damage.

An attempt was made to break into an employee's car in a supermarket car park in **Whitchurch Road**, between 2pm/7pm Thurs 9 November. A lock and a door handle were damaged but no entry was gained. (OIS incident 0701s 091117).

Theft of a Pedal Cycle.

The theft of a black Paiton mountain bike which had been locked to a communal cycle rack in **Greenfields Gardens**, was reported at 9.30pm on Thurs 9 November, with reports that other bikes had been taken. (OIS incident 0815s 091117).

Community information, Latest reported Business crimes for the Telford area

Commercial Incidents Reported 06.11.17 ~ 12.11.17.
(R) Rural, (C) Community

Dawley.

(C) Overnight flowers/plants were stolen from the park, this is the third time in two months (OIS 0131S 081117)

(C) Sometime during the day a person unknown has entered the practice and stolen two collection boxes 1 Cancer, the other Poppy Appeal (OIS 0193S 081117)

Newport.

(R) A farm in **Stockton** had offices broken into overnight, at this time nothing seems to have been stolen (OIS 0165S 071117)

A building site in **Station Road** was entered overnight, tools and 3 Industrial dryers stolen (OIS 0145S 091117)

A demolition site on the **Audley Road Industrial Estate** was entered and a large quantity of metal flooring joists stolen. (OIS 0390S 091117)

Stafford Park.

A business premises on Stafford Park 1 overnight had an office window broken, the premises were entered and seems to have been searched. Not sure yet if anything stolen. (OIS 0033S 071117)

In the early evening, an unknown male entered office premises on Stafford Park 1 and stole the personal belonging of four employees (OIS 0715S 071117)

Stirchley.

(C) A children?s Nursery, over the weekend had their fence broken down and 2 children?s cycles stolen (OIS 0361S 061117)

Trench.

Persons unknown have entered an Electricity Distribution site, an excavator used to access a container, at this time not sure what, or if anything stolen (OIS 0221S 101117)

Wellington.

A construction site in Golf Links Lane was broken into overnight; a dumper truck was used to gain access to a building and 800.00 pounds worth of cable stolen (OIS 0090S 091117)

Employment Fraud Warning from National Fraud Intelligence Bureau

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) has identified a number of reports where job seekers are being targeted by fraudsters trying to obtain personal and banking details from them, or requesting money to secure accommodation.

Individuals registering with job seeking websites or searching for jobs on The Student Room website are being contacted by bogus recruitment companies/businesses asking them to complete application and interview forms which request personal details and banking details, as well as copies of identity documents.

In some instances the applicant is invited along for interview, either in person or over the phone, to make the process look as legitimate as possible. This is impacting on students and graduates looking for work both in the UK and overseas. Some job seekers, as well as divulging personal details, have paid money to the fraudsters in order to secure a bogus rental property alongside the job offer.

How to protect yourself:

Check emails and documents from the recruiter for poor spelling and grammar ? this is often a sign that fraudsters are at work.

If visa fees are mentioned, ask the embassy representing the country where you believe you will be working how to obtain a visa and how much it costs. Check that the answers the potential employer or recruiter gave you are the same ? if they're not, it may be a sign of fraud.

Carry out thorough research to confirm that the organisation offering you the job actually exists. If it does exist, contact the organisation directly using contact details obtained through your own research or their website to confirm the job offer is genuine.

What to do if you're a victim:

If you think your bank details have been compromised or if you believe you have been defrauded contact your bank immediately.

Stop all communication with the ?agency? but make a note of their details and report it to Action Fraud.

Warn the operators of the job website you used that their site is being used by fraudsters.

If you have been affected by this, or any other type of fraud, report it to Action Fraud by visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.

Community information, Latest reported crimes for south Shropshire

. Burglaries.

A community centre in **Sandford Road, Ludlow**, was broken into between 5pm Thurs/7.45am Fri 9-10 November. A window was smashed and a charity box was taken. (OIS incident reference 0104s 101117).

A quantity of power tools were stolen from workshops at premises in **Coreley, Ludlow**. The premises had been left empty from 22 October to 9 November. (OIS incident 0532s 091117).

A neighbour's detached garage was raided between 1-4 November and a similar selection of power tools had been targeted.

Licensed premises in **Foldgate Lane, Ludlow**, by the A49, was broken into around 1am Thurs 9 November. Two tills, both empty, were jemmied and gaming machines were attacked. (OIS incident 0025s 091117).

A Borag agricultural roller was stolen from a cattle shed at a farmyard at **Southwood, Cleobury Mortimer**, between 5pm Wed/5.30am Thurs 8-9 November. (OIS incident 0363s 091117).

Shortly after midnight on Tues 14 November, police were alerted to a break-in at superstore premises in **Ludlow Business Park, Lingen Road, Ludlow**. Two masked males appeared to have smashed a window, taken three trimmers and a chainsaw, and run off. One of the stolen items was found in Normandie Close. (OIS incident 0011s 141117).

Suspicious Circumstances.

An unsolicited doorstep salesman called at a house in **Larks Rise, Cleobury Mortimer**, at 11.30am on Tues 14 November offering a selection of household goods for sale. He claimed to be from a company called Helping Hands. A check of the Helping Hands website produced an assurance that Helping Hands do not do doorstep sales. (OIS incident 0294s 141117).

Please remind neighbours to be wary when dealing with unknown and unannounced doorstep traders. Check the identity of the caller carefully and report any suspicions to your local police as soon as possible. Recently, similar cold caller incidents have been reported across the county and neighbouring counties.

Community information, Latest reported crimes for the Oswestry area

For OSWESTRY.

Burglaries at Residential Promises.

A shed in Cae Meddig, **Weston Rhyn**, was raided between 4pm Fri/2pm Sun 10-12 November. A strimmer and chainsaw were taken and an attempt made to steal two pedal cycles. (OIS incident reference 0429s 121117).

Note: Around 1am on Saturday, a suspicious male was seen walking down Station Road, **Weston Rhyn**, carrying a petrol strimmer.

Two chainsaws were stolen from a hallway of a farm house in **St Martins**, possibly by a walk-in offender at some time on Fri 10 November. A member of the household had been unwell so a door had been left unlocked. (OIS incident 0725s 101117).

Thefts from Motor Vehicles.

A sat nav, some small change, rugby boots and a cream coloured knitted bobble hat were among items taken from a car in Albert Road, **Oswestry**, between 4pm Fri/7.45am Sat 10-11 November. (OIS incident 0471s 111117).

A TomTom sat nav was stolen from a car which was broken into in Holbache Road, **Oswestry**, overnight between 5.30pm/8.30am Sun/Mon 12-13 November. (OIS incident 0129s 131117).

A sat nav and dashboard camera were stolen from a car in Victoria Fields, **Oswestry**, overnight between Mon/Tues 13-14 November. (OIS incident 0087s 141117).

Overnight between Sun/Mon 12-13 November, a car at the side of Ferrers Road, was raided and a black Puma holdall was taken. The offender appears to have rummaged through the bag before abandoning it on the driveway of a house in the next street. (OIS incident 0159s 131117).

MOBILE FISH SALES Suspicious Circumstances.

On Tuesday morning 14 November, a carer reported that a doorstep trader, claiming to sell fresh fish had called on an older resident in Brookfield Estate, Weston Rhyn. He offered to put fish costing £68 in the resident's fridge and only charge £35. The offer was accepted but it was later found that only four

small pieces of fish had been put in the fridge. The trader was accompanied by another male whom he claimed to be his brother. (OIS incident 0264s 141117).

PLEASE BE ON YOUR GUARD

Appeal for witnesses to incident in Stirchley

Officers from Telford are appealing for witnesses to an incident in which a man suffered a leg injury.

The man in his 40s was walking along Churchway, Stirchley in between Calverhall and Cornbrook at around 7.50pm on Monday (13 November) when he is reported to have been shot at with what is believed to be an air rifle.

The victim, who sustained a small injury to his lower leg, did not see or hear anyone in the area at the time.

PC Heather Bateman said: "I would like to reassure the community that this was an isolated incident and thankfully the victim did not sustain any serious injuries.

"Enquiries are ongoing but we are keen to identify the suspect as soon as possible and as such, are appealing for anyone who saw the incident or witnessed anyone acting suspiciously in the area at the time to come forward.

"Any information, no matter how small, could be significant to our investigation."

Anyone with information should call West Mercia Police on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111 quoting incident number 755S of 13 November.

Issued: 3pm, Tuesday 14 November, Laura Maltby, Corporate Communications

Car involved in single vehicle Road Traffic Collision on the Coalport Road.

Speed thought to be the cause of a single vehicle RTC on a tight turn in the road.



In the very early hours of Sunday the 12th of November 2017, a Peugeot 206 was involved in a single vehicle Road Traffic Collision on a tight bend as it drove towards Broseley from the Wood Bridge over the River Severn. The collision with trees and shrubs on the side of the road was witnessed by a member of the public. They saw two men emerge unscathed from the vehicle, they didn't seem keen to hang around and made their way on foot towards the bridge. Neither showed any sign of injury.

The member of the public called the Police as the circumstances were unusual and an officer was deployed to the area some time later. Checks were made at the scene, from the description given of the men walking away and a search of the vehicle, it seemed that both men had a lucky escape. A search of the immediate area was made.

Further checks show that the vehicle was not insured and the Tax and MOT both expired over a year ago.

The Police would like to contact the two men just to make sure that they were not injured, however, have no information regarding their identity. If you believe you may have any information that can help the Police identify who owned, or was driving, this vehicle, please contact 101 and refer to incident 0004S 121117.

Excessive speed and alcohol are thought to have played a major part in this RTC.

JUST A COUPLE OF INCIDENTS

Police Ref: 0392S 141117

Theft of vehicle, FOREST LANE, HANBURY

Stolen overnight 14/11/17 without keys from the side of a farm property.

A green Polaris AGRIC MACHINE(similar to a quadbike) VRM: **VX14EXT**



Similar vehicle

Police Ref: 0377S 141117

Theft of fencing, PONTRILAS, HEREFORD

Reported: 14-NOV-2017 13:14hrs that sometime over the last week electric fencing has been stolen. 6 x rolls of electric fencing and a battery unit taken.