

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

GOOD EVENING FOLK'S

SO WHAT IS OUR "Joe Criminal" UP TO ACROSS THE FORCE AREA

ALL WORKS VAN DRIVERS PLEASE REVIEW YOUR SECURITY AS THEY ARE STILL BEING BROKEN INTO

STILL GETTING REPORTS OF VEHICLE NUMBER PLATES BEING STOLEN FROM VEHICLE'S

"LAND ROVER" VEHICLE'S ARE STILL A TARGET AS WELL AS CAR-KEY BURGLARIES

******* PLEASE BE ON YOUR GUARD *******

Safety warning after medication stolen in burglary - Sandford Avenue, Church Stretton

Police in Church Stretton are issuing a safety warning after potentially harmful medication was stolen from a pharmacy on Sandford Avenue.

The burglary happened at around 12.50am on Thursday 13 February and among the items taken were two packs of Digoxin – a strong medication used to treat a range of heart conditions.

DC Neil Ward of West Mercia Police said: "We have not yet located this medication and as such are issuing a warning to the local community in case anyone finds it. If the medication is taken by someone who it has not been prescribed to it could be a serious danger to their health. Should you find this medication please return it to a pharmacy or the police station."

Two men aged 40 and 37, both from Church Stretton, have been arrested in connection with this incident on suspicion of burglary. They have been released on bail to return to the police station in March.

Anyone with information about the burglary or who locates the medication is asked to call 101 quoting incident 020S 130220.

SHREWSBURY RURAL WEST SNT

Vehicle crime, Shelton, Welshpool Road

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Thefts from Motor Vehicles

Number plates were stolen from a vehicle in Felcourt Drive, Shelton, close to the Welshpool Road, and were believed to have been removed between 6pm-10.10pm on Thursday 6 February. (0756s060220)

Once again, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle in a hospital car park off Mytton Oak Road, Copthorne. The latest theft occurred between 12noon-5.30pm on Tuesday 4 February, around the same period that a similar offence was committed at a college car park in London Road. (0409s050220)

SHREWSBURY CENTRAL SNT

Burglary, London Road

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Burglaries at Commercial or Community Premises

Between 6pm Friday/8.15am Monday, 7-10 February a shed for storing equipment for outdoor activities on college premises in London Road was raided and a number of mountain bikes were stolen. (Incident 0093100220)

Overnight between Sunday and Monday, 9-10 February, hotel premises in Abbey Foregate were attacked and a side door was broken. No loss of property was reported. (Incident 0082s100220)

Theft of a Motor Vehicle

Between 6pm on Saturday and 11.30am on Sunday, 8-9 February, a black BMW sports car was taken from the roadside in Crowmere Road, Monkmoor. (Incident 0417s090220)

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On Tuesday 4 February, between 9.15am-6pm, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle in a council car park at Shirehall, Abbey Foregate. (Incident 0786s040220)

Note: during the same period on Tuesday 4 February, between midday-5.30pm, the catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle in a hospital car park on Mytton Oak Road (0409s050220)

Theft of a Pedal Cycle

Between 1-1.30pm on Thursday 6 February, a blue and black Carrera Hellcat bicycle which was possibly left unlocked, was stolen from college premises in London Road. (Incident 0743s060220)

A van in Berwick Avenue, Coton Hill, was broken into between 5.30pm Sunday-8am Monday, 9-10 February. DeWalt power tools which were marked 'CL' were stolen. (0101s100220)

WARWICKSHIRE POLICE

Rural Patrols

Our patrols are based on information provided by the Public. We assess crime reports to establish key areas to target and intelligence information to establish key people and vehicles to target.

Please ensure you report all rural crime matters so that we have a clear picture of what is happening across Warwickshire. This will help to inform and direct our efforts.

Operation HILLMAN – Sheep Slaughter & Theft Investigation Our Rural Crime Officer (RCO) Carol Cotterill began supporting farmers and working with neighbouring forces in Northamptonshire and Leicestershire when offences began in 2019. PC Kate Taylor and PC Andy Timmins have now taken on the Operation Hillman investigation for Warwickshire. After assessing the reported crimes and revisiting some of the crime scenes, they were able to compile sufficient evidence to question one of the three males currently remanded in custody on suspicion of being involved in Warwickshire offences. In January the Officers visited Peterborough Prison where the male was produced for interview. Our joint work with Northamptonshire Police continues and since the three arrests that took place in October last year there have been no further offences reported in the three counties. Warwickshire have no incidents reported since August 2019.

Anti-social behaviour, Newport, High Street

On the 13/02/2020 a shop on Newport High Street had £100 worth of items taken, a description of a female was given as 45+ years old, 5 foot 5, mousey brown hair with blond highlights, slender build, white female.

On the 12/02/2020 between 1530 - 1615 a (unknown) number of school children entered a store on Newport High Street and stole some items (items not identified).

On 12/02/2020 a male was seen taken items from a store in Newport. The male was described as seen traveling towards Newport High Street in a silver Vauxhall 4x4 type vehicle. The male was described as very slim, wearing an Adidas black hoodie with short scruffy dark hair and a scruffy beard.

"""" ACTION FRAUD """"

Criminals are targeting members of the public with automated calls stating that the recipient has been charged for an Amazon Prime subscription.

Action Fraud has received over 500 reports from people about an automated call scam impersonation Amazon.

The recipient of the call is informed that fraudsters have used their personal details to subscribe to an Amazon Prime subscription, and are instructed to Press "1" if they'd like to cancel the purchase. When victims do this, they are automatically connected to criminals posing as Amazon custom service representatives who attempt to remotely access the victim's computer in order to steal personal and financial details.

The criminal tells the victim the Amazon Prime subscription was purchased fraudulently and that they need remote access to the victim's computer in order to fix a security flaw that will prevent it from happening again. The victim is instructed to download an application called Team Viewer and asked to log onto their online banking account. The software download grants the fraudster remote access to the victim's computer and allows them to see the victim's personal and financial details.

Other variants of the crime involve victims being told they are due a refund for an unauthorised transaction on their Amazon account.

What can you do to protect yourself?

Action Fraud is reminding people to never install any software as a result of a cold call.

"Unsolicited requests to remote access your computer should always raise a red flag. It's easy to feel

embarrassed when faced with unexpected or complex conversations but its okay to stop the discussion if you do not feel in control of it.

“If you’ve received an unexpected phone call, or other communication, stop and take a minute to think about whether an organisation would get in touch with you out of the blue in this way. Instead, contact them directly using a known email or phone number.”

Remember, if you have been a victim of fraud or cyber crime, report it to Action Fraud online or by calling 0300 123 2040.

If you or someone else is in immediate danger or risk of harm dial 999.

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

Drone causes 'harm and distress' illegally approaching houses near Broseley and Much Wenlock

As of November 30 last year, new regulations brought in by the Civil Aviation Authority mean drone pilots will face fines of up to £1,000 if they fly their device without passing an online theory test or registering as an operator.

Children and adults wanting to fly a drone weighing at least 250g will have to take the test to show they can do so "safely and legally".