

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

Harvest/ploughing Season

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Take care on our rural roads during Harvest/Ploughing season.

Drivers are advised to approach mud deposits with caution. **Slow down** and avoid sudden braking or turning to minimise the skid risk.

Farmers and agricultural workers are reminded that anybody who deposits mud on the highways could be potentially liable for a range of offences, and so it is important that responsibility is taken to minimise the amount of mud on the roads, and ensure roads are cleaned at the end of the day. Road signs ("Mud on Road") should also be considered to alert other road users to the hazard.

If you see any mud on the road that you consider to be excessively dangerous then please contact police on 101. Police will endeavour to deploy or refer to the relevant Highways Authority to minimise the danger.

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED

Police investigating after fire at farm in Shrewsbury

West Mercia Police is investigating a fire that is believed to have been caused deliberately in a field at Berwick New House Farm in Upton Magna.

The fire is thought to have been started in the early hours between 4:30am and 4:45am on Sunday 16 October 2016.

Considerable damage has been caused to 700 bails of hay stored in the field and investigations are currently on-going.

Officers investigating the incident would like to hear from anyone who witnessed any suspicious activity within the area or has any information which could help with their enquiries.

Anyone with information who has yet to contact police is asked to call West Mercia Police on 101, quoting incident 135s of 16 October.

Alternatively, if you want to give information but don't want to give your name you can call the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or use their anonymous online form at www.crimestoppers.org.uk . Crimestoppers are not part of the police, when you contact them you won't be identified. The only person who knows you have given information is you.

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Important firearms and licensing news

We believe that public protection is our number one priority. With this in mind, significant steps have been taken to update and modernise our system, moving from paper based to electronic. However, as with all fundamental changes it is not something that happens overnight.

Our dedicated staff work as quickly as possible to meet the very high volume of work coming into them, however applications and renewals are unfortunately experiencing a 6-12 month waiting time. We can confidently say that this waiting period will be reduced in the coming months.

We fully appreciate that this is not convenient or desirable for many people and we understand that a delay for some will be frustrating. However, our primary responsibility to reduce public risk, ensure public safety and to make sure that that every request that comes into us is met with the highest level of scrutiny and professionalism.

You can find all the information you need online here <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/firearmslicensing> as well as updates and the latest forms.

We thank you for your patience and understanding.

Issued by Steve Millington, Firearms Licensing Manager

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Community information, Latest reported crimes for the Telford area

For TELFORD

Burglaries.

1) Between Fri 14/10 and Wed 19/10 someone has broken into 9 flats at Brook Road in Madeley. These are unoccupied flats, items stolen: boilers, pipe work and heating. They have gained access via first floor landing window ? forced entry. OIS 0529S 191016.

2) Overnight between Tue 18/10 and Wed 19/10, a property at Bridgnorth Road in Madeley has been burgled. Offenders have broken the lock off the cage and smashed through a window. There were a lot of laptops missing. OIS 0095S 191016.

3) Between Fri 14/10 and Mo 17/10 someone has broken into the shed in the garden at Chest nut Drive in Wellington.

Items taken:

Carrea vengence bicycle - £299. Carrea vulcan mountain bike mens blue - about £80-100. Kurum barbell fishing rod - £80. Daiwa ss2600 whisker fishing reel - £89. ngt camo broly - £30. Shimano bait runner ra6000 - £65 thinking anglers rucksack green - £85. Drennan series 7 spin cast rod x 2 - £90 (both). Fox warrior spinning rod - £40. Nash tackle box in camo tape full tackle - £400. Red Shakespeare fishing rod - £20. Okuma 4000 fishing reel - £30. hto spinning reel 4000 size - £35. JW Youngs barbell r rod twin tip - £80. OIS 0865S 171016.

Thefts.

1) Between 5:30pm ? 9:30pm on Thursday 20/10 someone has stolen a colour

mountain bike from the front garden at Westmorland Mews in Leegomery.
OIS 0844S 201016.

2) Between Sat 15/10 and Tue 18/10 a quad bike has been stolen from the property at Myford Cottages in Horsehay. It's an Apache 100CC Maroon in colour with yellow feather stickers on it. It was on the back yard, chained to the gate which was taken as well. OIS 0474S 191016.



3) Someone has broken into the yard at Halesfield between 6pm Tue 18/10 and 7am Wed 19/10. Spare wheels have been stolen from each of the vehicles, UK value Mercedes Sprinter 313 long wheel base ? spare wheel was at the back underneath, damage has been caused to the vehicle. OIS 0464S 191016.

4) Sometime between Fri 14/10 after 4pm and Sun 16/10, the compound has been broken into and a roll of breathable Membrane was taken, approx £90.
OIS 0195S 181016.

5) Over the weekend 15/10 ? 16/10 at Halesfield in Telford someone has stolen 2 big commercial batteries £300 each and fuel out of the tank. OIS 0244S 171016.

JUST A SNAPSHOT OF THE STOLEN VEHICLES FROM ACROSS THE PATCH

**BURGLARY DWELLING / THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE - CHAFFINCH DRIVE,
KIDDERMINSTER**

Police Ref: 0055s211016 Crime Ref: 22DB/85802N/16

Occurred 5.15am 21/10/16

Occupants of premises have been awoken by a loud bang. When investigated found the window of the rear door of the property had been smashed and the door

opened. Car keys and Lap top stolen. The IP's then heard vehicle being driven away. **Blue BMW Sport**, Registration: **GK16FYW**.

THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE - LOWER MILL STREET, KIDDERMINSTER

Police Ref: 0131s191016 Crime Ref: 22DA/85192Z/16

Between 9.20pm 18/10/16 and 5.30am 19/10/16

Blue and Green Piaggio Moped stolen from outside premises. Registration: BD51ULS.

THEFT OF VEHICLE ? BIRMINGHAM ROAD, ALVECHURCH

Police Ref: 0082s201016

Between 7pm 19/10/16 and 7.15am 20/10/16

Offender(s) have cut wires to open gates and gain entry to premises. **White DAF Tipper Truck** stolen. Registration: **P90FAT**

Ledbury

568s 191016

Car Key Burglary-Wellington Heath, Ledbury
Between 800-1715hrs 19 Oct a dwelling has been broken into. Access has been gained by forcing the cat flat. Costume jewellery, a set of car keys and vehicle - RED AUDI S5 VRM: VO14HWM stolen.

THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE ? NORTHLEACH CLOSE, REDDITCH

Police Ref: 0105s211016

Between: 8pm 20/10/16 and 8.45am 21/10/16

White Vauxhall Vivaro Van, Registration: **DY52VEB** stolen from outside premises.

VEHICLE CRIME ? NINE DAYS LANE, REDDITCH

Police Ref : 0713s191016 Crime Ref: 22DJ/85375Y/16

Between : 6.15pm and 7.30pm 19/10/16

Front and Rear Number plates stolen from Vehicle. Registration: **VU05YRE.**

VEHICLE CRIME ? NINE DAYS LANE, REDDITCH

Police Ref: 0677s191016 Crime Ref: 22DJ/85518D/16

Between: 5.30pm and 7.30pm 19/10/16

Front and Rear Number plates stolen from vehicle. Registration: **VK65CJX.**

St Johns and Bedwardine

0095S 201016

VEHICLE CRIME - ST JOHNS, WORCESTER

Reported 20 Oct ? An Black AUDI A4 VRM: GU57BKK was stolen without leys from the roadside. No further details.

ONCE AGAIN “Joe Criminal” is doing his Christmas Shopping
POWER TOOLS, MOUNTAIN BIKES,
MORE WORKS VANS ARE BEING TARGETED

????? HOW SECURE IS YOUR VEHICLE ??????

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HM Revenue and Customs Telephone Scam Calls

Folks,

Please note the below message regarding telephone Scam calls received by Gloucester residents. Please be on your guard to any such scam calls.

There were two incidents of suspected telephone scams reported to the police on 17th October.

An elderly lady in Stonehouse was contacted by telephone by a female with a foreign accent who claimed that they owed the HM Revenue and Customs £1286 for unpaid taxes from 2005 and 2006. The caller also stated that a warrant had been issued for her arrest and she was given a number to call and a reference number to quote. The matter has been reported to Action Fraud as it is believed to be a hoax.

A similar incident took place in Matson Gloucester when at about midday another lady received a call from a man calling himself 'Peter' who claimed to be from HM Revenue and Customs. He stated the lady owed £1286 in unpaid taxes but could pay using £500 of iTunes vouchers and that someone would call and collect the vouchers and advise on how to pay the remaining balance. The lady was advised not to tell anyone or they would be arrested and if they went to court they would be paying £47,000. The caller then said someone would ring back in an hour to confirm the lady had the voucher. No further call was received.

Please be aware that the HM Revenue and Customs will not contact you out of the blue with such calls regarding any tax arrears. Do not give out private information (such as bank details or passwords), reply to text messages, download attachments or click on any links in emails if you're not sure genuine.

Report any attempted scam like this to Action Fraud at <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/> or by calling 0300 123 2040 or you have been a victim of fraud report to 101.

thank you.

MORE FUEL STOLEN

Golden Valley

743-S-201016

Theft-Dorstone

Sometime between 18-20 Oct, a tank, containing approximately **300 gallons of red diesel** has been stolen from a farm yard.

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****** Horse Watch ******

0124S 211016

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES-RECTORY LANE, SHRAWLEY

Around 0800hrs 21 Oct ?this morning, a White Transit van, displaying registration number: **W1??TDU** was seen down the lane where stables are located. There is no reason for this vehicle to be down this due to its location. The vehicle has also been sighted the previous evening at the same location. Occupants on board the vehicle described as scruffy.

Please keep a look out for this vehicle and report any suspicious sightings to 101, if a crime in progress then dial 999.