

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

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES in the TONG & SHIFNAL AREAS

On the 21/02/17 overnight a Green Merc Box Van (looks like a horse box) 11 tone VRM **C998NCH** taken from the yard in Tong.

Vehicles acting suspicious **Y602HAN** Silver ford focus
BW53BLF White ford transit van

Also, a Renault Traffic Van **DV16 PDX** White, any further suspicious sightings Call 1 0 1 and quote OIS 531-s-200217

We're urging farmers to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity after several fencing posts were stolen from a field between Shareshill and Cheslyn Hay.

Thieves stole around 30 wooden posts, worth around £200, between 1:30am and 2:20pm on Monday 20 February, from a field near the Hollybush Garden Centre.

Please contact us on 101, if you have any information about this theft, quoting incident number 596 of February 20. Alternatively, you can contact Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111 or via their online report form at www.crimestoppers-uk.org. No details can be traced and you will not need to go to court.

Violence and sexual offences, Police appeal for Bridgnorth **Appeal for information following Bridgnorth rape**

Police are continuing to appeal for information after a woman was raped in the car park at the back of the Falcon Pub in Bridgnorth in the early hours of Sunday (19 February) morning.

At between 1.30am and 2.30am the victim, a woman in her 50s, was in the car park where she was approached by an unknown man who then attacked her.

Detective Inspector Mark Jones said: "Incidents of this kind, where someone is raped by an unknown man, are extremely rare. They are extremely concerning and we are keen to identify the man responsible as soon as possible.

"We would like to speak to anyone who was in or around the Falcon Pub or the car park behind the pub between 11pm on Saturday night and 2.30am on Sunday morning. We're especially keen to speak to anyone who saw a man and a woman in the car park between 1.30am and 2.30am or anyone else who saw someone acting suspiciously in the area.

"Following our appeal at the weekend we have received a number of calls from members of the public with information that has provided useful leads. I'd like to thank those people who have contacted us so far and encourage anyone else with information to call us as soon as possible.

"As you would expect, the victim is extremely distressed by this incident and she is currently being given all the support she needs by specially trained officers.

"Understandably, this incident has caused a lot of concern locally and this is why we are working extremely hard to identify the man responsible for this incident. We are putting on extra patrols in the area to provide reassurance."

If you have information that could help police with their investigation, please call 101 and quote incident 84s of 19 February 2017. Alternatively, information can be provided anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Be aware of telephone PPI scam

We are reminding residents not to share bank or personal information to telephone callers after householder in Stafford was targeted yesterday.

An unknown caller phoned a residents landline phone number and told the householder they had won a PPI claim.

The householder was then asked to go to the local Spar shop and buy £200 of pay save cards to pay a government fee, which would then be collected by a courier in exchange for a cheque in settlement of the PPI claim.

The suspect telephoned back asking if the cards had been purchased, then asked for the numbers on the cards. Clearly they suspects had no intention of sending a courier with a cheque.

If you receive one of these calls end it immediately.

If you have been a victim of this type of crime please report it to [Action Fraud](#) on 0300 123 2040,

For information and advice on crime prevention please visit www.staffordshire.police.uk/info.

Call us on [101](#) to report any suspicious calls.

If you need to reply regarding this message, click on this email address: david.bailey@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk

Here is a SNAP-SHOT of what “Joe Criminal” is up to across the patch

Please be aware that between the hours of 15:30 and 16:30 on 21 February, offenders entered the yard of a farm premises in Napton Road, Stockton and stole an IFOR Williams trailer.

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Suspicious circumstances, WINSLOW ROAD, BROMYARD

Suspicious vehicle: GREEN FORD FOCUS VRM W346XEC.

22-FEB-2017 13:21hrs report of a suspicious vehicle in the area. Vehicle was driving along the road and slowed down at every property. The passenger had the window down and turned his face away. 2 occupants on board the vehicle, passenger described as a white male, aged 20s, short dark hair. No have been no offences disclosed now.

Please be aware that between 14:00 and 17:00 on the 21st February, the owner of a rural premises in Stretton Road, Stretton on Dunsmore, returned home to find a white male in a green Peugeot van attempting to load his forklift truck onto a trailer.

The offender quickly made off and the owner then discovered that other items, including 2 steam washers, a Case whacker plate, a generator and a 1.5 tonne Ivor Williams trailer had been stolen.

Police Ref: 0101s220217

Between 2.30am and 3am 22/02/17

Offender(s) have removed back door key through cat flap.

Incident 169 of 20 February - Aston Cantlow: During the night of 19 into 20 February, offenders entered an insecure outbuilding at a farm premises in Aston Cantlow and then carried out a search of the vehicle parked inside. Nothing was stolen. The offenders also caused damage to galvanised steel on another building but failed to get inside and nothing was stolen.

Incident 292 of 20 February - Aston Cantlow: At 9pm on 17 February, the resident of another farm premises in Aston Cantlow arrived home and saw a silver coloured Subaru Forrester vehicle parked up at the farm with a male inside. He also saw a second male trying to cut the padlock off a fuel pump. When spotted, the second male jumped into the Subaru and both offenders made off at speed. Nothing was stolen.

Incident 62 of 22 February - Wellesbourne: During the night of 21 into 22 February, offenders entered the yard of a rural business premises in Loxley Road, Wellesbourne and stole 4 heavy tuck batteries from vehicles parked in the yard.

Incident 114 of 21 February - Hurley: Between 2pm on 16 February and 11am on 21 February, offenders stole a secure 3 tonne red and black Linde fork lift truck from an open sided barn at a farm premises in Hurley.

Incident 326 of 21 February - Stockton: Between 3.30 and 4.30pm on 21 February, offenders smashed the padlock off a chain securing trailers at a farm yard in Stockton and then stole an IFOR Williams trailer.