

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

**WELL FOLKS IT'S TUESDAY AGAIN AND HERE WE GO WITH
ALL THE LOCAL CRIME
"Joe Criminal" HAS BEEN BUSY AGAIN**

Community information, Latest reported crimes for the Bridgnorth area

For BRIDGNORTH.

Attempted Robbery.

At 3.30pm on Fri 24 March, a male entered a bank in **Market Street, Shifnal**, holding an imitation firearm. He threatened staff and demanded cash. Staff activated a smoke cloak and the suspect left the bank empty handed. A suspect was later detained by police. (OIS incident reference 0470s 240317).

A vehicle stolen from **Tudor Way, Shifnal** around 3.35pm on Fri 24 March, was believed to have been taken by the suspect involved in the armed robbery. The vehicle was later found in Sutton Hill, Telford, bearing stolen number plates, and was suspected of being used in an armed robbery in **Market Drayton**. (OIS incident 0476s 240317).

Theft from Motor Vehicles.

A metal fence was breached and parts including beacons were stolen from road sweepers in a council yard in **Stanley Lane, Bridgnorth**, between 4am Sun/7.30am Mon 26-27 March. (OIS incident reference 0118s 270317).

Thefts from Public Toilets.

Overnight between 5.30pm Sat/9.15am Sun 25-26 March, cash was stolen from coin boxes in a public toilet in **Cann Hall Road, Low Town, Bridgnorth**, in a repeat of a raid on 20 March. (OIS incident 0168s 260317).

Coin boxes at public toilets in **Listley Street** were also attacked overnight between Sun/Mon 26-27 March (OIS incident 0139s 270317).

Theft of A Water Jetter.

Between 2.30pm Sun/9am Mon 26-27 March, a water board compound and a vehicle by the Priory in the **Bull Ring, Much Wenlock**, were broken into and a single axled trailer with a Fuller high powered water jetter was stolen. (OIS incident reference 0145s 270317).

Theft of Diesel Fuel.

A tank full of red diesel was stolen from a static tank in a farmyard at Ferndale, Lodge Road, **Donnington Wood**, between 7pm Sat/9am Sun 25-26 March. (OIS incident reference 0216s 270317).

Community information, Latest reported crimes for the Oswestry area

For OSWESTRY.

Burglary.

A detached garage in **Church Street, Ruyton XI Towns**, was broken into between 10am/12noon on Mon 27 March. A quad bike and tools were taken. (OIS incident reference 0289s 270317).

Theft of a Motor Vehicle.

A red Land Rover Defender (vrm **S291 VNT**) and tools were taken from a driveway in **The Avenue, West Felton**. Overnight between 10.30pm Thurs/6am Fri 23-24 March. (OIS incident reference 0062s 240317).

Theft from a Motor Vehicle.

Overnight between Wed/Thurs 22-23 March, a van parked at the roadside in **Llwyn Road, Oswestry**, was broken into and some power tools including a Dewalt impact drill and a nail gun were stolen. (OIS incident 0582s 230317).

Theft of Electric Fencing.

A reel of electric fencing was removed from the bottom of a field in **Weston Road, off Morda Road, Oswestry**, between Mon 13 March & Mon 27 March. (OIS incident reference 0228s 270317).

Community information, Latest reported crimes for south Shropshire

For SOUTH SHROPSHIRE.

Burglaries.

Over the weekend 4pm Fri-8am Mon, 24-27 March, a house at a development site in **Cold Weston Drive, Ludlow**, was broken into and power tools stolen. A neighbour may have disturbed the offenders. (OIS incident reference 0420s 270317).

Overnight between 6pm Mon/8.30am Tues, 27-28 March, a house at **The Hope, Stanton Lacy, Ludlow**, was broken into for the second time this month. (OIS incident 0110s 280317).

A motor engineering business at **Lydham, Bishops Castle**, was broken into overnight between Mon/Tues 27-28 March and a customer's blue Audi A4 Estate (vrm **YB57 GVX**) was reported stolen. (OIS incident reference 0109s 280317).

Theft from a Motor Vehicle.

A car in **Coronation Road, Craven Arms** was broken into between 11.30am/12.10pm on Saturday morning, 26 March, and a wallet was taken from the front seat. (OIS incident reference 0527s 260317).

Community information, Latest reported crimes for the Shrewsbury area

For SHREWSBURY AREAS.

Note: if you have seen or heard anything which might relate to an incident in this report, please phone West Mercia Police on 101, quoting the appropriate OIS incident reference number. Thank you.

Thefts of Handbags/Purses.

Around 12noon on Fri 24 March, an elderly shopper in a supermarket on **Meole Brace Retail Park** was approached by two females and one started a conversation about tins of soup. When the two had left, the shopper discovered that a purse had been taken from a handbag in her shopping trolley. The suspected offenders are believed to have left in a vehicle (silver Ford Mondeo) linked to similar offences in Hereford and Worcester. (OIS incident 0315s 240317).

Between 12noon & 1.30pm Fri 24 March, a shopper's handbag and contents including two purses, cards, house keys and cash, were taken from a shopping bag which was hooked to a handle of a trolley, while in a supermarket in **Battlefield Road**. Around 1.15pm, the shopper had been approached by two foreign-sounding females described as aged in 40s/50s and smartly dressed. They started talking about the prices of toilet rolls and one wandered away during the conversation. The shopper found that her handbag had been taken and promptly cancelled all the credit cards. (OIS incident 0383s 240317.)

Please remind family members, neighbours and friends to be vigilant when in large shops and busy shopping centres and to ensure that wallets, handbags and purses are secure and watched over at all times. Report suspicious approaches to supermarket security staff and local police as soon as possible.

Thefts of Pedal Cycles.

A locked, light blue and white Meridian mountain bike was taken from a back garden in The Chestnuts, **Cross Houses**, overnight between 5.30pm Wed/7.50am Thurs, 22-23 March. The bike was later found abandoned, possibly because the offender (s) had found that the tyres were flat. (OIS 0101s 230317).

Over the weekend 17-20 March, a distinctive chrome BMX bike with a brown seat was removed from a school cycle shed in **Longden Road**. After enquiries, the offence was reported to police on Thurs 23 March. (OIS 0428s 230317).

Between 11,30am & 2.30pm Fri 24 March, a student's Carrera road bike which had been locked to gates next to a children's play area in **Quarry Park, off Quarry Avenue**, was cut free and stolen, (OIS 0427s 240317).

A matt black GT Series 4 road bike was taken from a lean-to shed at the rear of a house in **Yew Tree Close, Spring Gardens** overnight between 9pm Fri/7am Sat 23-24 March. (OIS incident 0075s 240317).

Between 6pm Sun/7am Mon 26-27 March, a fluorescent green Carrera road bike was taken from a cycle rack in a rear garden in **Moreton Crescent, Coleham**. (OIS 0204s 270317).

A member of staffs blue 18 gear mountain bike was stolen from the rear of licensed premises in **Milk Street**, between 7pm and midnight on Sun 26 March. (OIS incident 0133s 270317).

Theft of Pedal Cycle Parts.

Between Mon 20/Sat 25 March, cycle wheels, brake cables and other fittings were removed from four BMX and mountain bikes which were locked in a back garden in Rutland, off **York Road, Harlescott**. (OIS 0506s 250317).

Thefts from Motor Vehicles.

The theft of a wallet from the glove box of an unlocked vehicle parked on a driveway in **Kemps Eye Avenue, Belle Vue**, was reported on Sun 26 March. The theft might have occurred overnight between 25-26 March. Suspected fraudulent transactions using stolen debit card were reported in **Coleham** between 11-12noon on Sunday. (OIS 0360s 260317).

Between 2pm/5pm on Fri 24 March, a window of a car in **Canon Street, Cherry Orchard**, was smashed and a purse stolen from the foot well. (OIS incident 0622s 240317).

Overnight between 6.30pm Wed/4.15am Thurs, 22-23 March, the window of a van on a drive in **Holcroft Way, Cross Houses**, was smashed and power tools were removed. (OIS incident 0176s 230317).

During the same period, also in **Cross Houses** between 7pm Wed/6.30am Thurs 22-23 March, a van in **High Cross Avenue** was attacked and a Stihl chainsaw stolen, (OIS incident 0058s 230317).

A suspected attempt was made to break into a car in **Montague Place, Belle Vue**, between 6pm Sun/8.30am Mon 26-27 March. A window was damaged but no entry was gained. (OIS incident 0102s 270317).

Other Thefts.

Around 6pm on Wed 22 March, two transformers were stolen from a construction site in **Windsor Lane, Bomere Heath**, possibly by a male described as tall and skinny. (OIS 0249s 230317).

Fifteen sheep feeders, known as sheep traps, were stolen from fields adjoining premises at Woolstaston, Leebotwood during Friday or Saturday 24-25 March. (OIS incident reference 0306s 250317).

Community information, Latest update on reported crimes for the Telford area

Latest update on reported business crimes in the Telford area.

01.03.17 ~ 26.03.17

All incidents are commercial unless (R) at the start of line which indicates a Rural Crime.

Brookside

(R)St Pauls Church **Aqueduct Rd TF3 1BX**, Church Hall under renovation broken into some tools and low value personal items stolen (OIS 0787S 090317)

Dawley

Heath Hill Ind Est. An industrial unit was broken into and an attempt was made to steal a forklift truck (OIS 0103S 140317)

Donnington

Frome Way. Overnight a housing construction site was entered and 5 houses were stripped of all copper (OIS 0111S 010317)

Adjacent to **Clock Tower Island**, overnight a building site entered and 200L - 300L diesel stolen (OIS 0100S 020317)

Around the **Clock Tower Island** a male has been reported stealing fuel from parked vehicles, the VRM of the vehicle used **BE11 EUB** (OIS 0338S 060317)

Summercroft Donnington. Between Feb 20th and 28th a housing development has been illegally entered, gas and electricity meters stolen (OIS 0347S 100317)

St Georges Rd Ind Est. overnight an automotive repair business entered, vehicle damaged and a number of tyres and wheels stolen (OIS 0182S 110317)

St Georges Ind Est. over the weekend a transport company had its premises broken into and 21 batteries valued at 500.00 Pounds were stolen (OIS 0048S 200217)

Ellerdine

(R) Building site opposite **Ellerdine Village Hall**, @ 21.59 there is a burglary in progress (OIS 0723S 040317)

Eyton

(R) **Eyton Hall**. Sometime in the last week a shed been damaged due to attempted break in, this has happened before but the gardener has chased youths away (OIS 351S 080317)

Halesfield

Halesfield 23. Construction company overnight has had batteries stolen from their parked vehicles (OIS 0182S 040317)

Halesfield 23. Overnight a construction company was broken into, an unsuccessful attempt was made to steal vehicle batteries ? but damage was caused to vehicles (OIS 0085S220317)

Halesfield 20. freight company, overnight a male damaged fence to gain entry but was disturbed and fled when lorry came on site (OIS 0573S 230217)

Horsehay

Bridges Business Park - overnight a unit entered and 2 Stihl petrol saws stolen (OIS 0205S 220317)

Lightmoor

(R) Greenmoors Building **Lightmoor Village** - Store at rear of shop broken into and mountain bike stolen - building backs onto Telford Town Park (OIS 0592S 070317)

Madeley

(R)**Court St Madeley** - disused Church broken into - various items stolen and large amount of damage caused (OIS 0180S 130317)

Muxton

(R) Stables. off **Granville Lane**, attempt to break in - youths left when challenged- in red Astra - **Y139 KET** (OIS 0626S 210317)

Stafford Park

Unit 3 Stafford Park 4. Overnight a kitchen fitting/supply company broken into and computer equipment stolen (OIS 0077S 020317)

Stafford Park 1. Wine merchant, overnight an attempt to break in the premises was made, a metal fence was cut through but the intruders were disturbed (OIS 0260S 090317)

Unit C1 Stafford Park 15. Field Studies Centre - overnight the fence was cut through, premises entered and an amount of cash and 2 computers were stolen (OIS 0105S 100317)

Stafford Park 18. Over the weekend an engineering company was broken into, computers were smashed and some tools stolen (OIS 0138S 200317)

Town Centre

Euston Way. Medical Centre, at approx 19.20 two youths were seen trying to force entry into the building (OIS 0699S 070317)

Trench Lock

Construction Company, over the weekend the premises were entered and HGV batteries stolen (OIS 0052S 200317)

Wrockwardine Wood

Arts College. Over the weekend a construction site on the Arts College entered and a Makita grinder was stolen as well as damage caused when entering (OIS 0171S 010317)

JUST A SNAP-SHOT OF WHAT “Joe Criminal” IS UP TO ACROSS THE FORCE AREA

Mountain Bikes seem to be top of the list at the moment.

****Observations requested****

12:30hrs 27/03/2017

Report of a white coloured Ford Transit Van, VRM **KR02XLN**, with 2 x males on board, acting suspiciously in the area looking into resident's houses.

If vehicle is seen please call 101 with the location - if a crime is in progress, then dial 999

POLICE REF: 0243S260317

BURGLARY: FOLEY GARDENS, STOKE PRIOR.

Between 1650 25/3/17 & 1130 26/3/17 person's unknown have stolen exotic birds from an aviary. Offenders used bolt croppers from the shed to break the padlock to the aviary. The birds are: 4 Kakarikis, 3 Canaries, 3 Bourkes & 2 Japanese quails.

POLICE REF: 0157S240317

THEFT OTHER: HARROW LANE, GRAFTON FLYFORD.

Between 0900 21/3/17 & 0900 23/3/17 person's unknown have stolen a Pedigree Clun ewe & her 2 lambs from a field. EAR TAG IS 0314206-00056.

Quad Bike and Drills Stolen from Garage on Church Street, Ruyton XI Towns

Thieves took the padlocks off the gates, smashed the handle off the garage door, and stole a quad bike and some drills from the garage between 10:00 26th March and 12:27 27th March.

If you witnessed any suspicious behaviour around this time on Church Street, Ruyton XI Towns, please call West Mercia Police on 101 and quote incident number 0289S 270317.

Alternatively, you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via their [website](#).

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