

# SHIFNAL CRIME

## Rural Watch – East Shropshire

### Rural News from around the Patch

#### **Criminals impersonate police in fake investigation fraud**

We are warning people, particularly the elderly, to be wary of a growing fraud in which criminals pose as police officers and ask their victims to take part in a fake undercover operation.

Seventeen offences have been reported to us with two losses totalling approximately £20,000. Four further reports were reported directly to Action Fraud but did not report a loss.

Fraudsters are contacting the public, usually by phone, claiming to be from the police, or in some cases their bank's fraud team. They claim they are investigating a fraud at a local bank branch where staff are suspected of being complicit, including issuing fake bank notes, and ask their target to help in the operation.

As part of the fraud, the individual is asked to visit their bank and withdraw a considerable sum, often thousands of pounds, of the supposedly counterfeit cash to hand over to the 'police' for analysis. The victim is assured that the money will be put back into their account after the operation is complete. However, once the money is passed over the fraudster disappears with the cash.

Detective Inspector Rob Harvmann, of the force's Fraud and Financial Investigation Unit said: "Fraudsters will use whatever way they can to get people to believe in them. Impersonating a bank official or a police officer reinforces that belief.

"It's important to remember neither the bank nor the police will cold call you asking you to act on their behalf. Be vigilant, do not engage in conversation, put the phone down and tell someone you trust. If you have been a victim of such a fraud and you have handed money to someone, please contact 101 or Action Fraud."

- The police will never ask you to become part of an undercover investigation or for you to withdraw cash and hand it to them for safe-keeping.
- Be wary of any calls, texts or emails purporting to be from the police asking for your personal or financial details, or for you to transfer money.

If you need to reply regarding this message, click on this email address:

[lydia.hooley@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lydia.hooley@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk)

Regards,

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## SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE

POLICE REF: 0348S 291117

**Suspicious vehicle, HOOPERS OAK, WOOLHOPE, HEREFORD**

\*\*\*Be on the lookout for a white Mercedes Sprinter van displaying registration: **YC08SKE** \*\*\*\*  
Occupants 2 x males seen around 1400hrs today (9/29/11/17) looking at an empty property and then seen again 1410hrs backing up the bridle track at Hoppers oak.  
The males are described as unshaven, slim build, aged around 30yrs.

**If this vehicle is sighted please report to 101, if you believe a crime is in progress dial 999. Incident reference 0348S 291117 refers.**

**PLEASE REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS INCIDENTS AT ONCE**

**DON'T LET YOUR AREA BECOME A CRIME **HOT-SPOT****

**LET'S TURN THE TABLES AND MAKE IT A **HOT-SPOT** FOR THE CRIMINALS**

**ANY SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE, GET THE Reg. and**

**REPORT IT IN TO THE POLICE and to**

**[shifnalcrime@outlook.com](mailto:shifnalcrime@outlook.com)**

**THE FOLLOWING IS A SNAP-SHOT OF WHAT OUR "Joe Criminal" IS UP TO ACROSS THE FORCE AREA**

**Police Ref: 0080s271117 Crime Ref: 22/18387/17**

Between 8pm 26/11/17 and 8am 27/11/17

Vehicle stolen without keys. **Blue Volvo V40, Registration: SK64WHT.**

**Police Ref: 0556s281117 Crime Ref: 22/18913/17**

Between 26/11/17 and 4.55pm 27/11/17 Reported 28/11/17

Scooter stolen without keys. **White Aprilia Mojito Scooter, Registration: DK57FCU.**

## HEREFORD RURAL NORTH

POLICE REF: 0222S 291117

Reported 29-NOV-2017 11:15hrs

### **Burglary, DORMINGTON, HEREFORD**

Sometime between over last weekend, a secure unit within farm premises has been broken into. A Kawasaki 300 quad bike and green logic water tank/sprayer 150Ls tank stolen.

## **BURGLARY OTHER - PRIORY WAY, ST GEORGES, TELFORD**

**Police Ref: 0265s261117 Crime Ref: 22/18164/17**

Between 8pm 25/11/17 and 11am 26/11/17

Offender(s) have broken into garages by unknown means. Untidy search. Power Tools, Washing machine, Tumble dryer and quantity of food from freezer stolen.

## **KINGTON & WEOBLEY**

POLICE REF: 0117S 291117

### **THEFT, DILWYN, HEREFORD**

Offenders unknown have approached a compound and have unclipped fencing gaining access to a secure Telehandler (large forklift). Offender(s) have then stolen the wiring from within the dash.

POLICE REF: 0199S 281117

Theft of heating oil, took place between 26/11/2017 23:59:00 and 27/11/2017 07:00:00 **CHURCH STREET, KINGTON**

Reported on: 28/11/2017 10:27:00

Offender(s) have entered the garden of a dwelling, climbing over a 6ft high fence to gain access and have then syphoned off around 1000 litres of heating oil from the tank.

POLICER REF: 0569S251117

### **THEFT of Dog, ULLINGTON, EVESHAM.**

**Between 1130 & 1430 25/11/17 persons unknown has stolen a golden cocker spaniel, aged 2 yrs with a docked tail, from her kennel.**



POLICE REF: 0235S271117

**THEFT OF VEHICLE: BOAT LANE, EVESHAM.**

Between 0001 13/11/17 & 1100 27/11/17 persons unknown has stolen a bright green off road Kawasaki KX125 motorcycle.

**THEFT OF VEHICLE: HINTON ROAD, CHILDSWICKHAM.**

Between 1200 21/11/17 & 1200 26/11/17 persons unknown has stolen an off road 4x4 buggy, black & green in colour.

**Police Ref: 0106s281117 Crime Ref: 22/18706/17**

Between 2am and 8am 28/11/17

Stolen without keys. **Red, Pulse, BT Moped, Registration: BK64AHN.**

POLICE REF: 0103S281117

**THEFT OF VEHICLE: STOCKWOOD, REDDITCH.**

Between 1700 27/11/17 & 0800 28/11/17 persons unknown has stolen a Kubota UTV, REG no WX57 TGF from a secure yard at a business park.



POLICE REF: 0157S281117

**CRIMINAL DAMAGE: ELMLEY LOVETT, DROITWICH.**

Between 1700 23/11/17 & 0800 24/11/17 persons unknown has driven into a metal farm gate (12') which was secured by chain and padlock, knocking it down and driving over it to then drive over 3 fields of winter wheat, believed to be hare coursing.

POLICE REF: 0394S 281117

Reported 28-NOV-2017 14:25hrs

### **Burglary, EYE LANE, LUSTON**

Between 07/11/2017 00:00hrs and 28/11/2017 00:00hrs

Sometime over the past 3 weeks person(s) unknown have gained entry to an unlocked farm building at the location on farmland and have removed a quickie detachable loader and high lift attachment from a tractor within the barn.

Please be aware that during the night of 23 into 24 November, offenders cut the padlocks off an outbuilding at a farm premises in Walcote, Alcester and then drained a large quantity of red diesel from a tank inside the building.

## **Warwickshire Rural Watch Bulletin - 29 November 2017**

**Please be aware of the following incidents, which have occurred at farms and rural businesses, across Warwickshire, over recent days:**

Incident 132 of 17 November - Curdworth: During the night of 16 into 17 November, offenders entered a stable yard in Marsh Lane, Curdworth by cropping the padlock off the main gate. Once inside the yard, the offenders stole a secure blue Iveco horsebox.

Incident 205 of 21 November - Fillongley: During the night of 20 into 21 November, offenders entered the yard of a farm premises in Green End Road, Fillongley and stole the batteries from three tractors and a front loader.

Incident 71 of 22 November - Winderton: During the night of 21 into 22 November, offenders stole a caravan from the yard of a farm premises in Winderton, Banbury after removing the wheel clamp and Hitchlock.

Incident 66 of 23 November - Ryton on Dunsmore: During the night of 22 into 23 November, offenders entered a farm premises in Ryton on Dunsmore and then accessed a building through the roof. Once inside, the offenders carried out a search and used a fork lift truck in an attempt to remove a safe. Damage was caused but the offenders failed to make off with the safe.

Incident 42 of 23 November - Warton: At just before 5am on 23 November, offenders stole a Lunar Delta caravan from a farm premises in Warton Lane, Warton.

Incident 248 of 24 November - Ansley: Between 8 and 10am on 24 November, offenders entered a brick built workshop at a farm premises in Ansley and stole power tools including a petrol driven Stihl disc cutter, a Topcon laser level and hand tools.

Incident 159 of 27 November - Exhall: During the night of 26 into 27 November, offenders entered the yard of a farm premises in Exhall, Alcester and then stole