

South Hereford Rural Police Briefing

25th June - 9th July 2015

Crime trends

Garway

A Westwood ride on mower was stolen from a farm between 9am and 9.15am on Monday 29th June. The mower had been stored in a barn, the entrance of which had been blocked by a tractor having been parked across it. The tractor had been moved and the mower stolen. However, the mower was discovered later hidden behind some hay bales in a nearby field, presumably awaiting collection.

Incident ref 142-s-290615

Wormelow

At around 1.10am on Saturday 27th June, two males in hoodies were disturbed attempting to break into a shed at the rear of a business premises in the village. Just beforehand, four males had been seen wandering around the area, the only description is that they were quite young looking and wearing hoodies.

Incident ref 71-s-270615

Suspicious incidents

There have been several reports of a Latvian female going door to door selling jewellery in the past couple of weeks. She was in **Ridgehill** on Friday 3rd July, and this week she was in **Little Birch**. She is described as in her early 20's, about 5'2" with straight brown hair and attractive. She was very polite and described herself as a language student, selling the jewellery to help pay her tuition fees. She did say to the residents in Ridgehill that she had caught a train from Birmingham and then walked from Hereford - slightly bizarre to walk past all the houses in town to come to a sparsely populated area to sell her wares! She's probably not doing any harm but she should have a pedlars certificate.

Suspicious vehicles

A white Ford transit panel van **SW04PXL** called at a business premises in **Orcop** on Friday 26th June around 3.45pm. There were two males with the van; one described as stocky, the other in his 30's. They were offering to buy vehicles and having a good look round the premises.

Incident ref 501-s-260615

A green Volvo with a French number plate **WW515DL** was seen in the Gooses Foot Industrial Estate in **Kingstone** on the afternoon of Tuesday 7th July; the two male occupants, both described as olive skinned with dark hair in their 30's and with French accents were offering to sharpen tools. There have been reports of similar incidents in other parts of the county - in one incident a company agreed to have a few tools hardened and a price of £240 was agreed at the time. The male returned and took more tools than had been agreed and when he brought them back demanded £1400. The work they alleged they had carried out had not been done, so the company refused and gave him a cheque for £240 but the male has made threats to return 'with 20 friends'.

There is a group of French 'travellers' currently parked up in Merton Meadow car park in Hereford and it is anticipated that we will be getting similar calls while they are still in

situ. Trading Standards are aware and their advice - as is ours - is 'DON'T DEAL WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS'.

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Arrests and updates

A Ford transit **W82UOT** with 'Terry's Tyres' sign written all over it has been reported in several locations around the county, in most cases the occupants have been seen stealing items of scrap from sheds, garages etc. The vehicle was stopped by police in **Harewood End** on Monday 6th July after a report of theft in **Gorsely**, and the two male occupants were arrested. Both males are from Romania but currently living in Birmingham. They were charged with three thefts as a result of items found in the rear of the van. They appeared in court on Wednesday 8th July; one male received a 6 month conditional discharge with £265 fine and costs; the second male received £825 fine and costs. An order was made for forfeiture and destruction of the van.

Kind Regards

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