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## Editorial Comment

Dear All

Apologies for the formatting of the bulletin but I have yet to find someone that can sort the pages out!! In time.....!!!

You will note that the information supplied and entered below in the body of the bulletin is yet again a snap shot of what is happening around the country. We are only getting information from our usual contributors. I do not believe that those counties that do not contribute are equine crime free but in all probability it is that no one from the relevant police force and or Horsewatch scheme is collating and forwarding the data.

You will have noticed that the bulletins will contain information about rural crime as well as equine crime.

Thanks to those that regularly forward information.

Remember those people that will steal your trailer, tack and even the horse will just as likely to be out stealing cars, plant, etc another day. Thieves will steal to suit their buyers/handlers requirements.....remember thieves need to turn your property in cash and in the long run you may buy stolen property!!

**And now for something different**

The below was received and copied below for your information:-

*You have probably heard by now about EIA (Equine Infectious Anaemia) found in 2 horses in Wiltshire. Please see below some advice from the BHS about the outbreak for your info.*

**Andrea Jackman**  
*Development Officer, West Midlands Region  
The British Horse Society  
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*You may have heard by now that two horses in Wiltshire have been humanely destroyed having tested positive for antibodies against Equine Infectious Anaemia, or Swamp Fever. Obviously this is bad news but it is important to keep it in perspective and not worry unnecessarily. There is already a lot of unhelpful and incorrect speculation flying around on the internet so the BHS felt it would be helpful to provide a few facts.*

*EIA is spread by insect vectors (or potentially contaminated veterinary equipment) NOT by close contact between horses. The cold snap will have ensured that insect vectors are few and far between and those that have survived will not fly far. Standards of veterinary hygiene are such in this country that contaminated veterinary equipment should not be an issue. Hence, transmission of the EIA virus between horses will be very difficult.*

*The two animals that tested positive were imported into this country. There is absolutely no evidence to suggest that EIA has been successfully transmitted within the UK. The horses have now been destroyed so they are not acting as a reservoir to potentially infect others.*

*It is extremely positive that these horses were identified (they were not displaying clinical signs). This goes to show that import checks are working.*

*The premises at which the affected horses were identified are under restrictions and Defra are conducting a full epidemiological investigation.*

*We are not seeking to downgrade this outbreak or denigrate anybody's fears, this is obviously very serious news.*

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However, it is exceedingly likely that this outbreak will be contained and the threat to other horses really is small. The best advice that we can give is to read up on Equine Infectious Anaemia and familiarise yourself with its clinical signs. Remain vigilant and if you have any concerns contact your vet immediately. There is useful information about EIA at the following links:

[http://www.bhs.org.uk/Horse\\_Care/Campaigns/Exotic\\_diseases/EIA.aspx](http://www.bhs.org.uk/Horse_Care/Campaigns/Exotic_diseases/EIA.aspx)

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/farmanimal/diseases/atoz/eia/index.htm>

This link will take you to the latest news from Defra:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2010/100119a.htm>

*It is important to be informed and prepared but the evidence strongly suggests that this occurrence will be of no threat to the vast majority of UK horses, even those local to the outbreak.*

*For more information, or to discuss any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact BHS Welfare on 01926 707804 or 01926 707791.*

Lee Hackett

Senior Executive, Welfare

Tel: 01926 707804

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### **HorseWatch in Scotland**

The following has been received from colleagues in Scotland. A Scottish Horsewatch Scheme is starting to develop. Contact details are shown below:-

[www.horsewatchscotland.info](http://www.horsewatchscotland.info)

co-ordinator - [fiona.stuart@horsewatchscotland.info](mailto:fiona.stuart@horsewatchscotland.info)  
Strathclyde Police - [karen.beattie@strathclyde.pnn.police.uk](mailto:karen.beattie@strathclyde.pnn.police.uk)  
Grampian - [david.paton@grampian.pnn.police.uk](mailto:david.paton@grampian.pnn.police.uk)  
Dumfries & Galloway Constabulary - [Judith.Richardson@dg.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Judith.Richardson@dg.pnn.police.uk)  
Fife Constabulary - [lan.laing@fife.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lan.laing@fife.pnn.police.uk)  
Tayside Police - [donald.campbell@tayside.pnn.police.uk](mailto:donald.campbell@tayside.pnn.police.uk)  
Central Scotland Police - vacant  
Northern Constabulary - vacant  
Lothian & Borders Police - vacant

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**Stolen**

(CTRL + Click to go straight to details of these thefts)

**Stolen Horses from Belgium.**

If you open the website link below and ask for English - you will be able to view stolen horses in Belgium over the last few years.

I know that some think - why are we looking at stolen horses from Belgium, but we have to remember that they are our neighbours and it would be relatively easy to transport a horse across the channel?

With your help we may be able to locate them.

<http://www.paardenspeurder.be> -  
<http://www.star.net.uk>

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**Theft and Crime Prevention Warning**

It is known that horses do enter the UK from the continent and there are cases where they have been stolen or their history is suspect. For your peace of mind if there is the slightest suspicion that a horse you are interested in has come from abroad please seek help in having it checked for a micro chip. If a micro chip is discovered seek assistance in getting the source of the number identified. Unfortunately you must remain suspicious. Seek the help from your Horsewatch or police

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The following was received from Holland

**Stolen Horse**

Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 11:23:13 +0100

<http://www.paardenspeurder.be> -

Horse Name: MISS CALICO SEVEN  
Born: 07/06/2007  
chip number: 528210002259617  
Registration number: 528005000003632  
Dutch passport  
APHA papers

Location: Sluis Berlare (Oost Vlaanderen)  
Owner: The Mild Francis Hoogstraat 17-9290 Berlare

Annex 2 photos of the horse  
Breed            SHETLAND

**Stolen from    Suffolk**

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Gender Stallion

Description / Comments 3ft stallion 2yr brown and white with one blue eye and one brown eye .no micro or any marks. he was wearing purple rug .very friendly little chap.

Colour Brown and White

Height 9 HH

Age 2

Date of Theft 26-12-2009

Region Stolen Horse Register

Tel: 0870 870 7107

E-Mail:

info@farmkey.co.uk

The pony's name is Pickle. The Crime Reference is ST/09/3914

There are photographs available on the Stolen Horse Register and I am not able to cut and paste onto this bulletin.

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**Renewed Attention to A Stolen Horse**

Heidi from Peterborough

16hh bright bay mare 12 year old with right white hind sock. Last seen the evening of the 14th may 2009. She was taken from her field in Glinton Peterborough.

This mare needs specialist back treatment and must not be ridden Heidi has a very distinctive blaze it may have been obscured by dye or altered slightly.

She may also have a different name and may be in foal, anyone with info please contact 07731528282 or Thorpe Wood police station Peterborough. Heidi's picture is on the Stolen Horse Register. Crime Reference : CF0249620509

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**A Stolen Horse:**

We have had a report of a missing horse believed stolen from the Stathern area in the Vale of Belvoir, which went missing on Friday 15th Jan in the morning between 08:30 and 10:30.

The horse is about 17hh or 1.7 meters in height.

Chestnut in colour with a white stripe on its head and 3 white socks (areas of white hair on its legs).

When it was last seen it was wearing a Red and Blue Tartan rug

If you have seen this animal or any suspicious activity in the Stathern area on Friday please contact Leicestershire Constabulary on 01162 222 22 22 and quote CIS NM 00162103

Millie's photo is on the Stolen Horse Register

Regards

Hugh Crouch, B.A. Hons, Dip. Cert. I.C.M.

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Telephone: 0116 2222222 Voicemail: Option 2 - ID 8019 Desk Ext: 4760

Email: [hugh.crouch@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:hugh.crouch@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)

Note: This bulletin is organised under the existing police regions for England, Wales & Scotland. There can be more than one Horsewatch Scheme within each police region. Information contained in this bulletin has been received from police sources and Horsewatches.

**South East Region covering:**

**Hampshire Constabulary, Thames Valley Police, Surrey Police, Hertfordshire Constabulary, Essex Police, Kent Police, Sussex Police, Bedfordshire Police and The Metropolitan Police Service**

**Hampshire Constabulary**  
**Telephone: 0845 0454545**

Hampshire Horsewatch Mobile 07762 754788 or 07790 440478

David Collings ( Hampshire Horsewatch co ordinator and Force Equine Liaison Officer) 07867 972868

Hampshire Horsewatch, Fleet Police Station, Fleet, Hampshire

Non emergency number 0845 045 45 45 Email: [equine@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:equine@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

[www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk)

**IT Information from** [www.nfed.co.uk](http://www.nfed.co.uk)

Just to let you know that news from the Hampshire Horsewatch Message board is now fed onto the NFED & Hampshire Horsewatch homepages. Viewers will see a shortened version with a link to the full page.

You don't have to do anything different, the "web master" will copy the info from the message boards to news feed, which then automatically goes out to the other pages as well as Twitter & our Facebook page.

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**Burglary non dwelling**

RMS 44100005343

Between 1600 hrs 04/01/10 and 0645 05/01/10

Ringwood

The above crime was referred to in the last bulletin which came out on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010. The below information is additional to earlier descriptions

Full description of the harness that was stolen, including some identifying features. it was certainly marked in indelible black ink and can be identified if found.

1. The 4 sets of working harness were from [www.aaronmartin.com](http://www.aaronmartin.com) and was no. 295 team leather work harness with no. 510 working haymes. The harness is easily identified in that it has an indelibly marked initial of each horse on it

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which has been well-oiled in over the past three years and would be difficult to disguise. Also, the saddles on the harnesses have had the rivets removed which have been replaced with bolts in order to carry bells. The collars were adjustable leather field collars no. 72a again with indelibly marked and oiled in initials of the horses. The letters used for the initials are - O, S, J and R. All the leather harness is black and has silver pieces.

2. The 2 sets of lightweight competition harness was also from [www.aaronmartin.com](http://www.aaronmartin.com), no. 250010 and was double marathon harness made to order in granite (which was like a dark brown synthetic material - fairly distinctive - most harness I've seen is black). It also has indelibly marked initials, R and O, and also on the outside horse tracer a label, SUFFOLK (which may have been removed if the thieves thought about it)

3. The 4 bridles were black leather with silver studs across the brown and silver disks on each side. The Myler bits were 2 in size 32" and 2 in size 36".

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**Information Sought**

**Verderers in the New Forest are offering a reward of £1,000 for information after an emaciated horse was found dumped** last week.

The dead horse was found on Monday 11 January by the agister for the Ocknell area of the forest.

The **coloured cob** is thought to have been about **three years old** and was reported by the police to have been in an **"appalling condition"**.

The mare was emaciated and police suspect she may have been suffering for some time. There was **blood around her head**.

Tyre marks found in the snow near to the dumped horse indicate that the vehicle used to transport the animal had double wheels on the rear axle.

Dumping any animal in the Forest, whether dead or alive, is an offence, punishable through the magistrates' court.

The Verderers have decided to offer a reward of up to £1,000 for information that leads to the successful conviction of the person responsible.

Anyone with information should contact Hampshire police on: 08450 454545 or call Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111

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**Stolen Vehicle**

**Still outstanding as 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010**

Please be on the lookout for:-

L59 CJT Land Rover Discovery, Green, old shape, 3 door

Stolen from POPHAM near BASINGSTOKE.

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**Warning the information below contains disturbing information that in the north of Hampshire thieves have been busy stealing horse trailers .**

**For the umpteenth time of asking..... please go out and post code your trailers, make them uniquely identifiable to you....paint them in your colours, paint flowers on them, spots...whatever... Join Hampshire Horsewatch Logo Scheme**

**Tell your friends and neighbours what your trailer looks like in case they see it being driven away without you actually towing it...!!!**

**The following information is collated by officers in 3 OCU Farm Watch Area which covers Hook, Odiham , Fleet, Hartley Wintney areas.**

## Farmwatch information Jan 2010

Dear all,

Please find attached some recent info re farmwatch.

The past month has seen mixed blessings. The period of snow was good for crime figures as even the criminals don't like the cold and also can't move freely around.

However, since the snow has gone they seem to have been trying to catch up on lost time. We have had a larger number than usual of outbuilding break ins mainly at residential homes. Please do re check your security and make a note of what you have and record serial numbers and markings on stealable items.

Our main problems have been a rise in thefts of 4x4 vehicles of all makes from Suzuki's to Landrover's. We have also had a rise in theft of trailers, specifically for Williams. Since the 7<sup>th</sup> January five trailers have been stolen across the whole area.

Again calls we have received have relate to vehicles touting for scrap? Adjoining Police forces have reported thefts of diesel and heating oil. These have been from Sussex and Dorset but we have had a similar incident in South Warnborough.

On a better note we arrested 3 males attempting to steal a digger from Hartley Wintney. We recovered the stolen digger, a stolen low loader lorry and a stolen BMW car. We have also linked these males to burglaries in the Berkshire area.

Also a stolen trailer with a 4x4 on the rear was recovered by Police 2 miles from where it was stolen in Hartley Wintney. On going enquiries appear to link to a potential known thief.

If we do not have your mobile phone number or you have changed it please let us know so that we can keep you in the loop. The number, as with all your details, is not shared openly.

Please remain vigilant

Best wishes

Mick Ames.  
PC 1536.

**Recent Incidents / Suspect things.**

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**Poaching Incidents**

Several incidents in the past month reporting vehicles seen driving over land suspect poaching. No details known.

**Stolen Items (distinctive / identifiable)**

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**Additional Information**

**Get your 'tack' marked here!**

PC 2007 Stacy Beale, one of the Hampshire Constabulary Equine Liaison Officers is offering to mark your equine tack at Hook Police Office on Saturday 3rd April 2010 between 1-3pm.

PC Beale states "over the past 4 months I have been involved in a huge operation with TVP and recovered nearly £85k worth of equine property, **none of which has been postcoded**. had it been postcoded we would have been in a much better position to identify the rightful owner and arrange for its return!"

The service offered by Hampshire Constabulary in conjunction with Hampshire Horsewatch is free. However any donations will be passed to Hampshire Horsewatch to re-invest in supporting the work of the scheme  
For more information on the scheme or the tack marking event please contact PC Beale on 0845 045 45 45.

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Hart Farmwatch Meeting

7 pm  
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Odiham Cricket club  
Long Lane, Odiham

Chicken curry and cheese board supplied

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Guest speakers on CESAR property marking  
And  
Crime prevention officer

This is your chance to meet with others, catch up and have your chance to comment on where you want Farmwatch to go and where you think we are falling down.

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**Found on the New Forest**

Now we have three unidentified geldings! These at least are in good condition. All fat and well. Found at Hale.

Apparently they have been there since just after the drift in October and the Agisters have been making enquiries locally, hoping someone would say they were theirs.

Regrettably that hasn't happened and so they have been caught them yesterday and taken to a place of safety for safe keeping. No brands and no microchips of course. Descriptions as follows:

All mature ponies. All quite nice.

1 x big bright chestnut with a longish star. About 13.2hh.

1 x slightly smaller dark bay. Very small bit of white round hind feet.  
13.1hh ish.

1 x smallish liver chestnut. 12.3hh ish.

All fairly quiet. All load into a trailer without a problem and seem to know about stables.

Any suggestions for identifying their owner(s) them gratefully received!

We wonder if it is a case of someone having moved into the area who thinks they can just turn ponies out on the Forest.

We will have to advertise them.

Regards

Clerk's Office [<mailto:clerksoffice@verderers.org.uk>]

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**Rural Crime Information in the Winchester Area**

- Between 24th & 27th, an attempted burglary of a remote house at Abbotstone, Old Alresford.
- 26.1.10 between 2.30pm & 4.30pm, from Curbridge, an Ifor Williams horse trailer HB510 was stolen. It is maroon with a white roof, bearing registration plate P653AGG. Serial number of the trailer is 356207. A trailer similar in description was seen by a Countrywatch member at approx 3.30pm on the 27th, being towed through Durley, by a small white van. It may be worth considering with items like horse trailers and boxes, putting your postcode on the roof with paint or large sticky plastic numerals. It makes it a lot easier to spot for our aircraft.
- 26.1.10, at 4.30pm at a vacant premises in Newtown, males were seen loading garden items on a white pick up truck, registration given as P653GBP. There was a Ford Transit and a red van also present.

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- 26.1.10, at 8.15pm, an alarm activation at a premises in Martyr Worthy, Police patrols as well as dog units attend, unfortunately offenders had left the scene.
- Overnight of 26th and 27th at Old Alresford, a burglary where a barn was broken into and the following property taken:  
1960 EX ARMYSAW BENCH POWERED BY 'ENFIELD' FLAT TWIN HANDLE START DIESEL ENGINE C/W TOWING HITCH - VERY UNUSUAL (RARE & POSS. UNIQUE)
- Overnight of 26th & 27th, theft of chickens from a coop at Furzeley Corner.
- 27.1.10, 1.00pm, at Fishers Pond, report of the following

2 males in th garden a 3rd sat in the veh across the road - could not see index number  
green renault saloon - bonnet catch is broken.  
male 1 - desc as irish - 36/40yrs - slim /5'8"  
male 2 - wearing woolie hat with ear flaps  
male 3 - no desc  
asked if trailers or caravans where for sale ?

Many thanks

Jon Radcliffe, P.C 24208

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**Information via Petersfield Police Station**

Between 17th and 22nd Jan a Silver Apache Quad bike was stolen from an open fronted car port in Stodham Lane, Liss.

From out of County but of interest:

Sussex police report: Milland. 2 chain saws & telescopic pole chainsaw stolen. Attempts to steal quad bike, mini-digger, Ivor Williams trailer & tractor

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**More From Winchester Country Watch...will include other areas**

19.1.10, at Micheldever, report of a short, fat, balding male touting for scrap. Was later seen to drive off in a white coloured flat bed truck.

Between the 23rd & 30th January, theft of beehives from land between Denmead and Southwick.

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25.1.10, copper cable stolen from a farm at Twyford. Ford Transit **M421JJU** involved.

26.1.10, theft of coping stones from a road bridge at Shawford.

Overnight of 27th & 28th, gates removed from hinges and land driven over at Medstead.

28.1.10, 11.00am at Owslebury, male described as 55/60 with 'rotten teeth' was asking about land to graze horses on. He drove off in a tatty white Ford Transit, **X681GHT**.

28.1.10, at Soberton Heath, scrap touters seen in a 7.5 tonne truck with HiAb and 'clamshell' grab on the back, registration **SG08AVX**.

28.1.10, between 5.30pm & 9.30pm, an attempted burglary at Hockley Golf Club.

28.1.10, a silver Toyota Previa MPV **K731RGN** was seen at Old Alresford with lurchers on board. Vehicle seen again in the same area the following day.

Overnight of the 28th & 29th, at Twyford, theft of a Gallagher Power Plus B180 fence energizer stolen.

Overnight of the 28th & 29th at Bursledon, theft of materials to build a 3 stable block stolen.

Between the 28th & 30th, theft of petrol from a car parked at Micheldever.

29.1.10, males touting for scrap, in Martyr Worthy area, using a new looking Transit flatbed, partial registration of **Y51**

30.1.10, at Twyford, the driver of a white Ford Ranger **RF06KLD** was challenged after driving on to a farm. The driver, described as white, stocky build wearing a HiViz jacket, stated he was there in relation to a Landrover that was for sale. The Ford Ranger is linked to rural thefts and burglaries.

30.1.10, at West Meon, male occupants of a green Opel/Vauxhall 4x4 **HX51XKL** were seen trying doors of parked cars.

30.1.10, evening, a deer was found decapitated and gutted at Farley Mount car park.

30.1.10 at 11.00pm, a green Peugeot 406 car, **P572AJF** was challenged after being seen on a farm at Stoke Charity.

Overnight of the 30th & 31st, theft of heating oil from a tank at Kings Worthy.

31.1.10, at 6.10pm suspected flytippers seen at Pigeon House Lane, Southwick. Using a yellow Ford transit, **L644DLJ**.

31.1.10, at 6.00pm, three caravans and a trailer parked on the Drove Rd at Old Alresford, were set on fire.

**From South of Butser Countrywatch**

Report of illegal metal detectorists at the QE Country Park. Turned off by wardens. Suspects were using a silver Peugeot 306 **KY52LBN**.

Males using a Ford Transit **GP06FBN**, trying to sell road chippings in the Blendworth area.

**From North Hants Countrywatch**

30.1.10, 2.45pm at Mapledurwell, poachers seen using a silver Mitsubishi 4x4 **F729UPC** and a white Peugeot 205 **H783HMT**.

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1.2.10, at 1.00pm, touting for scrap metal and batteries around Chilton Candover. White Ford Transit **SD56YON**.

**From Hart area Farmwatch**

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**Subject: Thames Valley Police - Community Messaging - Aylesbury Vale - A 01/024**

[THAMES VALLEY COMMUNITY MESSAGING - Aylesbury Vale - A 01/024]

This is a Community Message from Aylesbury Watch Office on Friday 22 January 2010.

- A burglary has been reported at a farming location on Whaddon Road, Nash between the 18 to 19 January. Offenders searched cupboards and tool boxes around tractors on site and stole cans of animal stock spray.

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Several previous offences have been reported at the same location.

- And a suspicious vehicle was sighted in the vicinity of an equestrian yard in Stratton Audley (Bicester Police Area) around 8am on the 21 January. A white van (no other details available at this time) was seen to park up in a layby near the drive to the premise. Two males walked up to the premise and were seen to try car doors at the location.

Please remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity around rural locations to the Police on 0845 8 505 505 - if a crime is in progress dial on 999. Where possible obtain a description of any persons, along with make, model, colour and registration number of any vehicle.

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### 1. Pony Thieves?

In the early hours of this morning 23/01/10, a vehicle attempted to gain entry to a paddock in Whitchurch Hill near Pangbourne. They lifted a 5 bar metal gate from its hinges but could not remove it as there was a chain around the other side. An electric fence containing ponies was also damaged. A resident nearby reported headlights of a vehicle turning in their driveway at about 2 am.

### 2. More Mane Plaiting

#### No date given

Two horses kept in a field at Cadmore End, which is visible from one of the bridges over the M40 Motorway, have been found today with plaits in their manes. The owner is satisfied that these have been deliberately plaited by an intruder. He has photographed the horses in question, with close-up photos of the plaits. Both horses are very biddable, and likely to allow a stranger to handle them.

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### Deer Poaching

The occupants of a **White Peugeot 306 Estate Y173 SLB** were caught shooting at deer and other ornamental animals from a public highway on a private estate at Fawley, near Henley, yesterday afternoon (Sunday). They were using a rifle. Please report all sightings to the police and to us **immediately**.

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### Suspicious Ford Transit Lorry

Some people were caught snooping around an estate office at Hambleden, near Henley, this afternoon. They were looking through windows etc. When approached they claimed to be looking for scrap metal. They were travelling in a **white Ford Transit 190 LWB dropside lorry N843JYG**. There were two occupants, both male, dark hair, one with an English accent. The vehicle was full of scrap metal.

And.....

### Suspicious Ford Transit Lorry Seen Again

The Ford Transit lorry reported in Dogwatch 417 has been seen again today at 12.35hrs hurtling through Ashampstead. The occupants were acting suspiciously and looking into properties. The occupants claim to be looking for scrap metal. It is a **white Ford Transit dropside lorry N843JYG**.

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**Surrey Police**  
**Telephone: 0845 1252222**  
**S.A.F.E. Surrey Action for Equines** (Surrey Horsewatch) Tel: 01420 487625  
[www.surrey-action-for-equine.co.uk](http://www.surrey-action-for-equine.co.uk)

**Hertfordshire Constabulary**  
**Telephone: 0845 3300222**  
Email: [eastherthorsewatch@hotmail.com](mailto:eastherthorsewatch@hotmail.com) [Jill.dockley@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Jill.dockley@herts.pnn.police.uk) 01992 533043  
The scheme is running in the Eastern area but will be rolled out across the county later.

**ESSEX**  
[Valerie.crawford@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Valerie.crawford@essex.pnn.police.uk) Tel: 07796 473908 [www.essexhorsewatch.org.uk](http://www.essexhorsewatch.org.uk)

No information received.

**Kent Police**  
**Telephone: 01622 690690**

No information received.

**Sussex Police**  
**Telephone: 0845 6070999**  
[www.sussexhorsewatch.webs.com](http://www.sussexhorsewatch.webs.com) [sussexhorsewatch@googlemail.com](mailto:sussexhorsewatch@googlemail.com).

**Sussex Horsewatch and Sussex Police**

Are holding a **FREE**  
TACK MARKING DAY  
Sunday 7th March  
In  
NETHERFIELD VILLAGE HALL  
10 am till 2pm  
[phllpball@aol.com](mailto:phllpball@aol.com)  
07836 213810  
ALL WELCOME

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**Title: INCIDENTS TO REPORT IN THE NORTH WEALDEN AREA**

At 1530 hours on 26/01/2010 2 males described as being of Eastern European appearance were seen driving a maroon Skoda index P103NKP on private property on Warren Road, Crowborough  
The two males were seen to enter the rear of a stable yard near to a number of farm buildings and drove off at reckless speed when seen by the informant  
Serial 811 of 26/01/10 refers

More horses have been found with a single plait in their manes, concerns as horses were in a very isolated field with no direct access from the road in the High Hurstwood area.

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Serial 1580, 28/01/10 refers

Between 08:00 – 16:00 on 26/01/10, a suspicious vehicle has been seen on the drive of a property in Cansiron Lane, Ashurst Wood, when the driver was seen by the gardener they sped off at speed. Vehicle described as a white Ford Transit Pickup, registration number K335 XBA

Serial 300, 20/01/10 refers

A pony was found with a single plait in its mane at a stable yard in Palesgate Lane, Crowborough. Only one pony targeted in a field with three others

Serial 1423, 26/01/10 refers

Diesel and a battery charger were stolen from a farm at Park Corner, Groombridge overnight between 15 – 16/01/10

Serial 877, 16/01/10 refers

**Title: TACK AND GENERATOR STOLEN.**

Overnight of Thursday 14th January and Friday 15th January, an outbuilding was forced open by cutting a padlock in Westergate, near Chichester. A generator was stolen.

At the same time the tack room in the same yard was forced open, again by cutting the padlock and a full brown suede sixteen and a half inch saddle was stolen. A nearby horsebox was opened and searched but nothing stolen from it.

Please be aware that thieves are still operating around livery yards. If you are offered property that may match the above, please contact Sussex Police quoting crime number WA3/003741/10

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**Title: BREAK TO BRAN BUILDINGS**

Date 24<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Break to barn buildings in Cooks Pond Road, Milland. Two chain saws and a telescopic pole chainsaw stolen.

Offenders tried to steal quad bike but could not get it over a fence at end of field.

Keys to a mini-digger, Ivor Williams trailer and tractor also stolen so it is possible that offenders will return.

Please be vigilant and report all suspicious vehicles and persons.

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**Title: STOLEN TRANSIT HIAB**

A distinctive light blue Ford Transit flatbed with orange roof light and orange coloured Hiab registration number K 926 MOU was stolen from a wood yard just off the A272 between Coolham and Buck Barn between 5pm and 8.30pm yesterday 31st January 2010. The offenders had to move a number of vehicles on site to gain access to this vehicle and will have been at the yard for some time. If you saw anything suspicious or have seen this distinctive vehicle please phone Sussex Police on 0845 60 70 999 quoting serial 1320 of 31/1/2010.

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**Bedfordshire Police**

**Telephone: 01234 841212**

Police Contact: Phil Cannings [phil.cannings@Bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:phil.cannings@Bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk)

Ringmasters: Sarah Stevens: [sarah.stevens@safer-beds.org](mailto:sarah.stevens@safer-beds.org) and Dean Doyle: [dean.doyle@safer-beds.org](mailto:dean.doyle@safer-beds.org)

Rowena James [Rowena-james@supadooper.com](mailto:Rowena-james@supadooper.com)

Kerry Willis-Jones: [Kerry.Willis-Jones@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk](mailto:Kerry.Willis-Jones@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk)

David Layton: [David.Layton@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:David.Layton@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk)

**This is a Ringmaster message from Bedfordshire Police. Please pass the details of this message, onto any friends and neighbours.**

A theft has taken place in the High Street, Elstow, Bedford, between 1:00 in the afternoon, and 9:00 in the morning, on the 17th of January.

An offender has entered the field, possibly by climbing over the fence. The offender has removed 2 horse rugs from the horses, an electric energiser, and 20 fence posts.

Earlier in the week, an elderly female, and male, arrived at the field in a small white van, and was throwing hay over the fence. This was thought to be suspicious.

Bedfordshire Police ask local residents to be vigilant, and to report anything suspicious immediately.

Contact Ringmaster on (01234) 275288 { or email [Ringmaster@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk](mailto:Ringmaster@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk) } for a free property marking kit.

**London**

**The Metropolitan Police Service**

**Telephone 020 7230 1212**

No information received

**South West**

**Wiltshire Constabulary, Devon & Cornwall Constabulary, Gloucestershire Constabulary, Dorset Police, Avon & Somerset Constabulary**

**Wiltshire Constabulary**

**Telephone: 0845 408 7000**

Wiltshire Horsewatch: PCSO John Bordiss: 0845 408 7000 ext 739817 or mobile: 07968942116

Rural Crime Team Voicemail: 0845 408 7000 ext 723548

Email: [ruralcrimeteam@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ruralcrimeteam@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

No Information received.

**Dorset Police**

**Telephone: 01305 222 222**

HorseWatch Co-ordinator [anita.rigler@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:anita.rigler@dorset.pnn.police.uk)

PC John Snellin, Force Wildlife Officer, Dorset Police Tel: 01202 220804 [wildlife-crime@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:wildlife-crime@dorset.pnn.police.uk)

**Farm Watch East Dorset 18 01 2010**

We have two strange reports from Horton Way Verwood and Alderholt of wheels and tyres stolen from Defender 4 x 4 vehicles.

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Both were overnight 15/16 Jan.

In addition on 17 Jan a member reported a suspicious 4 x 4 near a farm left with its engine running at lunchtime. This was a stolen vehicle from Wiltshire, who still have a series of 4 x 4's being stolen so you all need to be aware.

The vehicle has been recovered for its owner.

Not sure whether they are all connected so provided for your awareness.

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**Farm Watch 20 Jan 10**

I have some information for you!

Occupants of Blue Transit MT53 AOA was recently broadcast to you for observations. Occupants had recently been arrested for going equipped to commit crime.

Wilts are lost staddle stones yesterday. On returning to Dorset this vehicle was stop checked and inside was several staddle stones and sack trucks etc.

1 male was arrested and the vehicle has been siezed. So it may be one you can cross of your list until I get to hear what they will replace it with.

There is further investigation ongoing with these offenders which I hope to update you in the future.

However. Do you remember this vehicle was in company with an ice cream coloured Subaru Pick up type vehicle? I am not clear how this vehicle got noted, whether it was with it when stop checked but the Transit appears to be in company with a Silver Subaru 282 4x4 registration A484 TYB. This might be the registration number.

Also mentioned for some reason is a black Landrover K291 OMR and a blue Iseki pick up K113 XFX.

Just letting you know the update whilst I try to find out more information.

Melbury Sampford Dorchester quad bike stolen from an insecure garage overnight 19/20 Jan

Tarrant Monkton Burglary to garage on a farm 2 chain saws stolen. Discovered this morning.

Good news anyway about the arrest

Regards

Anita

If you have any information regarding this message please call the Dorset Police on 01202/01305 222222 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Thank you

MEMBERS OF WATCH SCHEMES ARE AUTHORISED TO COPY THIS INFORMATION AND PASS THEM ONTO MEMBERS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE WATCH GROUPS.

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**Farm Watch 28 January 2010**

- A vehicle came to our notice yesterday morning in the Ferry Bridge area of Weymouth and I have a feeling that I have mentioned this one before but unfortunately I just do not have the capacity to research it today.

White Fiat Ducata Panel Van Y104 KFB

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However information is suggesting that this is a vehicle you may wish to be observant for and call us if seen as we wish to eliminate this vehicle from our enquiries in relation to the theft of quad bikes throughout the country.

It is not local. It will come and go, as it has been doing, so please put this one on your dash board. The other vehicle (S reg Transit) has gone very quiet. Is this a replacement? You can use the 999 system for this one but only if we have a chance of stopping it please. Just quote the registration number. Please use the 01202 222222 for historic sightings, which are all valuable to us.

- Break to a tack room in North Chideock 26/27 Jan. £4000 of tack stolen. Location is isolated. However on the incident it mentions a resident nearby did disturb occupants of a red or maroon vehicle that day trespassing but I have no further details and this is not even mentioned on the crime but I thought I would throw it in.
  - Tarrant Crawford red Transit containing 4 males acting suspiciously yesterday. M678 JPU (no trace) however closest match is a red Transit minibus M678 JRU. I believe this vehicle has been circulated to you before. You do all need to note this one as well.
  - Outbuilding on site in West Milton Bridport broken into stealing power tools 26/27 Jan.
  - Beaminster, regarding the message sent to members to keep an eye out for a black Fiat, registration AK57 YYU, with a male purporting to be Italian with an Italian accent selling chainsaws. The male was arrested and has been charged for being in possession of counterfeit goods and attempting to sell them. Many thanks for all the information that came through from members about this male and vehicle.
  - Yellow Lane West Milton Bridport theft of electric fence batteries from derelict building discovered 25 Jan.
  - Piddlehinton shed broken into 25 Jan. Second time in 2 weeks.
  - Charlton Marshall theft of Ifor Williams Trailer discovered 23 Jan.  
Anita Rigler
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**Farm Watch 1 Feb 2010**

- An attempted theft of a quad bike has been discovered early this morning 1 Feb. This victim has recently lost a quad when that white "S" reg transit had been to their farm.

It was well secured behind a tractor and other machinery but a screwdriver had been used to try to get the tractor to start. All attempts failed and nothing was stolen.

- Some members have been phoning in about white Transit S823 KCF. I think they were thinking it was the one stealing the quads. Whilst we were keeping an eye on it (local to Dorset) there was nothing specific I felt I could inform you about or that would affect you. However for those of you who have been calling in the vehicle has been seized and a male arrested for various motoring offences and the fact that the vehicle contained red diesel.

Your calls did count and raised awareness of the vehicle as we thank you for that.

- This is odd. 39 sheep found marked in a field in Stoke Abbott near Beaminster. They were marked as if they were ready to go to market. Very strange. None are missing.
- Compton Abbas top of a staddle stone stolen 26/26 Jan.
- Car trailer stolen from Chaldon Herring.
- Theft of scrap metal from a farm in Thornicombe 22/26 Jan.

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- Isolated barn broken into in Piddlehinton discovered 29 Jan. padlock smashed. Lead and copper wiring stolen.
- Briefly a member in Trigon Wareham had a call from a male who wanted to buy a horse they had for sale. Tried a well known scam that he wanted to pay by bankers draft for an amount well in excess of the value of the horse or pony with the difference being refunded. This is a well known scam, usually using Western Union cheques. Usually they approach B and B's and Guest houses but this is a first for selling an animal. I am sure you would not get taken in but I need to tell you just in case.

Regards

Anita

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**Avon & Somerset Constabulary**  
**Telephone: 0845 456 7000**

Lindsey Stone, Watch Scheme Administrator, Somerset West Police District. Tel 01823-363348 (direct line) or Email [lindsey.stone@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:lindsey.stone@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

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<http://www.somersethorsecatch.co.uk/> [info@somersethorsecatch.co.uk](mailto:info@somersethorsecatch.co.uk) Tel: 0777 5856247

**Mane Cutting**

Sometime between 4pm on 16th January and 8.30am on 17th January an unknown offender entered a field at a farm in Middle Chinnock and cut the mane from one of the two New Forest ponies in the field.

Anybody with any information is being urged to contact Avon and Somerset Police on 0845 456 7000 quoting Horse Watch; incident number 6212/10.

Thank you

Tess Smith 8682  
PCSO Support for South Somerset North  
Horse Watch Coordinator for South Somerset Rural  
Tel 0845 456 7000 Ext 62029 or 07825 756276

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**Gloucestershire Constabulary**

**Telephone: 0845 090 1234**

The below named officer is the horse watch coordinator at Gloucestershire Constabulary.

Melanie Campbell

[melanie.campbell@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:melanie.campbell@gloucestershire.police.uk). Phone 0845 090 1234 ext 4182.

<http://www.gloucestershirehorsewatch.org.uk/html/usefullinks.html>

**Police Horsewatch Coordinators**

Cotswolds [melanie.cheesbrough@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:melanie.cheesbrough@gloucestershire.police.uk) and  
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**Suspicious Incidents**

On three separate occasions between the end of December 2009 and the beginning of January 2010 - Two horses and one pony at Stables in the Tetbury area of Gloucestershire have been found in their fields with stab wounds to their legs.

Two of the horses received deep stab wounds just below the stifle. An examination from an attending vet believes that these wounds could be the result of a malicious attacker, although we have no evidence to prove this.

An area search of all the horses fields have proved negative for foreign objects or damaged fencing etc.

If you have any information about these attacks please call Gloucestershire Police on 0845 090 1234 quoting incidents (168 of 27/12/09) & (83 08/01/10) or leave a message for Pc 695 Melanie Campbell to contact you! Likewise if you know of any similar incidents in your area - please let me know asap and inform your local police and Horsewatch

Regards - Mel

*Pc 695 Melanie Campbell*

*Horsewatch Co-ordinator*

*Gloucester South Police Station (Quedgeley)*

*0845 090 1234 Ext 4182*

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**Suspicious vehicle**

Gloucestershire Police - Horse Watch

Suspicious vehicle - incident 256 16/01/10

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On 16/01/10 in Longhope in Gloucestershire a White Flatbed truck index no. FM03WNZ, with a male (Irish accent) and female, were seen looking around a livery yard. When approached the male became quite aggressive.

If this vehicle or persons are seen, please ring 999 or your local police station, please DO NOT approach the vehicle or the persons.

Pc 695 Melanie Campbell  
Horsewatch Co-ordinator  
Gloucester South Police Station (Quedgeley)  
0845 090 1234 Ext 4182

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**Stolen Horse Trailer**

Last Friday 2 men in a 4 x 4 pickup with a big cab called at a pub in Littledean, Gloucestershire and asked who owned the horse trailer in the car park. (It belonged to the pub.)

They then asked if the pub would sell it. (which was no.)

The caller said they were not Irish and also not a local accent.

On Sat night between 10.30pm and 9.30am next morning it was stolen.

The Horse Trailer is a Mid Blue Ifor Williams HB 505 front and rear unload, it also had a Beige Roof. Chassis number SCK400000W0243435 with a Coupling number 210045006.

It had a big wheel clamp on it covering a wheel nut and had a integral key lock on the ball hitch.

Should you have any information please contact Gloucestershire Constabulary on 0845 090 1234, quoting reference 149-17/01/10.

Many thanks  
Mel  
PC 695 Campbell  
Gloucestershire Horsewatch Co-ordinator  
Gloucester South Police Station.  
0845 090 1234 Ext 4182

**North East Region**

**Yorkshire is policed by the following police forces: North Yorkshire Police, South Yorkshire Police, West Yorkshire Police, Northumbria Police, Durham Constabulary, Cleveland Police, Humberside Police (made up of East Yorkshire, North East Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and Kingston-upon-Hull)**

**South Yorkshire Police**

**Telephone: 0114 220 2020**

Contact: Mrs Joanne Kennedy, Equine Liaison, MAPP Unit. ext 8302 fax 8885  
Tel: 0114 2523302 fax 0114 2523885 Email: [Joanne.Kennedy@southyorks.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Joanne.Kennedy@southyorks.pnn.police.uk)

**Suspicious Activity and Vehicle**

Date: Monday, 1 February, 2010, 17:15

Three men (one that spoke had was irish) in a white Transit Van reg YH02 DJV acting very suspicious today at Greenside Farm Warm Lane Yeadon  
Same van with trailer seen in vicinity yesterday taking much notice of horses in fields in lower Warm Lane.

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**North Yorkshire Police**  
**Telephone: 0845 606 0247**  
**Scarborough & District Country Watch**  
[www.countrysidewatch.org.uk](http://www.countrysidewatch.org.uk)   [countrysidewatch@hotmail.com](mailto:countrysidewatch@hotmail.com)

**Northumbria Police**  
**Telephone: 01661 872 555**

No information received.

**West Yorkshire Police**  
**Telephone: 01924 375 2222**

### **HorseWatch Meeting**

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting on Tuesday 12th January at Queensbury Conservative Club despite the bad weather (Current membership 222).

The next HorseWatch Meeting will take place between 7.30pm-8.30pm on Tuesday 23rd February at Queensbury Conservative Club.

### **Road Safety Signs**

Six new triangle horse signs have been promised by Bradford council for the Queensbury area as HorseWatch members get involved with the Police 'Speed Gun' Days of Action.

Sergeant Roger Moore says "one of our local priorities is speeding, dangerous driving and inconsiderate parking. Public confidence is raised when members of the public see us out and about on high visibility patrol. We are working hard to combat these problems by involving members of the public and local children in 'Speed Gun' Days of Action. Officers will be outside schools and local communities—it is a great way to encourage drivers to slow down and take responsibility.

### **Using the Road**

Motorists and horse riders both have a right to use the road. They also share a responsibility to consider the needs of each other. When you are riding on a road you should:

- Wear protective headgear to current approved standards;
- Give clear and decisive signals;
- Read the appropriate section of the Highway Code;
- Keep away from busy roads;
- Ride on the left hand side of the road;
- Wear a high-visibility hat band or cap cover and a high-visibility waistcoat or tabard;
- Use reflective leg bands on your horse. Because they are constantly moving they attract drivers' attention. Ideally use them on all four legs, but if using two put them on the outside legs nearest the road;
- Use either a tail guard or fluorescent rug at the rear of the horse as this is the most vulnerable area;

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- Do not ride more than two abreast and go in single file on narrow or bending roads;
- Avoid riding after dark or in foggy conditions;
- Do not take a mounted group of more than eight riders on the road;
- Pass pedestrians and cyclists slowly and take extra care passing walkers and dogs.

#### **Further Safety Hints**

- Ensure your riding hat is to standard PAS 015 or BSEN 1384.
- **Before Riding**—it is important to carry out routine checks of your saddle and tack, not only for the benefit of your horse's comfort, but also to ensure safe riding. If your saddle or tack fails any of the checks below then have it repaired or replaced before you ride:

- \_ Check the saddle for any weaknesses or wear, including cracking
- \_ Check the tree of the saddle is in good shape by squeezing the sides of the saddle together—there should be no movement. If there is, this indicates damage to the tree which could seriously damage the horse's back.
- \_ Check the girth straps under the saddle flat to ensure that all straps and stitching are secure. Ensure that all stitching around the girth buckles are secure and that the buckles themselves are not damaged or bent. Check for any signs of wear and tear.
- \_ Check the bars which hold the stirrup leathers to make sure they are secure.
- \_ Check the stirrup leathers for wear and cracking.
- \_ Check the bridle for any weakness in the leather such as wear or cracking. Check all stitching is secure and that all buckles are secure and not bent. Check the reins for weakness, wear or cracking and again ensure stitching is secure. Check the bit for any dirt or rough edges that may damage the horse's mouth.

#### **Tail Cutting—Clifton Area**

A further tail cutting incident took place recently in the Clifton area where one of the suspects alighted from a vehicle and approached a black horse in a field. Using an unknown cutting tool he removed a large amount of tail hair from the horse before being disturbed by the owner. The offenders reversed at speed along the road whilst being chased by the owner.

It takes up to three years for tails to fully grow back—we would ask that people please report any suspicious incidents.

#### **Stolen Trailer—an Update**

Unfortunately there is still no news on the missing trailer taken from the Low Moor area. The trailer is a Cheval Liberte 2003 in light grey

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with a white roof, registration DE 1960. The jockey wheel is buckled and it had 30 bags of shredded paper inside. Please be aware that the trailer is broken and horses should not be put in it.



#### **Feed Stolen—Tintinhull**

Approximately £200 worth of feed was stolen from a farm in Marsh Lane, Tintinhull. Other items stolen included 6ft x 4ft rubber stable mats, 2 chains (used with lead ropes), 2 lead ropes and a quilted blue rug. We are currently awaiting details of any further items.

#### **Food Bins Stolen—Martock area**

Food bins have been stolen from a location in Foldhill Lane, Martock. Other items also stolen include an electric fencer, a horse rug, 2 buckets, wheelbarrow, pitch fork and 2 head collars. The property from which they were stolen is a stable block accessed along a private road from where entry can only be gained via a locked wooden gate. The offenders attended the premises in a vehicle which they used to ram the gates open to gain access.

#### **Suspicious Vehicle seen in Halifax area**

A black Nissan Navarro, part registration number ???SAM, has been seen in the Halifax area. It was driven into a livery yard where the suspects asked for prices on the livery. The boot of the vehicle was already open ready to take the items, but the men made off when confronted. Both men had Irish accents—the first male was described as white with blond hair of slim build and gaunt appearance; the second was described as larger build and around 5ft 6in in height.

#### **Accident Caused by Loose Horses**

Recently a man driving a van through a Bradford Estate was confronted by two loose horses which had run from a main road towards his vehicle. One of the horses skidded and dived on to the front of the van where its foot went through the windscreen narrowly missing the driver. The horse broke free and ran away in a distressed state.

Police and HorseWatch members are working hard to combat the problem of loose horses, particularly in the Holmewood and surrounding areas. Loose horses can be a danger and can cause major collisions so we advise that fields and fences are properly maintained and that gates are securely locked. Remember your horses are your responsibility.

If you want to stop tethering, a list of grazing land available to rent is obtainable from local councils—please ask for details. All bids have to be in by February 2010.

#### **Stop Saddle Theft**

Help yourself, help your livery, help the Police! Postcode your saddle/bridle with our FREE tack marking kit.

Micro chipping £9.95—**"This is the chip that sits in the tack that helps**

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the Police to get your tack back!"

Registered proof of ownership:

- Could reduce insurance costs

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- Dramatically reduces the risk of theft
- Aids recovery of stolen saddles
- Makes it extremely difficult for stolen saddles to be sold

We would also advise:

- That you keep a comprehensive list of tack and equipment
- Keep records up to date and in a secure place
- Explore whether it is possible to store tack in a different area away from where you stable your horse
- Check and double check that you have locked everything securely before you leave your property
- Do not feel guilty about being suspicious of people or reporting suspicious incidents to the Police

**South West Animal Protection**

The above are urgently looking for homes for 14 Welsh Mountain ponies. If you can help please call: [Bernadette Langfield on 07960 230548](tel:07960230548) at [Shy Lowen Horse and Pony Sanctuary](http://www.shy-lowen-horse-and-pony-sanctuary.co.uk)  
[Owners Sought after Police Recover Saddles in](http://www.police-recover-saddles.co.uk)

**Tyersal**

Neighbourhood Policing Officers are trying to trace the owners of thousands of pounds worth of suspected stolen horse saddles that were recovered during a search in December. Officers want to hear from anyone who has had such items stolen in the wider surrounding area.

Viewing days are being held at Pudsey Police Station and is by appointment only. Anyone wanting to attend should contact PC 3606 Tom O'Donovan at the station on 0133 241 4999.

For further information please contact PCSO 609

[Julie Hansord](mailto:Julie.hansord@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)

Horse Watch Liaison Officer

Tel 07595009211 mobile; 0845 6060606 or 01274

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[Julie.hansord@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Julie.hansord@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)

**Durham Constabulary**  
Telephone: 0845 606 0365

No information received.

**Cleveland Police**  
Telephone: 01642 326 326

No information received.

**Humberside Police including**  
**East Yorkshire, North East Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and Kingston upon Hull**  
Telephone: 0845 606 0222

No information received

**Eastern Region**

Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Derbyshire Constabulary, Lincolnshire Police, Nottinghamshire Police,

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Norfolk Constabulary, Suffolk Constabulary

**Cambridgeshire Constabulary**

**Telephone: 0845 456 4564**

**Cambridgeshire Horsewatch: Lydia Crabtree (PCSO Cambridgeshire Constabulary)**

**Tel: 07921 294939 email: [horsewatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:horsewatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk)**

**Please be aware of these latest Crimes that have occurred in Cambridgeshire.**

CF0014630110

10/01/10

Farm loc, High Road, Little Downham, Ely, Cambridge Horse lorry has been searched and offenders have left with diesel siphoned from the tank.

CF0016930110

11/01

Glatton Road, Lutton, Huntingdon, Cambridge  
8 bales of hay stolen.

If you have information concerning these or any other crimes please contact Cambridgeshire Constabulary on 0345 4564564 or in an emergency 999

Cambridgeshire Horsewatch

Mobile: 07921 294939

email: [horsewatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:horsewatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

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**More Crime Information**

CC-29012010-0089 29/01

Farm loc, Church Street, Great Evesden, Cambridge Overnight the informants tack room has been entered, no theft or damage, but fresh tyre tracks found leading upto the tack room. There is no tack left in the tack room.

CC-29012010-0149 29/01

Cinques Road, Gamlingay, Sandy

Small holdings have found the gates open that lead to the paddocks and barn, they also found fresh tyre marks, no theft or damage.

These last two incidents are possibly connected.

Cambridgeshire Horsewatch

Mobile: 07921 294939

email: [horsewatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:horsewatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

**Derbyshire Constabulary**

**Telephone: 0845 123 3333**

Contact: Lesley Manger (DERBYSHIRE Pony Rescue)

Telephone: 01773 831251 mobile 07842 240494. [lesleykenstudponyrescue@gmail.com](mailto:lesleykenstudponyrescue@gmail.com) 07970 848416

Insp Erika Green [Erika.green.1765@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Erika.green.1765@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk)

**For Crime schedules please see tables at the foot of the bulletin**

**A message from Inspector 1765 Erika Green**

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A few tack thefts to start the year - please let us get some tack marking sessions organised this spring to deter thefts/ handling stolen goods. Co-ordinators/ Horse watch members, please contact your local police stations if you want this organising and refer them to me if you get no help!

Lesley or I can give advice on where to get tack marking equipment

*Inspector 1765 Erika Green  
B Division Reactive Inspector  
Office External 01298 762057  
Office Internal 710 2057  
Mobex 737 1192  
Mobile (wk) 07841 956510  
Mobile (own) 07970 848416*

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**Nottinghamshire Police**  
Telephone: 0115 967 0999

**Norfolk Constabulary**  
Telephone: 0845 456 4567  
07798635746 (Danny/Sue Cracknell) [horsewatch@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:horsewatch@tiscali.co.uk)

**Suffolk Constabulary**  
Telephone: 01473 613 500  
Julie Dennis, Community Safety Unit on 01473 613994 e-mail [horsewatch@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:horsewatch@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

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Staffordshire Police, Leicestershire Constabulary, Warwickshire Police.  
West Mercia Police (incorporating Worcestershire, Shropshire, Herefordshire)  
Northamptonshire Police, West Midlands Police

**Staffordshire Police**

Telephone: 0845 330 2010  
Staffordshire Horsewatch Tel: 01785 234429

**Leicestershire Constabulary**

Telephone: 0116 222 22 22

No information received.

**Warwickshire Police**

Telephone: 01926 415 000

Julie Dale, HorseWatch Co-ordinator, Warwickshire Police  
[watch@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:watch@warwickshire.police.uk) Telephone 01926 684384

**West Mercia Police**

(incorporating Worcestershire, Shropshire, Herefordshire)

Telephone: 08457 444 888

**[WELCOME TO SHROPSHIRE COMMUNITY MESSAGING - Shrewsbury - Shropshire Horse]**

We've had a report of two males acting suspiciously around horses in the Stottesdon area of Bridgnorth on the mornings of the 19th & 20th January. It is believed these males were driving an old style blue pickup with a registration suffix similar to FNZ 0084N 200110.

In two separate incidents, around 22/1, one in the Bings Heath area of Shrewsbury and one in the Duddlestone Heath area of Ellesmere persons unknown have interfered with padlocks and tried to lift gates of hinges to fields that contain horses 0379S 220110 and 0224N 230110.

To contact us please ring 0300 333 3000 - In an emergency dial 999

Or you can email <mailto:contactus@westmercia.pnn.police.uk>

**Worcestershire Horsewatch**

Telephone: 07500 475708

[www.worcestershirehorsewatch.co.uk](http://www.worcestershirehorsewatch.co.uk)

[admin@worcestershirehorsewatch.co.uk](mailto:admin@worcestershirehorsewatch.co.uk)

WPC 3308 Gail Greenhouse, Local Police Officer, Broadway Police Station  
0300 333 3000 ext 3777, [gail.greenhouse@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:gail.greenhouse@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

**Herefordshire Horsewatch**

[www.freewebs.com/herefordshirehorsewatch](http://www.freewebs.com/herefordshirehorsewatch)

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[herefordshirehorsewatch@googlemail.com](mailto:herefordshirehorsewatch@googlemail.com)

Telephone: 07794 453911

Chair Co-ordinator – Tara Heinemann. Telephone: 01544 318038 Email: [bfdshorsewatch@aol.com](mailto:bfdshorsewatch@aol.com).

No information received.

**Shropshire Horsewatch**

[www.shropshirehorsewatch.co.uk](http://www.shropshirehorsewatch.co.uk)  
[admin@shropshirehorsewatch.co.uk](mailto:admin@shropshirehorsewatch.co.uk)

Call 07794 453911 or write to PO BOX 767, WORCESTER, WR1 9AE

No information received

**Northamptonshire Police**

**Telephone: 0845 370 0700**

Northants Horsewatch

[www.horsewatchnorthants.org.uk](http://www.horsewatchnorthants.org.uk)

Sandy Redmore [lpchilds@bursam.plus.com](mailto:lpchilds@bursam.plus.com) or Linda Childs [sandy.redmore@btinternet.com](mailto:sandy.redmore@btinternet.com)

PC 449 Glynne Malkin, Force Countryside & Wildlife Officer,

[Glynne.malkin@northants.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Glynne.malkin@northants.pnn.police.uk) Tel: 01604 703199

Community Policing and Partnerships, Office 7, Block 2, Mereway , Northampton, NN4 8BE

David Robins, Community Messaging (Ringmaster) [David.robins@northants.pnn.police.uk](mailto:David.robins@northants.pnn.police.uk)

Andy Roberts, Press officer [Andy.roberts@northants.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Andy.roberts@northants.pnn.police.uk)

**West Midlands Police**

**Telephone: 0845 113 5000**

No information received.

**Solihull Horsewatch**

Horsewatch Liaison

Community Partnerships Officer, Community Reassurance Team,  
0121 704 8577

PO Box 1833, Council House, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 3DZ

No information received.

**Sandwell Horsewatch**

Helene Elder, Community Partnerships Officer

0845 113 5000 (Switch board) Ext/Internal 79116879 [h.elder@west-midlands.police.uk](mailto:h.elder@west-midlands.police.uk)

No information received.

**North West Region**

Greater Manchester Police, Cheshire Constabulary, Lancashire Constabulary, Merseyside Police. To report suspicious behaviour or thefts please email [admin@ukhorsechat.co.uk](mailto:admin@ukhorsechat.co.uk) this is checked daily or Ring 07849 590251.

Horsewatch Contact Sarah Hallmark [saza911@hotmail.com](mailto:saza911@hotmail.com) Tel: 07599 485450.

**Greater Manchester Police**

**Telephone: 0161 872 5050**

No information received

**Cheshire Constabulary**

**Telephone 01244 350 000**

No information received

**Lancashire Constabulary**

**Telephone: 01772 614 444**

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No information received

**Cumbria Constabulary**  
Telephone: 01768 891999

No information received

**Merseyside Police**  
Telephone: 0151 709 6010

No information received

**Wales**  
Dyfed-Powys Police  
, South Wales, Gwent, North Wales

No information received.

**Dyfed-Powys Police**  
Telephone: 0845 330 2000

No information received.

**South Wales Police**  
Telephone: 01656 655 555

No information received.

**Gwent Police**  
Telephone: 01633 838 111  
PC Ruth James Email: [ruth.james@gwent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ruth.james@gwent.pnn.police.uk)  
Severnside Neighbourhood Policing Team, Caldicot Police Station

**North Wales Police**  
Telephone: 0845 607 1001 (Welsh speaking) or 0845 607 1002 (English speaking)

No information received.

**The Police Service of Northern Ireland**  
Telephone: 0845 600 8000

No information received.

**Southern Ireland**  
An Garda Siochana  
Telephone: 00353 1 666 0000

No information received

**Scotland**

**Central Scotland**  
Telephone: 01786 456 000

No information received.

**Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary**  
Telephone: 0845 600 5701  
Dumfries and Galloway Horsewatch Mona Parr [Mparr2001@aol.com](mailto:Mparr2001@aol.com)

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**Grampian Police**  
Telephone: 0845 600 5700

No information received.

**Strathclyde Police**  
Telephone: 0141 532 2000  
[www.horsewatchstrathclyde.co.uk](http://www.horsewatchstrathclyde.co.uk)  
[karen.beattie@horsewatchstrathclyde.co.uk](mailto:karen.beattie@horsewatchstrathclyde.co.uk)  
[mary.sloan@horsewatchstrathclyde.co.uk](mailto:mary.sloan@horsewatchstrathclyde.co.uk)

No information received.

**Tayside Police**  
Telephone: 01382 22 3200  
**Tayside Police (Western Division)**  
**Donald Campbell - Crime Prevention Officer 01738 892937**  
**Anonymous call can be made to - 0800 555 111**

**Perth & Kinross Horsewatch**  
**Co-ordinator - Fiona Stuart 01350 727116 [pkhorsewatch@hotmail.com](mailto:pkhorsewatch@hotmail.com)**

No information received.

**Overseas News**

No information received.

**Stolen Horses International:** <http://www.netposse.com/stolenmissing/stolenhorses.htm>

**Useful Contacts**

**UK Horsewatch Alliance** [www.ukhorsewatch.org.uk](http://www.ukhorsewatch.org.uk)  
**Stolen Horse Register** [www.stolenhorseregister.com](http://www.stolenhorseregister.com)  
**Farmkey** Tel: 0870 870 7107 [info@farmkey.co.uk](mailto:info@farmkey.co.uk)

**Crime Prevention – Don't Be A Victim of Crime**

[www.crimestoppers.co.uk](http://www.crimestoppers.co.uk) Telephone 0800 555 111  
[www.smartwater.com](http://www.smartwater.com) Property Security  
[www.farmkey.com](http://www.farmkey.com) Telephone: 0870 870 7107  
[www.freeze-mark.biz](http://www.freeze-mark.biz) [mary@freeze-mark.biz](mailto:mary@freeze-mark.biz) for freeze marking for horses.  
[www.equisecurity.co.uk](http://www.equisecurity.co.uk) Dedicated to equestrian security  
[www.icebands.org](http://www.icebands.org) Rider and Horse Safety  
<http://www.northernbrand.co.uk>  
<http://www.padlockirelandnationalregister.com/>  
**Saddleguard:** [info@saddleguard.co.uk](mailto:info@saddleguard.co.uk) or call 01707-652577 or 07778-501915

**Crime Detection – Find Your Stolen Property**

[www.missinghorsesonloan.co.uk](http://www.missinghorsesonloan.co.uk) or email [missinghorsesonloan@gmail.com](mailto:missinghorsesonloan@gmail.com)  
Telephone 07794 453911  
[www.nfed.co.uk/horsewatch](http://www.nfed.co.uk/horsewatch)  
[www.nfed.co.uk/hhwlogo](http://www.nfed.co.uk/hhwlogo)

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[www.stolenhorseregister.com](http://www.stolenhorseregister.com)  
[www.equinemarketwatch.org.uk](http://www.equinemarketwatch.org.uk)  
[www.tracingequines.co.uk](http://www.tracingequines.co.uk)  
[www.virtualbumblebee.co.uk](http://www.virtualbumblebee.co.uk)  
<http://www.skywatchcivilairpatrol.org.uk/>

**Selection – Don't Be a Receiver of Stolen Goods – Check Before You Buy!**

[www.virtualbumblebee.co.uk](http://www.virtualbumblebee.co.uk)  
[www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com)  
<http://www.ter-europe.org/>  
[www.equinemarketwatch.org.uk](http://www.equinemarketwatch.org.uk)  
[www.tracingequines.co.uk](http://www.tracingequines.co.uk)  
[www.animalsonline.org.uk](http://www.animalsonline.org.uk)

ACPO accredited Crime Prevention Associations & Firms  
The Equipment Register (TER) 01225 464599  
Equine Market Watch Welfare

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**DERBYSHIRE HORSE RELATED CRIMES AND INCIDENTS**

**Bulletin No. 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010 inclusive.**

Division	Reference	Date	Location	Details
<b>A</b>	Inc 191	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Hawthorns, Little Eaton	<b>Reported:</b> Horse seen on someone's drive. Horse then collapsed. <b>Outcome:</b> Fire service, police and vet attended but horse was sadly pronounced dead. Owner informed.
<b>A</b>	CR 70581/09	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Coach Road, Ironville	<b>Reported:</b> Between 4pm on Mon and 9am on Tues someone has entered a caravan used for storage in a field by using the key kept under the mat. A saddle worth £50 and harness worth £300 were stolen. <b>Outcome:</b> The crime was closed unsolved due to there being no witnesses, CCTV coverage or forensic leads.
<b>A</b>	CR 1438/10	9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Sporton Lane, South Normanton	<b>Reported:</b> Between 4pm on Sat and 3pm on Sun the door was forced on a lock-up in a field and miscellaneous tack items worth £400 were taken. <b>Outcome:</b> No evidence or leads were available and nothing was seen or heard so crime was closed unsolved.
<b>B</b>	No reports			
<b>C</b>	Inc 105	8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Belkline Drive, Killamarsh	<b>Reported:</b> Five or six horses reported on drive. <b>Outcome:</b> Area was searched but no horses seen.
<b>C</b>	Inc 290	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Pennine Close, Tibshelf	<b>Reported:</b> Horse on street. <b>Outcome:</b> Horse was taken to blacksmith's stable for safekeeping and the owner was traced and informed to collect from there.
<b>D</b>	No reports			

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**Bulletin No. 2 – 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010 inclusive.**

Division	Reference	Date	Location	Details
<b>A</b>	No reports			
<b>B</b>	No reports			
<b>C</b>	Inc 185	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	New Station Rd, Bolsover	<b>Reported:</b> Horse found in caller's front garden. <b>Outcome:</b> Attended and managed to move the horse into a field with the aid of carrots. Horse seems unconcerned. The field is possibly it's usual home.
<b>D</b>	Inc 275	20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Linton Heath, Swadlincote	<b>Reported:</b> Grey pony out on road. <b>Outcome:</b> Pony is safe and well and not on the road.
<b>D</b>	CR 55078/09	17 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> Sept '09	Station Road, Hatton	<b>Reported:</b> Overnight, between 8pm on Thurs and 5.30am on Friday, someone has forced entry to six storage sheds at a stable yard and stolen tack. Bridles, lunging equipment and miscellaneous tack, belonging to four different owners, to the total value of £612 was taken. <b>Outcome:</b> Crime was filed unresolved due to no CCTV, nothing being seen or heard and no other lines of enquiry.

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**Bulletin No. 3 – 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010 inclusive.**

	Reference	Date	Location	Details
<b>A</b>	Inc 151	25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Stanley Common, Ilkeston	<b>Reported:</b> Two horses have kicked out at a walker and dog on a public footpath running through a field. This has

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				happened before. <b>Outcome:</b> Owner has been made aware but is already in the process of erecting an electric fence to prevent further incidents. The two mares are in foal which may be causing them to be a little aggressive towards dogs in the field.
<b>A</b>	Inc 61	22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	A610, Buckland Hollow Stretch	<b>Reported:</b> Two horses running in road. <b>Outcome:</b> Owner being traced with help of local Horsewatch member.
<b>B</b>	No reports			
<b>C</b>	No reports			
<b>D</b>	No reports			