



# COUNTRY WATCH

## Western Weekly:

11<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Colleagues,

With the nights drawing in there are more hours of darkness giving the criminals involved in rural criminal pursuits more time to go about their dastardly deeds. Please be extra vigilant and ensure you lock up your outbuildings before settling down for the night. Now would be an excellent time to review your security measures and ensure those outbuilding alarms are working and that your sheds are fitted with good quality padlocks, hasps, hinges and bolts. Maybe consider installing some basic CCTV and security lighting at your premises. If you require any advice with this Country Watch are here to help and can provide a site security visit which is, of course, free of charge.

This week Country Watch officers conducted an operation resulting in two males being arrested for poaching offences. The males are currently on police bail, further enquiries ongoing. One dog was seized from a suspect having been used in the offence. This time of year generally see's an increase in poaching and hare coursing activities. Please report any suspicious activity to police via 101 and try to get registration numbers of any vehicles involved and descriptions of people which would help us enormously. Country Watch are regularly conducting proactive operations in conjunction with local estates, wardens and game keepers to address this type of criminal activity.

Sussex Police have asked us to let our communities know that they recently recovered a large quantity of stolen garden equipment and power tools such as chainsaws, strimmers, hedge cutters, electric drills, etc. If you would like to check whether you recognise any of it you can log onto the Midhurst & Petworth Observer website [www.midhurstandpetworth.co.uk/](http://www.midhurstandpetworth.co.uk/) and follow the link through to the Police Facebook picture gallery of recovered items. It may be worth a look if you have been the victim of crime as your stolen property will not necessarily remain local. A reminder that security marking your equipment can result in stolen items being returned to you much more quickly.

Another reminder for you to please sign up to Hampshire Alert – our new community messaging tool. You can do this by going to [www.hampshirealert.co.uk](http://www.hampshirealert.co.uk) and selecting the option to register and completing your details.

Thank you

Kind Regards

Debby Holman  
Western Country Watch Sergeant

## Rural Theft

- 05/10 Romsey Waste centre premises broken into , Ford transit and Ifor Williams curtain sided trailer stolen
- 07/10 Mockbeggar 2 brick built stables broken into by shearing off the door bolts using bolt croppers, Stihl strimmer stolen
- 07/10 Brockenhurst 3 males disturbed breaking into outbuilding and garage, unlocked Landrover entered and spare key stolen from centre console. Nothing else taken.
- 07/10 Fordingbridge Rolls of lead stolen from works yard
- 08/10 West Wellow Enclosed compound in rural location entered by climbing over fence, large shed entered by forcing bolts to steel doors. Makita cordless drill stolen
- 10/10 Pilley Locks sawn off of shed doors of two neighbouring properties and field gates pushed open, sheds entered and searched but nothing appears stolen
- 10/10 Marchwood Two males with flat bed Transit type vehicle seen at the rear of Africa Drive taking/stealing scrap metal – no further details of the vehicle involved. Police attended but no-one located.

## Poaching

- 08/10 Blackfield Suspicious activity reported on land adjacent to Rollestone Road, males with dogs and bright torches suspected of poaching deer. Males left prior to police arrival.

## Suspicious Vehicles/Vehicles of interest

(Please be mindful that the driver's of these vehicles may be going about their lawful business)

- 05/10 Fordingbridge Green Subaru Forester seen in suspicious circumstances. Occupants suspected of being involved in hare coursing.

## Theft From Motor Vehicle

- 05/10 Timsbury Rear window of Mitsubishi car smashed and handbag stolen from the boot.
- 06/10 Fordingbridge Vehicle broken into whilst parked in layby near Godshill inclosure, rear nearside window smashed and handbag stolen
- 07/10 Burley Vehicle broken into whilst parked in the Burley car park. Rucksack containing clothing stolen.
- 09/10 Lyndhurst Vehicle broken into at Knightwood Oak car park by smashing rear windscreen – nothing stolen
- 09/10 Fritham Gorley Bushes car park, vehicle broken into by smashing rear passenger window – rucksack stolen containing purse and mobile phone.

## Miscellaneous Offences

- 04/10 Canada Common Tyre on Ford fiesta deliberately damaged by persons unknown using Stanley knife blade
- 06/10 Brangsgore Kitchen window outer pane of glass smashed suspected by using a stone and a catapult.
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## Off Road Vehicles

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| Motorcycles | 3 youths using motorcycles in Crab hat inclosure. | Crab Hat  |
| Motorcycles | Covered the Reg plates so unable to identify      | Culverley |

## Animal Accidents

### DETAILS OF ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Week commencing MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014

| <b>Day</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Time</b> | <b>Details</b>   | <b>Location</b>                              | <b>Agister</b> |
|------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|----------------|
| Monday     | 29/09/2014  | 4:40 pm     | Black Pony - Injured & Destroyed - HIT & RUN - WEARING REFLECTIVE COLLAR | Crows Nest - B3078                           | A Napthine     |
| Wednesday  | 01/10/2014  | 10:00 am    | Chestnut Filly - Injured - WEARING REFLECTIVE COLLAR                     | Gravel track into Parc Pale car park - B3056 | R Maton        |
| Saturday   | 04/10/2014  | 9:30 am     | Pony - Nothing Found   | Matley Wood - B3056                          | J Gerrelli     |
| Sunday     | 05/10/2014  | 11:06 am    | Grey Pony - Injured & Destroyed  | Hill Top - Ipers Bridge                      | R Maton        |