



# COUNTRY WATCH

## Western Weekly:

28<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Colleagues,

Country Watch have been engaging with rural communities this week around shed breaks and outbuilding burglaries, we are still seeing land and house owners failing to ensure they have basic security, this includes closing gates, doors and bolting them closed. In almost all cases the victim of burglary and theft have missed the opportunity to ensure good 'housekeeping' by padlocking sheds and installing inexpensive security devices.

We are still experiencing a high level of theft from motor vehicles across the district, in every case the vehicle owner has left items on display or has been seen to place items in the boot prior to walking away and leaving the vehicle in a beauty spot car park. We have been working hard with our colleagues at the Forestry Commission to display clear warning posters at all disclosed car parks, local Safer Neighbourhood Teams have been out and about engaging with the public around the car parks in an attempt to educate drivers about leaving valuables in vehicles.

This isn't just an issue in the New Forest, Theft from motor vehicles are a national problem, we (as the public) see our vehicles as a safe environment as we can lock the door and close the windows, we often treat our vehicles like a safe, the criminals rely on this knowledge and are reaping the rewards, lets get the message out there and get everyone to take personal property with them when they leave their vehicle in a public place.

On Thursday, Country Watch conducted a vehicle check operation at Beaulieu Road Pony Sales. I have to say that we were extremely impressed with the quality of vehicles, horseboxes and trailers entering the site, a few people still displayed handwritten number plates on the rear of their horsebox trailers, however all of these were clear and readable, we chose to educate and advise these drivers. We have recorded their details and will be looking out for them come the next pony sales (You have been warned!!). Other than that no other defects were found, so it is clearly demonstrating the effective and positive impact Country Watch is having on road safety by attending local events across the New Forest and beyond.

Kind Regards

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### Rural Theft

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| • 22/11 | Ringwood   | Insecure garden shed entered spirits stolen.             |
| • 23/11 | Hangersley | Garden shed forced open nil taken.                       |
| • 23/11 | Marchwood  | Locks cut on container in field unknown if items stolen. |
| • 23/11 | Nursling   | Horse rug removed from horse in field.                   |

- 23/11 Romsey Cycle stolen from insecure shed in garden.
- 24/11 Fritham Shed in rear garden forced Stihl chainsaw stolen.
- 24/11 Fritham Out building on farm entered nothing taken.
- 24/11 Fritham Attempt to force garage open nothing taken.
- 24/11 Fritham Store room attached to house broken into. Leaf blower and other items stolen.
- 24/11 Hythe Cabling stolen from sub station.
- 24/11 New Milton Supplies store entered via fire door. Tools within used to break into safe monies stolen.
- 25/11 West End Office forced key taken to gain access to container and all ground tools stolen.
- 25/11 Holbury Church broken into via fire exit, search undertaken unsure if anything removed.
- 25/11 Nursling 2x horse rugs have been removed whilst the horses were turned out in field.
- 25/11 Totton Barn entered via roof, offenders disturbed due to alarm on barn. Nothing believed to be taken.
- 25/11 Romsey Mountain bike removed from rear garden. Bike was locked to a metal washing line pole.
- 26/11 St. Leonards Building site accessed in rural location, items removed.
- 27/11 Holbury House entered via Velux window, untidy search items removed. Outhouse also broken into.
- 27/11 Marchwood Garage broken into by means of forcing door open. Unsure at this time if anything taken.
- 28/11 Hythe Owner has noticed that games consoles and other property have been taken at some point.

### **Poaching**

Nothing reported this week.

### **Fly Tipping**

13/11/2014	Fly Tipping	TV, fridge - freezer and general household waste	Burbush
17/11/2014	Fly Tipping	Plumbers waste, toilets, sinks, rubble and 2 tyres	France Down
17/11/2014	Fly Tipping	Asbestos	Bramble Hill Walk
17/11/2014	Fly Tipping	8 Car tyres	James Hill
17/11/2014	Fly Tipping	Two Armchairs	Beaulieu Heath
20/11/2014	Fly Tipping	7 Tyres	Broomy Walk
20/11/2014	Fly Tipping	Sofa and Mattress	Blackwell Common
21/11/2014	Fly Tipping	Parts of a wooden fence and mattress	Matley
24/11/2014	Fly Tipping	Fridge freezer	Horseshoe Bottom
24/11/2014	Fly Tipping	Old fireworks	Hatchet Pond
25/11/2014	Fly Tipping	Waste being pumped into the ditch CC land not FC, FC staff attended, witness got the reg and description - Clear water	A337 - Minstead
25/11/2014	Fly Tipping	Rubbish, plastic sheets and wood, car parts and tyres	Broadley

### **Suspicious Vehicles/Vehicles of interest**

Nothing reported this week.

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

### **Theft From Motor Vehicle**

- 22/11 Fritham CP Window smashed handbag stolen.
- 22/11 Linford Bottom CP Lock removed from vehicle door in an attempt to gain access.
- 23/11 Deerleap CP Handbag stolen from boot of vehicle.

- 23/11 Calmore Sat Nav removed from insecure vehicle on drive.
- 24/11 Lyndhurst Public CP Vehicle entered Sat Nav and camera stolen.
- 25/11 Fawley Vehicle window smashed Sat Nav stolen.
- 26/11 Bransgore Vehicle parked in rural road, access gained and handbag removed that was on show.
- 26/11 New Milton Vehicle broken into by smashing window, gardening tools removed.
- 27/11 Hale 2 Chainsaws stolen from insecure vehicle whilst parked outside garage on driveway.
- 27/11 Stoney Cross Vehicle parked overnight windows smashed and 2 chainsaws and other items stolen.
- 27/11 Fordingbridge Locked and secure van has had access gained and 2x chainsaws removed.
- 27/11 Andrews Mare CP Handbag removed from car having had 2 windows broken to gain entry.
- 27/11 Damerham High visibility jacket and fuel cans removed from an open back truck.

### **Off-Road Vehicles**

Nothing reported this week.

### **Rural Arson**

Nothing reported this week

### **Miscellaneous Offences**

Nothing to report this week.

### **Animal Accidents**

No information supplied from the Verderer's this week.