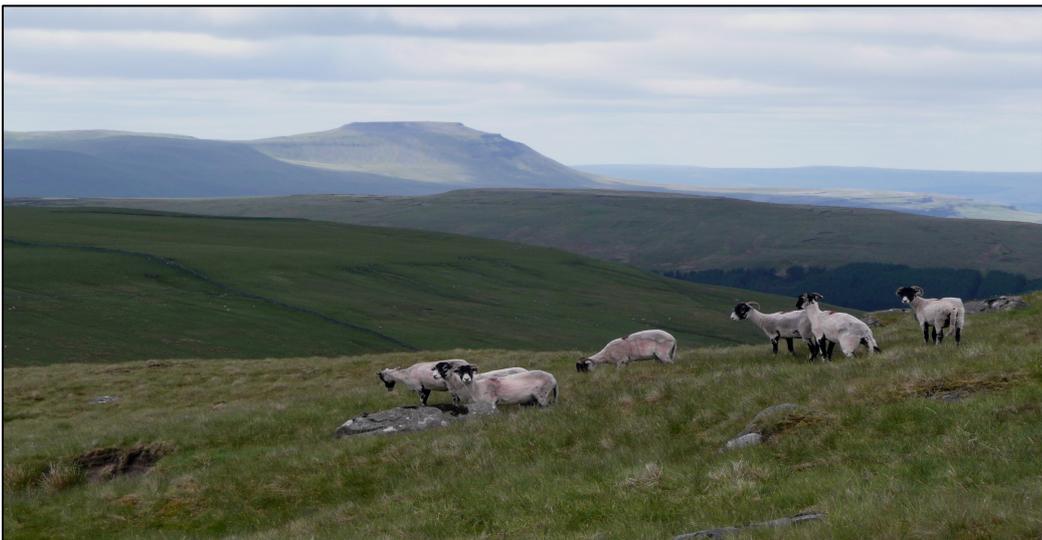


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# COUNTRY WATCH



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# Newsletter February 2016

Dear Country Watch Member

Firstly Happy New Year

The idea of this publication is to try to keep you better informed of what is going on in and around the rural Craven community area. In addition to receiving text, voicemail and e-mail messages we hope to use this document to give you a brief idea of any other issues of note.

The whole basis of the Country Watch scheme is for there to be a two way communication between you and us. It's hoped that these newsletters will achieve that, so please feel free to give us feedback.

Each Station now has a dedicated Neighbourhood Officer who can deal with medium, and long term issues, this means they can be the single point of contact. As you know the police now use the 101 phone number system, this is a non-emergency number. For emergencies, as ever, it's 999. If you are reporting any other issue, use 101.

If you need to speak to or contact our team you can use the 101 system as well. Option 2 on the recorded message is to speak to a known officer. From the list below, you now know who your local officer is for your area, the system will put you through to them if there working, or leave them a message, and they will get back to you.

Settle            PC750 Dave Ridler  
                     PCSO3572 Helen Montgomery

Ingleton        PC347 Adrian Fryer  
                     PCSO5561 Jayne Grace

Grassington    PCSO3557 Joseph Simms  
                     PC1352 Vicky Brook

Crosshills      PC180 Bell  
                     PCSO3578 Jason Perkins  
                     PCSO6610 Tina Cardamone

Our Watch has been running for a number of months now and feedback says we are keeping you better informed. This is something that we want to build on. At this point we would like to remind you that our biggest issue is still travelling criminals. Offenders are coming in from Lancashire, West Yorkshire, and the Teeside areas. You may feel that many of the texts you receive don't concern you because it's not where you live. Crime trends show that criminals do travel and these criminals can commit crime near you, so try not to dismiss the information we are sending out.

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## January CRIMES OF NOTE

Below are some of the crimes we have dealt with this last month

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan **Sutton-in Craven** Vauxhall Astra Stolen vehicle stopped driver arrested and charged  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jan **Sutton-in Craven** 5 vehicles broken into at 4am offenders seen tools taken  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jan **Sutton-in-Craven** shed door force entry gained but nothing taken overnight  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jan **Sutton-in-Craven** shed entered and 5 bikes taken overnight  
4<sup>th</sup> Jan **Crosshills** Dwelling Burglary overnight insecure Xbox taken  
4<sup>th</sup> Jan **Cowling** Dwelling Burglary evening time walked in took wallet insecure door  
5<sup>th</sup> Jan **Settle** waste site entered and 2 tonnes scrap metal stolen over 2 days  
8<sup>th</sup> Jan **Farnhill** Burglary Dwelling 2am offenders disturbed Stihl tools taken  
8<sup>th</sup> Jan **Elslack** overnight field gates taken  
8<sup>th</sup> Jan **Farnhill** overnight insecure vehicle entered and Bank Cards taken  
8<sup>th</sup> Jan **Gargrave** Shed entered and £1300 Mountain Bike taken  
8<sup>th</sup> Jan **Langcliffe** overnight 250 Litres Diesel taken from LGV  
9<sup>th</sup> Jan **Thornton-in-Craven** shed entered and barrow and spades taken  
11<sup>th</sup> Jan **Settle** Burglary Dwelling 10am insecure door cash taken  
14<sup>th</sup> Jan **Hetton** Landrover stolen overnight later recovered thanks to social medial  
14<sup>th</sup> Jan **Glusburn** Ford Transit stolen later recovered  
15<sup>th</sup> Jan **Carleton** shed entered but nothing appears to be taken  
15<sup>th</sup> Jan **Threshfield** barn entered early evening and £15000 tools machinery taken  
16<sup>th</sup> Jan **Connonley** 3 shed entered 2 high value Mountain Bikes taken  
17<sup>th</sup> Jan **Bentham** Out building entered and Animal Medicines taken  
18<sup>th</sup> Jan **Crosshills** Daytime burglary dwelling jewellery stolen  
18<sup>th</sup> Jan **Rylstone** 8pm offenders disturbed breaking into Van  
19<sup>th</sup> Jan **Austwick** attempt Burglary of garage overnight  
20<sup>th</sup> Jan **Gargrave** theft of Ifor Williams horse trailer during the day  
20<sup>th</sup> Jan **Mewith** 3 Field gates taken overnight  
22<sup>nd</sup> Jan **Beamsley** Methodist Church broken into cash and TV stolen  
23<sup>rd</sup> Jan **Appletreewick** Landrover tyres slashed overnight  
23<sup>rd</sup> Jan **Threshfield** evening Attempt Burglary Dwelling nothing stolen  
24<sup>th</sup> Jan **Gargrave** 4 vehicle tyres slashed on Old Swan Pub carpark  
25<sup>th</sup> Jan **Conistone** Kilnsey Burglary Dwelling over 4 day period nothing apparent stolen  
25<sup>th</sup> Jan **Bradley** Burglary Dwelling during daytime 2 males disturbed  
25<sup>th</sup> Jan **Lothersdale** 2 Burglary Dwellings 6pm evening time electricals stolen  
26<sup>th</sup> Jan **Newby** 30 Breeding Ewes and 40 Fat lambs taken since October  
27<sup>th</sup> Jan **Bentham** evening time aerals snapped off 2 cars  
27<sup>th</sup> Jan **Kildwick** shed broken into Mountain bike golf clubs Stihl saw taken  
28<sup>th</sup> Jan **Sutton-in-Craven** Attempt Burglary Dwelling  
30<sup>th</sup> Jan **Gargrave** Shed Burglary and Mountain Bike taken  
30<sup>th</sup> Jan **Hellifield** Dark wood garden bench stolen  
31<sup>st</sup> Jan **Gargrave** shed burglary and Mountain Bike stolen  
31<sup>st</sup> Jan **Gargrave** 5 vehicles damaged on Marton Road overnight bricks through windows

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You may suspect some of these crimes are linked as they are similar crimes on the same dates, and this is a clear indication criminals are travelling extensively within Craven to commit these offences. There are again dwelling houses attacked this month.

**PLEASE PLEASE LOCK YOUR DOORS ON A NIGHT**

You will see some of burglaries this month are insecure properties. Burglar's don't need to make a noise to get in, and won't wake you up. They just walk in take what they want and leave, sometimes with the car keys and your car. We can't stress enough this issue so please help us reduce crime, if you make it hard for them they will go somewhere else. It's great this month that some offenders have been disturbed and witnesses have rung in.

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## **Livestock Theft**

We are still working hard with the NFU and other partner agencies to tackle what is now a national issue. There has been **another** sheep theft reported this last month ( as above), please still be alert to anything suspicious and ring us straight away.

This last month local staff trained regarding sheep tag management, reading, and movement requirements have been out and about again checking trailers carrying sheep. We stopped over 18 trailers this last month, and so far all has been in order. So again I'd like to thank all those we have stopped for their patience, and support. We have received positive feedback from the Farmers, Auction Mart, and acknowledgement of what we are trying to achieve. Working together and with you we can make a difference and prevent thefts.

Further checks are planned again this next month, so please understand if you do get stopped it's all about prevention.

**Speaking with Farmers at the roadside it is becoming clear there are some potential thefts of stock that are not being reported, this seems to be as farmers are not bothering to claim on their Insurance for the theft so don't report it to the Police.**

**If you have a theft or suspect one please report it to us ASAP. We will record a crime, if you don't want to claim that's up to yourself, but we need to know what's going on, and how big an issue we have. There is also the issue when we are investigating things knowing what is missing helps, just in case we turn something up.**

The team hope to be at Skipton CCM Auction as well as Bentham at some point again soon, dates will be put out on Ringmaster / Facebook and Twitter. If you're not on our Ringmaster system please call in and see us to get signed up.

We urge farmers to continue to report anything suspicious and ensure that if you are moving sheep between holdings to complete the DEFRA AML/1 notice if required and make sure you have it with you when transporting stock.

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# Stop poaching

**Do you know anyone who:**

- Poaches deer or fish?
- Trespasses with dogs or firearms?
- Is involved in illegal slaughtering?
- Has a food business selling meat and fish illegally poached or processed?

**Help stop this crime - contact us anonymously with information**



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**OP-HAWK**

You may be aware of a continued operation working alongside our colleagues in Lancashire, Cumbria, and West Yorkshire Police targeting travelling criminals. This is gaining momentum, active patrols are taking place with forces working together and targeting cross border crime. This has resulted in better intelligence, targeted patrol, as well as a number of arrests and the recovery of stolen items. This operation is live and patrols continue.



**Feeling The Pressure:** If you are a member of the farming community and you are going through difficult times, due to overwork, anxiety, illness, isolation, debt, bereavement or any other situation that maybe making you feel the need to speak with someone, there is a charity called “Farm Crisis Network” that helps farming people with these issues. The FCN helpline is open every day of the year between 7am & 11pm and if you feel the need to speak with someone, then you can ring them on 0845 367 9990. Alternatively you can E-mail them at mail@fcn.org.uk. The FCN also has a website www.fcn.org.uk.



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**National Property Register:**

We urge you to safeguard all of your valuable items that have serial numbers, frame numbers, chassis numbers or other unique identifying marks. You can do this for **free** by registering them with the National Property Register. It's a great way to protect your personal valuable items.

Just go to [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) and enter the IMEI, serial number or other unique identification numbers. Any item can be added, including mobile phones, play stations & X-box consoles. You can also add other household items ranging from TVs to toasters, bikes to jewellery. Give it a try, it's easy to do.



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**Remember! Craven is still a safe area to live and work:**

Whilst Craven continues to be one of the safest areas in the country to live we should not be complacent. Please remain vigilant and take a few simple measures to protect your home and property. This can be as simple as ensuring doors and windows are locked. If you have a burglar alarm, use it – you'd be surprised how many people don't!

Don't leave keys in vehicles and quads, even during the day! Where possible, block barn doors with a vehicle restricting access to property stored inside. These are simple effective ways of preventing or deterring crime and making you feel safe. If you can put another obstacle in the way of the criminal, you may make it not worth their while. Another great way to do this is to keep your farm/driveway gates shut.

Be mindful that we rely on you to report anything suspicious, no matter how trivial it may seem to you. Please don't forget, that small piece of information could be all that is needed for us to arrest an offender, prove a case we are already investigating or deal with matters that affect the community and quality of life issues. This cannot be over emphasised and any information passed to the police will always be treated sensitively.

For information on the work of your Local Safer Neighbourhood Team please follow us on...



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# Crime Prevention Scheme

- A crime prevention scheme specifically designed to answer the needs of people living in, working in and visiting Craven's rural area
- Providing a communication network to keep people informed of crimes, incidents and successes.
- Providing crime prevention advice that will both prevent and reduce the opportunity for crime to occur
- Creating Partnerships and Networks amongst the rural community, which in itself creates a feeling of security and reassurance, reducing the fear of crime
- Creating a visible deterrent across the District, by way of the Country Watch sign.



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