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COUNTRY WATCH



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 **CRIMESTOPPERS**
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Call anonymously with information about crime

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Newsletter January 2015

Dear Country Watch Member

The idea of this publication is to try 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 yourselves and us. It's hoped that these newsletters will achieve that, so please feel free to give us feedback.

Who are the team..?

Each Station now has a dedicated Neighbourhood Officer who can deal with medium, and long term issues, this means they can be the 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. But 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 PCSO5561 Jayne Grace
Ingleton	PC347 Adrian Fryer PCSO5561 Jayne Grace
Grassington	PCSO5639 Nikki Smith
Crosshills	PC1352 Vicky Barker 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 our biggest issue is 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 type of crimes can happen 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 months

- 4th Jan **Sutton-in-Craven** Peugeot 307 stolen overnight from Bridge Road.
- 6th Jan **Mewith** Bentham 22 Swaledale sheep stolen in 10 day period
- 6th Jan **Bradley** Statuette little cherub holding water holder stolen from garden
- 7th Jan **Cowling** Ford Transit Van stolen from Acre Meadow
- 7th Jan **Settle Greenfoot** parts stripped form a new style Mini
- 9th Jan **Skipton Auction Mart** welder taken from container at location
- 9th Jan **Lothersdale** Stables targeted and horse tack taken
- 10th Jan **Coniston Cold**, Coniston Hotel rooms broken into and property stolen
- 14th Jan **Mearbeck / Long Preston Moor** 117 Texel Mules and 1 Texel tup taken since 1st Dec
- 16th Jan **Eshton** top stone stolen during the night
- 16th Jan **Settle** Townhead distraction burglary elderly occupant wallet stolen
- 17th Jan **High Bentham** vehicle scratched / damaged on Robin Lane
- 17th Jan **Sutton-in-Craven** village hall window damaged
- 19th Jan **Settle** 2 x Thefts of spirits from Co-Op Store and garage
- 21st Jan **Crosshills** lead stripped from a garage roof
- 22nd Jan **Crosshills** 2 suspects arrested stealing Spirits from Co-Op
- 26th Jan **Sutton-in-Craven** House Burglary during the day electrical items and jewellery stolen
- 26th Jan **Crosshills** House Burglary during the day electrical items and jewellery stolen
- 30th Jan **Coniston Cold** 2 wagon rear lights stolen overnight

You will see some of these crimes may be linked as they are similar crimes on the same dates, and is a clear indication criminals are travelling extensively within Craven to commit these offences. There have also been Dwelling houses attacked in the day time again this month.

Please report anything suspicious at all no matter what the time of **day or night**, we provide 24/7 cover throughout Craven.

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Dogs Worrying Livestock

As we move into this time of year, and lambing time is on the doorstep, we inevitably have issues with dogs worrying livestock of farmland somewhere in Craven. Remember the act states livestock are Cattle, Goats, Swine, Horses, and Poultry not just SHEEP.

We have limited numbers of posters, and signs as below available if landowners, and farmers are interested in putting them up at access points to their property for footpaths, bridleways etc. Please contact your local officer from the list above who will try, and deliver some. Numbers are limited. The internet is a great source of information on this topic, but landowners could shoot such dogs, if it can be proved that the action was **necessary to protect** livestock, and that it was reported to the police within 48 hours. The dog's owner can then be subject to penalties too. Dog owners need to consider their actions when out walking with their pets. Many people are visitors enjoying the countryside, and National Park, so the signs are a great way to remind us all about the time of year, and those who may not be from the rural community and don't live among livestock.

Prevention works.!!

Your Dog

can Scare
or Harm

Farm Animals

**Keep it on a lead around
livestock, but let go
if chased by cattle**

Follow the Countryside Code

*Jointly supporting
British farming*

North Yorkshire Police

WORRYING LIVESTOCK
IS AN OFFENCE

Under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 the owner, and anyone else under whose control the dog is at the time, will be guilty of an offence if it worries livestock on agricultural land.

Worrying livestock means attacking or chasing any farm animal including sheep, cattle, goats, swine, horses and poultry - there does not have to be any contact.

If you allow a dog to worry livestock you can be prosecuted and fined and ordered to pay compensation.

A landowner is permitted to shoot your dog if it can be proved that the action was necessary to protect livestock and that it was reported to the police within 48 hours.

The landowner is not liable to compensate you in such circumstances.

When on any enclosed land where sheep are present all dogs must be on a lead or under close control.

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Livestock Theft

We are working hard with the NFU and other partner agencies to tackle what is now a national issue.

Last the 2 months we had specific days at Gisburn , Bentham, and Skipton Auction marts. We have been pro-active in signing up new country watch members, and security advice.

Our team will be at the NFU open day at Skipton CCM Auction Mart on Wednesday 18th February from 1pm where there will be a number of the new electronic tagging, and reading manufacturers, software companies, and industry experts present. NFU, ARAMS, DEFRA, NSA will also be there. Your local team are going to be learning about the new tagging system as well, we will be there to speak to, and sign up to our country watch as well. Please call in we look forward to seeing you there.

We have already secured funding for our own tag reader to allow staff out on patrol to scan and check stock at the road side.

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.

We will continue to check trailers etc which are moving around the area. With this in mind you can help us to help you by making sure that everything is in order. We will endeavour to keep you updated with our enquiries as we move forward in this area of concern.

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 liaising 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.



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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.

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 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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