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COUNTRY WATCH



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Newsletter MARCH 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

We would like to welcome PCSO 3572 Helen Montgomery to the team who will be based at Settle, she is still under going some training but will be with us on the rural area in the coming months.

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 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

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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.

MARCH CRIMES OF NOTE

Below are some of the crimes we have dealt with this months

- 2nd March **3 males arrested** in **Threshfield** attempting to defraud elderly resident over work on property
- 3rd March Male stopped in car near **Airton** dealt with for possession of drugs and No Insurance
- 6th March Van broken into in **Bradley** and power tools taken
- 9th March Shed broken into in **Cowling** and bicycles stolen
- 9th March **Mewith** 1000 litres of heating oil stolen
- 9th March 3 vehicles broken in to at **Cononley** and cash taken from each car
- 10th March Shed entered in **Cowling**, nothing stolen
- 10th March Shed entered at **Bentham** Old Primary school and property taken
- 10th March House burglary in the day **Sutton-in-Craven** occupant in garden
- 10th March House Burglary in the day **Threshfield** occupant in garden
- 11th March **Clapham Station** ladders, bench, wood and cable stolen from a site
- 12th March Shed entered in **Cowling** nothing taken
- 15th March Caravan broken into **Bentham** TV Stolen
- 16th march **Bentham** 2 Industrial Units entered vehicle and generators stolen
- 18th March **West Marton** Green Landrover Defender stolen without keys overnight
- 19th March **Cowling** Chainsaw / stihl saw and other tools taken from building site
- 21st March **Barden Bridge** vehicle broken into Camera stolen
- 22nd March **Low Bentham** Cement mixer and construction equipment stolen
- 24th March **Hellifield** Horse Trailer stolen, **3 men arrested** property recovered
- 24th March **Glusburn** day time dwelling burglary Camera and handbag taken

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 again this month. Of note is that vehicles have been broken into in beauty spots as the weather has improved. So please don't leave items on view if your leaving your car parked up anywhere.

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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POACHING AND WILDLIFE CRIME

Issues of Poaching and Wildlife crime have been on the increase nationally, and Craven is no different. We receive calls on a regular basis, and always investigate each case. A recent case saw a Craven man successfully prosecuted for hunting deer with dogs locally.



In general, wildlife crime is any action which contravenes current legislation governing the protection of the UK's wild animals and plants and includes:

- Hare Coursing
- Deer poaching
- Fish poaching
- Badger persecution – including baiting, snaring, shooting, and disturbance of setts
- Bat persecution
- Egg theft / collection
- Bird of Prey persecution – through poisoning, trapping, shooting, disturbance of nest and/or theft of chicks
- The trade in ivory, tortoises, rhino horn and other protected species covered by CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) including caviar, Traditional Chinese Medicines, and orchids
- Non registration of certain birds and animals that require licensing through DEFRA/Animal Health if kept in captivity or sold

And so, what IS NOT wildlife crime?

- Incidents involving domestic animals such as dogs (other than dogs being used to hunt mammals), cats, rabbits, budgies, etc
- Wild animals that have been involved in road traffic accidents

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What Else?

- The SSPCA and the RSPCA also deal with wildlife crime and other animal welfare issues (such as dog fighting). They can be contacted 24 hours a day and may be able to attend an ongoing wildlife crime if police aren't available to do so
- Crimestoppers can also be contacted in complete confidence on 0800 555 111

What is the law ?

There are various pieces of legislation on this topic. They cover Poaching by day and night. They cover using Lamps, snares or other instruments for the purpose of taking or destroying game. Game can include Hares, Pheasants, Grouse, Rabbits, and other species. There is specific legislation for Deer and Badgers. There is also legislation for hunting with dogs as well. Fisheries are also covered, in short there is legislation to cover all eventualities.

If you are a farmer or have land, and have individuals or vehicles on your land and they are trespassing REPORT IT !!!

If you see anyone Poaching REPORT IT !!!

We are keen to deal with this type of crime, and remember many of these individuals are involved in other crime as well, and not just taking the odd rabbit.

Livestock Theft

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

Our team was at the Bentham Auction Mart on Wednesday 4th March where a number of Farmers were signed up to our Country watch initiative.

We hope to be at Skipton CCM Auction in April again promoting our Country watch, date to be announced.

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.

With lambing time in full swing for many now and over the coming weeks it's a busy time. Please be mindful of the legislation we put out about dogs worrying livestock in the previous newsletter, and if you have issues report it.

The Clitheroe advertiser ran this article last month which will be of interest. We have left this in again this month just in case it was missed by new members. Again if you have information about stock theft report it, you can use the CRIMESTOPPERS number if you wish.

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A Ribble Valley man who stole sheep worth almost £6,000 from a Peak District farm has been jailed for 18 weeks.

Andrew Piner (49), of Mill Lane, Gisburn, had denied theft, but was found guilty after a trial at High Peak Magistrates' Court. During the trial, prosecutor Jennifer Fitzgerald told the court Peak District farmer David Robinson advertised 49 sheep for sale in The Farmer's Guardian in September 2013. A potential buyer arranged to view the sheep on September 17th, 2013, and then agreed to buy the animals for £5,635. Mr Robinson said he was not prepared to let the sheep be collected until the cheque had cleared, which it failed to do as the account it related to had been closed. But when he went to his property – North Lees Farm, Hathersage – on September 19th, he noticed the sheep were gone. Mr Robinson then placed another advert in The Farmer's Guardian and received several phone calls naming Piner as the person who took the sheep. Police were informed and checks discovered 34 of the missing sheep were on a farm in Clitheroe, where Piner was the manager. His vehicle and mobile phone were also recorded as being in Derbyshire on the day of the offence. In interview, Piner denied having any involvement in the theft. During his trial, he said he had acted on behalf of his employer in buying the sheep, and no dishonesty was intended, but his employer disputed this.

The prosecutor added that, in January 2013, Piner had been convicted of four offences of fraud and sentenced to five weeks in prison, suspended for two years, so the Hathersage offence put him in breach of that suspended sentence. None of the sheep have been recovered, the court heard, but Mr Robinson was able to claim on his insurance for them, after paying an excess of £1,000. Representing himself in court, Piner said: "I'm sorry for everything that's gone on. I had a lot of problems and I just regret what happened really". Chairman of the Bench Eric Hilton said: "This offence was a high-value theft. It has been aggravated by your long record of previous dishonesty offences. This was also committed while you were on a suspended sentence order, so therefore we find the theft is so serious that only a custodial sentence can be justified". He was also given a further week's imprisonment for the breach of the suspended sentence order, to run concurrently, and he must pay an £80 surcharge.

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.



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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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