

## Hello,

This is a **Wiltshire Horse Watch** newsletter sent from **Wiltshire Police** and this week includes:

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## Recent Incidents and Crime

Update of crimes and incidents throughout Wiltshire affecting Horse owners, Yards and Rural areas.

Please check the security you have in place for your animals and belongings, keep an eye out for items for sale that match descriptions of anything listed as taken and if you can offer any information on these incidents call 101 and quote the crime reference number.

Area	Date and Time	Crime Reference	Details
Whiteparish, Salisbury	07/04/19 11:00 - 14:00	54190034603	1985 Honda Quad Bike 4x4 stolen from yard.
Oxenwood	09/04/19 18:00 - 10/04/19 08:00	54190035077	Unknown suspect/s have entered a farm compound and stolen 2 x 200 litres of red diesel from tanks.
Corsham	11/04/219 14:32	54190035302	Unknown suspect/s have driven onto farmland and caused damage to the land, as well as driving through a closed 5 bar gate and damaging the gate.
Royal Wootton Bassett	Occurred between 11/04/19 18:00 - 12/04/19 08:00	54190035621	Unknown suspect/s have entered a stable yard and stolen a large, black, 3-wheeled trolley used to manoeuvre trailers.
Amesbury, Salisbury	12/04/19 08:00	54190036189	Suspicious activity around private land and Byway 11. Unknown person exited a vehicle to look at a field, examining locks on a gate, suspected scoping of land for hare coursing/poaching activity.
Allington, Chippenham	16/04/19 13:10-13:15	54190036221	Unknown suspect/s have driven into a farm yard and gained entry to an unlocked vehicle and stolen a wallet.
Allington, Chippenham	16/04/19 13:10-13:15	54190036226	As above, unknown suspect/s have entered a farm yard and have also entered an unlocked barn and stolen: 2x Makita Drill Sets + Charger to the value of £450
Biddestone, Chippenham	16/04/19 17:27	54190036267	Suspicious incident, 2 males visited a small holding uninvited stating they wanted to find

			somewhere to keep a horse.
Chapmanslade, Westbury	15/04/19 18:55	54190036350	Suspicious incident: Unknown male entered a farm, observed outbuildings and walked up to main house and looked in. Nothing taken.
Corsham	Occurred between 14/04/19 21:00 - 15/04/19 07:08	54190036431	Unknown suspect/s have undone a chain, entered a yard and cut through a chain which was securing a Predator 460 stump grinder and taken it.
Hogginton Lane, Trowbridge	17/04/19 14:40	54190036820	A group of unknown youths were running around in a field with horses, concern for both safety of horse and youths in field.
Stokes Marsh, Coulston	Occurred between 14/04/19 19:00 - 17/04/19 10:00	54190036870	Unknown suspect/s have forced and broken a padlock on a secured farm building to gain access. Nothing known to be stolen from inside.
Church Road, Marlborough	17/04/19 13:00	54190036874	A van came into a farm without permission with 2 males inside. One male (white, mid 20's - 30, stocky) was found inside a workshop building and challenged. Asked for scrap or batteries and was told no.
Malmesbury	16/04/19 19:30	54190037053	Locked gate to a yard lifted off of hinges, and 3 unknown males in a Blue pick-up were attempting to hitch a trailer. Reporting person has seen and shouted, vehicles has left with trailer attached but not hitched correctly, resulting in trailer coming off and hitting a fence.
Bowds Lane, Lyneham	Occurred between 17/04/19 09:00 - 18/04/19 20:30	54190037389	Unknown suspect/s have entered a farm and stolen livestock trailer to the value of £4000

## Hare Coursing

There have been a few more reports in the last fortnight of suspicious activity that could possibly be linked to Hare Coursing. Here is a reminder of what it is and what to look out for.

Hare Coursing is an illegal hunting activity where dogs are used to chase, kill and catch hares and cash bets are placed; damage is frequently caused from their trespassing on private land and landowners who request they leave are often victim to threatening behaviour.

Things to look out for:

- Groups or convoy of vehicles in a rural area (e.g. parked in gateways to farmland, tracks and bridleways)
- Coursers may walk along field edges to frighten hares into the open, often carrying binoculars.
- Vehicles are usually estate cars, 4x4's or vans

- Dogs will be being transported, not always in every vehicle (there may be signs there has been dogs - collars, leads, dog crates in the back)

Do not confront anyone. Call 101 to report suspicious activity or vehicles or call 999 if you can see hare coursing is taking place at that moment.

Helpful information to provide:

- Vehicle number plates, make, model and colour
- Number of people and descriptions of anyone seen
- Do they have dogs/equipment/firearms with them?
- Are they trespassing?
- What road are they on and direction of travel?
- Only take a photograph if you can do so safely without risk to yourself.

## Tack Security Marking

The Wiltshire Police Rural Crime Team will be training a number of PCSO's/PC's in tack security marking. If anyone has any old, leather saddles that you no longer require and would be happy to donate for training purposes please contact PC Thomas at [Emily.Thomas@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Emily.Thomas@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk) before 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019. Thank you to those of you who have already offered to donate equipment.