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This is a **Wiltshire Horse Watch** newsletter sent from **Wiltshire Police**. You can share this message with anyone you feel would benefit from it; they can sign up to receive it directly from [Wiltshire Messaging](#) and choosing 'Horse Watch'.

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Replies to this newsletter are not monitored 24/7. If you want to report a crime or incident this must be reported via 101. Call 999 if someone is at immediate risk of being injured or a crime is in progress. You can also call the rural Crimestoppers line anonymously on 0800 783 0137 to give information.

Recent Incidents and Crime

Update of crimes and incidents throughout Wiltshire affecting Horse owners, Yards, Farms and Rural areas. Check the security you have in place and that buildings, animals and belongings are kept secure. Any unwanted items you are intending to sell, store out of sight to discourage opportunists targeting your premises.

If you can offer any information on these incidents call 101, or Rural Crimestoppers 0800 783 0137, and quote the Wiltshire Police crime reference number.

RP = Reporting Person

TVO = To the value of

| Area | Date and Time | Crime Reference | Details |
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| Longcot, Swindon/Oxford Border | 24/04/19 12:08 | 54190039525 | Suspicious Incident: Female with blonde hair, driving a grey Ford Fiesta, with a male in passenger seat drove down a track to a farm, with no reason to be there, trying to look at kennels and farm machinery at address. Nothing taken. |
| Main Road, Amesbury | 24/04/19 08:00-11:51 | 54190039743 | Unknown suspect/s have stolen a pile of scrap material from side of the property that RP had ready to take to a scrap yard themselves. Value unknown. |
| Fyfield, Salisbury | 26/04/19 07:44 | 54190039829 | 2 males in a silver Volvo were disturbed when looking through farm buildings, stated they were looking for scrap metal |
| Stourton, Wiltshire | 25/04/19 15:00-16:00 | 54190039849 | Unknown suspect/s have entered RP's yard and cut a hole in a bulk milk tank to see if anything stored inside – believed to be same 2 males who approached RP in a silver van that day about buying the tank for scrap. 2 Chainsaws also stolen from a work van, TVO £300. |
| Easton Grey, Malmesbury | 28/04/19 17:00 | 541900405852 | Unknown white male, approx. 45 years old, was driving a Blue BMW slowly up and down private lanes and gateways with 'No Access' signs; then approached a dog walker and asked how much their puppy would cost to buy before driving off. |

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| Low Lane, Calne | 28/04/19 18:20 | 54190040615 | Unknown group have entered an empty farmhouse and destroyed windows, out buildings also damaged. |
| Cheney Manor Industrial Estate, Swindon | 27/04/19 21:00-21:12 | 54190040738 | 4 males have opened rear gate of premises, driven into the RP's yard and loaded 500kg of scrap metal into their vehicle. |
| Doric Business Centre, Trowbridge | 29/04/19 04:00-15:30 | 54190040844 | Unknown suspects have accessed a yard by cutting through adjoining businesses fences. One security camera smashed, another turned around and suspects have stolen 50-100 wooden pallets. |
| Nomansland, Salisbury | 29/04/19 12:00 | 54190041153 | White Ford Transit van sighted driving around area, paying close attention to farm outbuildings. |
| Ridgeway/MOD Transit Routes, Salisbury Plain Upavon/Enford/Larkhill area | April-May | Numerous | Vehicles have been seen using the Ridgeway/MOD transit routes bordering Salisbury Plain believed to be seeking hares for hare coursing (lamps on vehicles, dogs on board). |
| Ratford, Calne | 02/15/19 21:30 03/05/19 05:30 | 54190042292 | Unknown suspect/s have broken into a tack room by removing the padlock, searched through cupboards and moved items but nothing taken. |
| Ratford, Calne | 02/05/19 12:00 – 03/05/19 07:00 | 54190042293 | Unknown suspect/s have broken a lock on a gated yard to gain access, then syphoned 330 litres of diesel. |
| Nomansland, Salisbury | 04/05/19 13:00 | 54190042788 | Male riding a motocross bike over RP's land. Has broken a secure gate to be able to access the fields, leaving animals insecure and causing damage to the land. |
| Purton, Swindon | 06/05/19 | 54190043288 | Unknown person appeared to have taken up residence in RP's stables during evenings/overnight; burning fencing belonging to RP. |
| Tidworth Road, Boscombe | 06/05/19 20:00 – 07/05/19 07:30 | 54190043393 | Unknown suspect/s have entered field, pulled up 2x fence posts, cut lead rope across the gate and pushed gate over, leaving RP's horse insecure in the field. |
| Ratford, Calne | 07/05/19 19:15 | 54190043456 | RP has been riding horse along a country road and a vehicle has driven past at speed, sounded horn numerous times and stuck his fingers up. |

Rural Crimestoppers

If you want to share any information relating to rural crime, 100% anonymously, Crimestoppers and the National Farmers Union (NFU) partnered to run the Rural Crime Reporting Line. You can call **0800 783 0137** or complete an online form. [Visit their website](#) if you want to find out more. There is still the [Crimestoppers website](#) and number 0800 555 111, which you still can use for anonymously sharing any information.

999 or 101?

You should always call 999 if:

- A crime is happening right now.
- Someone is in immediate danger.
- There is a risk of serious damage to property.
- A suspect for a crime is nearby.
- There is a traffic collision involving injury or danger to other road users

For all other calls to the police you can use 101; for situations such as:

- Crimes that have already happened where the suspect/s have left and there is no further risk of harm to anyone – such as damaged or stolen property, burglary.
- To provide information to the police about a crime in your area.
- To ask general enquiries.
- To contact a specific police officer, member of staff or department.

If you have general questions about the law, crimes, civil issues or legal proceedings you can find a lot of answers from the [Ask the Police website](#).

Crime Prevention Advice

- Make sure valuable equipment is stored in a secure building behind a strong locked door.
- Use locks that comply with British Standards, good quality locking bars and/or high security padlocks.
- Regularly review your perimeter fencing and gates to ensure it is secure – checking for holes or weak spots which could allow people access.
- Ensure gates are secured at both ends. Reverse or cap hinges and use good quality chains and padlocks.
- If you have access points that are not regularly used consider placing a barrier across the entrance, such as a tree trunk or concrete block.
- Do not leave any scrap materials lying around, which could initially attract thieves onto your premises.
- Install security lighting to deter thieves.
- Consider CCTV and/or fitting alarms if you have items of high value or would be difficult to replace.
- Visibly mark all equipment you own (everything from tack to trailers) and take photographs of it all with the markings. Should anything ever be taken you can quickly share your photos with police and circulate them on social media to help others identify if your property is being sold on.