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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.

Recent Incidents and Crime

Update of crimes and incidents throughout Wiltshire affecting Horse owners, Yards and Rural areas since the last newsletter. Check the security you have in place for your animals and belongings, keep an eye out for items for sale that match descriptions and/or pictures and if you can offer any information on these incidents call 101 and quote the crime reference number. You can also call Rural Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 783 0137.

Area	Date and Time	Crime Reference	Details
West Knoyle, Warminster	16/05/19 18:45	54190049225	White transit van with two males and two lurchers outside of the van seen on private farm land, moved on when confronted.
Chitterne, Warminster	21/05/19 18:00	54190049227	Males disturbed when breaking into a solid metal barn (with no windows), they'd already broken the lock by unknown means and were attempting to steal a Kawasaki quad bike.
Easterton Sands, Easterton	16/05/19 14:30	54190049242	Silver Honda CRV entered a premises and then made enquiries about scrap. CCTV at location captured male.
Rodbourne	23/05/19 01:40	54190049486	Suspects in a flat bed transit van attempted to take metal from a farm field.
Tisbury, Salisbury	22/05/19 22:30 - 23/05/19 08:00	54190050327	Unknown suspect/s have entered farm yard and used a generic key to gain access to four tractors, stealing: RTK Satellite dish receiver 4 GPS Control Screens 3 Greenstar 3000 satellite dishes

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Longbridge Deverill, Warminster	23/05/19 14:16	54190050679	Light coloured Ford Ranger drove up to a closed farm gate, a passenger has got out and appeared to see CCTV camera. He has picked up the farm's black dog and got into the car, the dog has jumped out of the car and the Ford Ranger has reversed at speed back down driveway. On the same day a Ford Ranger containing 5 males in hi-vis were at another farm in Longbridge Deverill and when asked why, left quickly.
Malmesbury	27/05/19 10:30-20:15	54190050921	Unknown suspect/s have removed a padlock and stolen approx. 1 ton of lead that had been removed for restoration.
West Knoyle, Warminster	27/05/19 18:00 28/05/19 07:00	54190051059	Unknown suspect/s have entered a secured yard and stolen large satellite guidance system from tractor cab. -Starfire 3000 satellite navigation
West Amesbury	27/05/19 12:00 - 28/05/19 08:00	54190051408	Unknown suspect/s have used an unknown tool to cut the padlock securing a farm building, they have gained entry and stolen: Yellow power washer worth approx. £2500
Codford	24/5/19 16:00- 29/05/19 08:30	54190051850	Unknown person/s have removed GPS receiver from roof of a tractor on private farm land. Attempts were also made to remove another GPS receiver from another tractor but it was left partially dislodged.
Newton Tony, Amesbury	31/05/19 16:30	54190052361	2 white males, mid to late 30'a, a female and child were seen with a grey lurcher in fields potentially hare coursing.
Winterbourne Monkton	30/05/19 21:15 - 22:00	54190052505	Unknown suspects have entered an farm and stolen a tractor mower (stolen vehicle registration WX67 HCG).
Christian Malford	01/03/19- 01/06/19	54190052683	At some point over the last few months unknown suspect/s have stolen a metal shooting high seat from a field on the farm.
Stapleford, Salisbury	02/06/19 20:00	54190052951	Unknown male covered his face when spotted driving a Honda CRV through a field, fencing and rape seed crops damaged.
Salisbury Road, Pewsey	01/06/19 18:00 - 03/06/19 08:00	54190053027	Unknown suspect/s have used an unknown tool to break the padlock off of a gate to gain entry to the secured yard. They have stolen a caravan.
Bradford on Avon	30/05/19 12:10	54190053936	A suspicious male was on private land, the land owner has approached male and asked why he is there. Male replied he was "looking for somewhere to run" and "what do you think I'm going to do, take your horse?". Male was a white male, late 40's, short ginger hair and had arrived by car.
Aldbourn Road, Baydon	05/06/19 16:45	54190054103	Unknown males have driven into a stable yard and appeared to be looking around; one checked the gate, another checked inside the stable block. Stable owner approached and they left quickly by car.

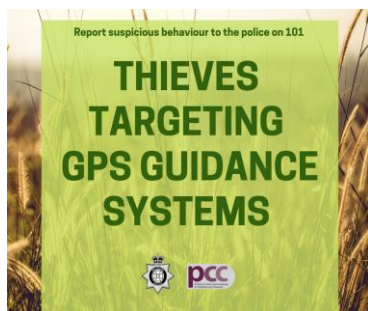
Thames Valley Incident

This was out of the Wiltshire Police force area but we are sharing for your awareness. There was a substantial break-in at a stables in Gravelly Hill, Penn, Buckinghamshire on 26th May 2019 with suspects taking a substantial amount of tack and equipment. Please continually review your own security at your stable or . If you share premises with others, sharing the costs of installing a CCTV camera could be a worthwhile investment. In the last newsletter we also encouraged you to mark and photograph all of your equipment, taking the time to do this could help retrieve items if they are stolen.

Thames Valley Police Crime Reference Numbers: 43190158254, 43190159778 & 43190158226 –

A yard has been broken into and property stolen from 11 stables and 12 store rooms. All of the horses are accounted for and fine. Over 60 items have been taken from various aggrieved.

- Rugs: 1x black & gold Rambo heavy duty turnout, 4x stable rugs, 1 each heavy & medium weight
- Bridles: 2x black Thorough good make, 1x galvamnised unbranded, 2x leather
- Tack: 1x black harness breast plate, 1x black Shires maringale, 1x snaffle & 1x pelham bits, both Happy Mouth make, 1x light blue driving harness, 1x girth & head collar, 1x Dalimote bridle (for small Shetland)
- Saddles: 1x Wintech synthetic (black). 1x with stirrups
- Saddle pads: 3x bronze & black Prolite, 1x purple no make, 1x with stirrups & 1 blue no make
- 1x red Red Rocket horse clippers



GPS Thefts

Over the May Bank Holiday period both Wiltshire and Dorset were targeted for thefts of Starfire GPS systems from within Tractors.

Reports of thefts occurred mostly in the South West of Wiltshire, with John Deere tractors targeted during the night.

Wiltshire Police are still keen to speak to anyone who has seen suspicious vehicles or people close to farm premises over the weekend of the 24 – 26 May 2019 in the Longbridge Deverill and Tisbury areas. If you can help please contact our Rural Crime Team by calling 101 to share information related to these incidents.

Or information can be passed anonymously via Rural Crimestoppers 0800 783 0137.

GPS Crime Prevention Advice

Please share this information with any owners of agricultural vehicles that use GPS.

- Remove all GPS guidance receivers, aerials or antenna globe when not in use and keep them locked away in secure locked place when possible.
- Considered fitting security tethers to devices to stop them being removed.
- Consider marking these with UV pen or engraving your postcode or forensic marking such as Datatag are all options to consider. Machines fitted and registered with certain security markings are 4 times less likely to be stolen and 6 times more likely to be recovered if they are stolen.
- Store machinery inside locked barns if possible.
- Where locking machines away isn't an option consider fitting mains or battery operated alarms to outbuildings or around the perimeter of areas where machines are stored.
- If you are considering fitting CCTV then please consider fitting this as well as alarms as part of a system. CCTV cannot be relied on fully as this won't alert you at the time that you have intruders.
- CCTV and intruder alarms will deter most thieves but make sure they are checked regularly to ensure they will work when you need them and they are placed in a position that won't be triggered by animals or foliage moving in the wind.
- Record machinery serial numbers and photographs for reference. This will help police should they be stolen with press releases and social media appeals furthering the chances of the items being recovered. You can use www.immobilise.com is a good place to record your property, ITS FREE!
- Let employees know the security arrangements that are expected of them while working on the farm.
- Encourage farm staff to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour or vehicles to the police. We don't know unless you tell us!