Newsletter

January & February 2017

South Hereford Rural
Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

About your team

Safer Neighbourhood Teams work with local people and partners to identify, tackle and solve issues that matter to the community where you live.
Making neighbourhoods safer by cutting day to day crime and anti-social behaviour is at the heart of keeping people in West Mercia safe. Thanks to an investment in mobile tablet style computers, these will enable officers to spend more time on patrol on the street and in neighbourhoods.
Officers will continue to come to people when they need them and provide a high quality service however you contact us - in person (on the street, at community bases and at partners and communities together [PACT] meetings), on the phone or online.

Where we work

South Wye SNT is based at South Wye Police Station, Goodrich Grove, Newton Farm, Hereford, HR2 7DB, we work around the areas of **Rural:** Aconbury; Allensmore; Ballingham; Bolstone; Callow; Dewsall; Dinedor; Garway; Grafton; Harewood; Haywood; Hentland; Holme Lacy; Kenderchurch; Kentchurch; Kilpeck; Kingstone; Little Birch; Much Birch; Little Dewchurch; Llandinabo; Llanwarne; Lower Bullingham; Much Dewchurch; Orcop; Pencoyd; Pontrilas; St Devereaux; St Weonards; Tretire with Michealchurch; Thruxton; Treville; Wormbridge; Wormelow.

Your team

Sgt Emma Freer, PC Kirsty OBrien, PC Jim Phillips, PCSO Lowri Anderson, PCSO Adam Westlake, PCSO Christina Howard, and PCSO Christopher Yarwood.

How to get in touch

☎ **101** to talk to your local SNT or report a crime

✉ herefordsouthside.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

www.westmercia.police.uk

Herefordshire Cops / @southsidecops

Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

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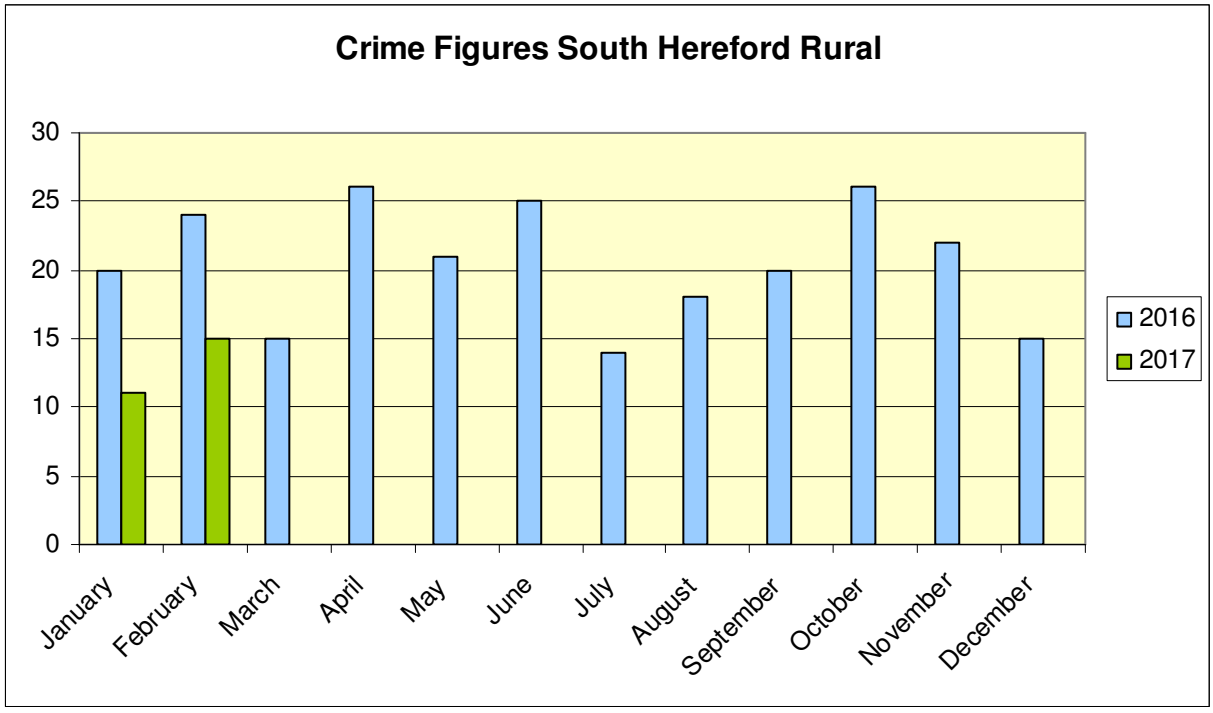
General Policing Rural

In **December** there were **111** incidents reported to the police for the South Hereford Rural Area which were either, attended and dealt with by us, or response officers. **11** of these were "Grade 1", which means 999 emergency calls which is either life threatening or a crime in progress.
There were **15** crimes. These are broken down in to; **6** Theft, **1** Assault, **4** Misc, **1** Damage and **3** Burglary.
In **January** there were **109** incidents reported to the police for the South Hereford Rural Area which were either, attended and dealt with by us, or response officers. **21** of these were "Grade 1", which means 999 emergency calls which is either life threatening or a crime in progress.
There were **11** crimes. These are broken down in to; **6** Theft, **0** Assault, **0** Misc, **0** Damage and **5** Burglary.
In **February** there were **126** incidents reported to the police for the South Hereford Rural Area which were either, attended and dealt with by us, or response officers. **24** of these were "Grade 1", which means 999 emergency calls which is either life threatening or a crime in progress.
There were **15** crimes. These are broken down in to; **5** Theft, **0** Assault, **2** Misc, **4** Damage and **4** Burglary.

Crime trends for 2016 and 2017 Rural



Apology

Due to technical issues, last months newsletter didn't go out, so this month you have a bumper issue.

Items of note

Dinedor
OIS 95S 200217 – Between 18:00 19th Feb and 06:45 on the 20th Feb a stable block was entered, a computer, strimmer and chainsaw was taken.

Orcop

OIS 275s 190217 – Between 16:00 on 18th Feb and 11:00 on 19th Feb a mini digger and trailer was stolen from outside a barn.

Kingstone
OIS 36s 140217 – Between 15:00 on 13th Feb and 02:30 on 14th Feb. a vehicle, which had broken down between Kingstone and Clehonger was broken into and it's stereo was stolen.

Callow
OIS 515s 130217 – Between 17:00 on 12thFeb and 17:00 on 13th Feb four lambs have been killed by possible a dog.

Harewod End
OIS 285s 070217 – At 11:45 on 7th Feb a vehicle was entered and an Ipad taken from within the vehicle.

OIS 255s 070217 – Between 10:00 and 11:45 on 7th Feb, a vehicle was broken into and a purse was taken.

Little Dewchurch
OIS 119s 070217 – Between 19:00 on 6th Feb and 07:00 on 7th Feb, a trailer was taken an unlocked barn.

Muchbirch
OIS 655s 020217 – Between 18:00 on 1st Feb and 18:00 on 2nd Feb a Dark Green Kawasaki KLF 300 agricultural quad bike was stolen from a farm building.

If you have any information regarding any of the above you can contact Hereford Police on 101, in an emergency please dial 999. Please be aware that any information provided within this letter is to inform you of incidents of note and to request possible assistance. We do not want to worry you in anyway. Any incidents stated are infrequent and spread about a wide area. Herefordshire is a safe place to live!

Please find some advice on preventing theft from Farm Buildings and Out Buildings.

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE FOR...

PREVENTING THEFT FROM FARMS AND OUTBUILDINGS

RURAL MATTERS

Around your farm yard, in your barns and outbuildings there is valuable equipment that will appeal to thieves e.g. power tools, quad bikes, machinery and diesel. Isolated buildings, machinery and livestock present the greatest risk.

Tips to consider

Farm buildings

- Make sure valuable equipment is stored in a secure building behind a strong locked door, or use a metal cage and keep it locked when unattended.
- When not in use, lock doors to outbuildings at all times. If equipment is in a barn or rick yard secure it with gates, an alarm or security beams.
- Use locks that comply with the British standards, good quality locking bars and high security padlocks.
- Windows can be an open invitation to thieves - protect them with metal bars or grilles.
- Improve security for your diesel and fertiliser.

Farmhouses

Farmhouses are often in isolated locations and can be vulnerable to crime if not properly secured.

- Make sure that doors are kept locked - even when you are on the premises.
- Fit locks to all ground floor windows.
- Make sure doors and windows are well maintained and in a good state of repair.
- Fit mortice deadlocks that comply with the British standards to all external doors and reinforce with locking bolts.
- Investing in timers that turn lights on and off inside the house if you go out at night and consider installing security lighting outside.
- Consider fitting an alarm.

Perimeter

- A secure perimeter around your fields and outbuildings will help deter thieves from targeting livestock, vehicles and implements.
- Check fences and hedges to identify weak spots that could provide unauthorised access to criminals or vehicles and secure where necessary.
- Consider restricting access at your entrance to prevent unwelcome vehicles entering. Consider a gate alarm or barrier system.

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- Ensure gates are secured at both ends. Reverse or cap hinges and use good quality chains and padlocks.

Farms and outbuildings

- Install security lighting around yards, outbuildings and isolated locations.
- Consider installing perimeter alarms, where practical.
- If you have gateways or access points that are not in regular use place a barrier such as a tree trunk or concrete block across the entrance.

Machinery and tools

- Machinery and tools are very valuable to thieves so try and secure your property.
- Lock or immobilise vehicles and equipment when not in use. Remove keys from cars, tractors and other vehicles left unattended.
- Avoid leaving machinery in isolated locations or fields - particularly near roads - where they can be removed without attracting attention.
- Visibly mark your machinery and tools - this not only acts as a deterrent to thieves but also helps the police reunite stolen property to the rightful owners if it is recovered. Keep a list of tools, together with serial numbers and any identifying marks. You can do this at www.immobilise.com
- Keep tools locked away when you are not using them. As well as being a target for thieves they can also be used to access your secured property.
- For machinery and vehicles such as tractors and quad bikes consider having these items fitted with a tracking device or tagging system.
- Items such as quad bikes, sit on lawn mowers, rotivators etc are very desirable to thieves. Consider shackling them together or chain to a hitch secured to the ground or strong fabric of a building making them difficult to remove.
- Visibly mark all equipment.

In an emergency please call 999, otherwise please call 101 (the national police non-emergency number).

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If you would like a larger email version, please ask.

View of the month

I am very lucky to travel around South Hereford every day and see some of the fantastic views it has to offer. Don't worry, there is not guessing involved. I just thought I would share my favourite view from the month with you.

This was a lovely clod morning whilst on foot patrol going towards Rotherwas industrial estate.

I took part on a joint operation with Brecon Beacons National park this month to stop and educate off road scramblers. Yes they were out in the snow!

If you would like to receive this Briefing via email, please email herefordsouthside.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Regards,

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