



POLICING PRIORITIES PEWSEY WEST

- **HARE COURSING/POACHING**

There have been numerous reports of this activity, mainly in the following areas;

UPAVON – Widdington Farm/Casterley Camp

RUSHALL – Rushall Organics

ALTON BARNES – Fields below the White Horse

STANTON ST BERNARD/PATNEY – Farms in the local area

What we're doing in response to this;

Better and more frequent communication with farmers/gamekeepers.

Regular targeted area patrols.

Regular policing operations in company with the Rural Crime Team and, on occasion, our colleagues in Tidworth/Ludgershall to try and cover our borders.

- **SPEEDING ISSUES**

Speeding vehicles continue to be a problem in the areas of;

UPAVON

OARE

PEWSEY

What we're doing in response to this;

Speed enforcement days, assisted by our colleagues from the Special Constabulary.

Join the Community Speedwatch teams wherever possible.

Driver education – home visits to those drivers who have been caught speeding by the CSW teams when police have not been in attendance - they are warned about their future conduct on the road.

Below is a snapshot of crimes committed in and around Upavon in the past 12 months;

Burglary:

On 07/06/2015 between 22:50hrs and 22:53hrs in High Street, unknown suspects have jemmied the sliding front door of the garage, gained entry and made off with £500 - £600 worth of cigarettes. Alarm activated.

On 16/09/2015 between 06:00hrs and 19:15hrs in Fairfield, a garden secured with a 6ft high fence and padlocks has been entered by suspect/s without damage to the padlocks, and once inside the garden suspect(s) have entered a secure garage, opened secure double doors on the inside to remove car parts, engines a beach buggy and off road bike from inside.

On 28/10/2015 at 04:18am in High Street, the alarm has sounded at the garage, voices have been heard and also a loud bang. Then three vehicles have been taken, and the office has been searched and money and cigarettes have also been taken.

On 21/12/2015 between 21:00hrs and 23:40hrs at Trenchard Lines, hangers belonging to a gliding club based on a military run airfield have been broken into by forcing open the doors. A large quantity of tools and also around 20l of diesel fuel were taken.

On 08/01/2016 at 00:57am in High Street, the IP has heard the alarm sounding in his shop, that he lives above. The IP has gone to the shop and has seen four males attempting to break into the shop. No entry has been gained and nothing has been taken from within. Males have then left in a vehicle.

Theft:

On 09/08/2015 between 20:00hrs and 23:00hrs in Watson Close, an unknown suspect has removed insecure custom BMX pedal cycle from outside a dwelling.

On 06/12/2015 at 17:35hrs in High Street, an unknown male has entered the shop and was being served at the till by a shop assistant. When male had finished being served, he then reached over the counter and grabbed between £200-£300 cash from the till before running out of the shop.

Theft from motor vehicles:

On 23/08/2015 between 15:30 and 16:30hrs, IP parked up at the tank crossing on the A342 between Upavon and Everleigh. He parked in a layby and took his dog for a walk. On his return to his vehicle, he found the passenger side window smashed and items taken from the vehicle.

On 06/09/2015 08:00 and 17:00hrs in York Road, the IP reported that unknown suspects had stolen the rear number plate from his bike carrier. The index plate was held in place by clips, these were not damaged and therefore it was felt that the number plate had been stolen.

On 28/12/2015 between 14:00hrs and 16:00hrs at Casterley Camp, unknown suspect(s) have used an unknown implement to smash the passenger side rear window of the IP's vehicle and stole a mini apple iPad, a blanket that was covering it and a bag containing 2 books from the rear seat of the vehicle.

As you can see, there have been a number of burglaries and thefts in the Upavon area over the past 12 months. To help protect your property, please ensure that you have:

- * Security marked items***
- * Recorded serial numbers***
- * Photographed items***
- * Locked away and secured when not in use***
- * Secured access points into yards/premises***

Please re-visit your security features on your property such as chains and locks, CCTV and lighting. This will ensure that you have the best possible deterrent to opportunist thieves.

Hare Coursing:

On 26/08/2015 at 16:25hrs at Widdington Farm, a blue Subaru was sighted in a farmer's field and was believed connected to poaching and hare coursing.

Hare coursing and poaching continues to be a blight in the local area. Trespassing, coursing and poaching illegally and criminal damage to farmer's fields and crops are the main problems. Coursers and poachers have been known to be aggressive when confronted, and on one occasion have attempted to barge a pursuing vehicle to get away. This is only one of many calls we have received over the past 12 months.

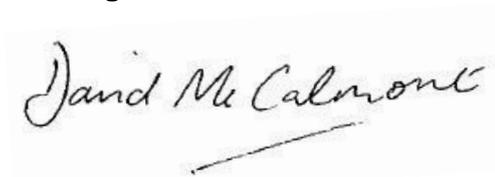
We have had success with a couple of arrests over the Christmas and New Year period , and we continue patrols and operations alongside the Rural Crime Team and our neighbouring area of Tidworth in the local affected areas – we continue to work with local farmers in order to try and resolve the problems.

Speeding, general:

We continue to receive reports of speeding around Upavon and the surrounding villages. This has become one of our local priorities. I am hoping to go out with the village's Community Speed Watch Team very soon – I will have a look at the upcoming dates and try to join the team.

We continue to proactively patrol the area as best we can with the resources available to us. We would like to remind all residents, particularly those in the more rural areas to be vigilant in reporting suspicious persons and/or vehicles to us via the 101 non-emergency number.

Kind regards



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