

Upavon Police Report



Please find below details of crime committed in the Upavon area since my last report of 20th July, 2016. Please accept my continued apologies for non-attendance - this is down to me being office bound at the moment due to health issues. I hope to be out and about again soon.

Burglary:

Between 26/07/2016 at 09:00hrs and 29/07/2016 at 16:00hrs in Watson Close, suspect(s) have smashed a perspex recycling box outside the Community Centre, attempted to prise open some metal windows and also broken the catch at the bottom of the main door. No entry has been gained. A perspex notice board has also previously been damaged and metal grids lifted up from in front of the main door.

Hare Coursing:

We continue to deal with numerous instances of hare coursing in the area. Over the past few months, concerted efforts have been made to try and deal with these offences. PC 2460 HERBERT has had meetings with victims, rights of way officers and military liaison to promote partnership working in order to identify and hopefully apprehend those involved.

From further afield:

Pewsey Burglaries:

On 27/08/2016 between 20:00 and 22:00hrs in Wilcot Road, unknown suspect(s) have gained access to the IPs property believed via the kitchen window. Once inside they have stolen an iPad Air and £40 and possibly other items which are unconfirmed at this time.

Between 27/08/2016 at 19:00hrs and 29/08/2016 at 13:10hrs in Whatley Drive, unseen person(s) have gained entry to the premises via the rear patio doors. They have thrown tomato sauce over the bedroom covering the carpet, walls and clothes. They have used make up to write a message on the wall. Untidy search conducted of other bedroom. A TV and some personal jewellery were taken.

On 02/09/2016 between 13:00hrs and 15:00hrs in High Street, unknown suspects have entered store, the female suspect has distracted the RP and taken her to rear of the shop whilst the male suspect has entered a staff area which is out of bounds to the public and stolen a black metal cash box containing £63.50.

Between 06/09/2016 at 18:00hrs and 08/09/2016 at 11:00hrs in High Street, unknown suspect(s) have used an unknown weapon to force open a small window to the rear of the IP's commercial premises. Once inside suspects have conducted an untidy search and stolen a camera, namely a Nikon digital SLR with a 40mm macro lens (value approx £900) and around £40 in loose change from the till.

Between 07/09/2016 at 11:00hrs and 08/09/2016 at 11:00hrs in High Street, a suspect unknown has smashed a window and gained entry to the building. Once inside, they have emptied a cash tin and upturned a computer screen.

On 08/09/2016 between 06:00 and 18:30hrs at St. John The Baptist's church, an unseen person has gained entry to the open church, the outer doors were unlocked. They then went to the organ cubicle and forced open a side door into the vestry; believed door was repeatedly kicked damaging door and frame. The RP was not sure if anything has been stolen at time of reporting.

There have been a few burglaries and thefts in the Pewsey West area recently. 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.

We conduct regular target patrols to try and combat the number of burglaries, thefts and hare coursing incidents. Rural Crime Operations with the Rural Crime Team are held regularly together with our colleagues from the Tidworth area who are situated on our borders. We also have regular contact with Thames Valley Police who come up with some useful information on who is crossing from their area into Wiltshire and vice-versa.

Incidents of note from the Pewsey East villages:

Burbage - Attempted Burglary

Between 12/08/2016 at 16:00hrs and 15/08/2016 07:20hrs in High Street, unknown suspect/s have attempted to gain entry to a secure Porta cabin at a building site development by prising the metal shutters away from the windows. No entry was gained.

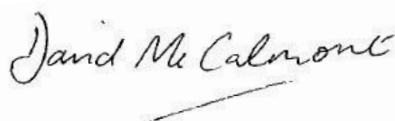
Burbage - Non-Dwelling Burglary

Between 04/09/2016 at 15:30hrs and 05/09/2016 at 08:30hrs in High Street, unknown suspect(s) have gained entry to IP's double standalone garage via insecure up & over door. Suspects have searched a filing cabinet & moved a large wooden/glass trophy cabinet stored inside to steal x2 HYBRID pedal bicycles stored at the rear of the garage.

Pewsey Carnival:

All of the carnival events passed off with the minimum of problems. The carnival was, as usual, well organized, marshalled and there was a real sense of community spirit present. It made our job a lot easier, many thanks to all who took part. On the night of the procession, we were well supported by the Special Constabulary who provided officers to help keep the event safe and reduce incidents of crime and disorder.

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. If something appears out of place, no matter how small you may feel the matter is, then please contact us and let us know. Many thanks for your continued support.



*With kindest regards,
David McCalmont
PC 1717, Community Beat Manager Pewsey West.*