



Hello and welcome to the Community Policing Team Report for DEVIZES Town and DEVIZES Rural.

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### **ADVICE FOR VICTIMS OF FRAUD:**

*If you suspect you've been a victim of fraud involving credit or debit cards, online banking or cheques, you should report it to your bank or card company.*

They are responsible for undertaking further investigation and reporting criminal activity to us where appropriate.

Fraud that doesn't involve your bank or card company should be reported to the business or organisation concerned. Depending on their advice, you may then need to report this to us on 101.

Where an additional crime has been committed with the fraud, for example, you have had your wallet or purse stolen or the card used fraudulently was taken as a result of a burglary, then this should still be reported to us on 101.

#### **Some steps you can take to protect yourself:**

- Make sure you keep a record of all communications.
- Get a copy of your personal credit report from one of the credit reference agencies - Experian, Equifax and Call Credit. A paper version of your report is available from £2. If applications for credit have been made in your name you can ask to have any incorrect information removed.
- Consider contacting CIFAS - the UK's Fraud Prevention Service, to apply for protective registration. Once you have registered, CIFAS members will carry out extra checks whenever anyone applies for a financial service using your address.
- If you suspect mail theft, contact the Royal Mail Customer Enquiry Number on 08457 740740 or visit their website

If you are a victim of card fraud or online banking fraud you have protection through legislation, which states that you will not be liable for any losses unless you have acted fraudulently or without reasonable care.

Action Fraud can provide help and information online or by calling 0300 123 2040.

### **LANDLORD AND TENANT DISPUTES:**

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Landlord/ tenant relations are a very complex area of law and the following advice is only to be used as a guide. For more complete advice you should contact the Environmental Protection department of your local authority.

The proper procedure that a landlord must follow to legally evict a tenant is:

- A legal written notice
- A court order for possession and
- A bailiff's warrant (to be enforced by a County Court bailiff).

Until all these three steps have been taken, the tenant has a right to stay in the property.

### **NEIGHBOUR COMPLAINTS AND BOUNDARY DISPUTES:**

Neighbour complaints can take many forms. Please contact us about the specific nature of the issue/complaint and we can advise further.

We do not have the power to deal with boundary disputes. This is a civil issue and you need to seek the advice of a solicitor to resolve any boundary issues you may have. It will be worthwhile contacting your bank or building society (or whoever holds your deeds) to check the boundaries.

### **HOUSE PARTIES AND ILLEGAL RAVES:**

If your neighbours are having a noisy house party, we have no powers of prosecution for noise offences. You need to contact the Environmental Health Department of your local authority.

If you believe that an illegal rave is taking place then contact us.

Some signs to look out for are:

- Groups of cars and young people gathering in unusual places such as industrial sites, small villages or remote rural areas
- Interest in certain remote, rural sites such as quarries, particularly by people that look out of place or you wouldn't expect to see
- Cars and vans delivering generators to rural locations.

## PRIORITIES IN YOUR AREA:

### Priority One:

Rural Crime Patrols -

It is imperative that we maintain a high visible presence within our rural county. As wintertime is fast approaching, we anticipate an increase in visitors to our countryside.

We will be aiming to regularly patrol our rural sites that unfortunately do become a target of vehicle and rural crime.

Operations have been carried out and suspects have been located and issued with a ban from the area.

### Priority Two:

**Burglaries/Unexpected Callers –**

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CRIME UPDATES:

**All Cannings**

On 07.01.2020, it was reported to us that some unknown suspects have chased a fox whilst in company of approximately 30 dogs.

**Rowde**

On 08.01.2020 a vehicle was stopped by officers and the driver was arrested for possession of a class B drug.

Overnight between 09-10.01.2020, Unknown suspect/s have used unknown means to break the lock of a diesel tank in an attempt to drain it. Suspect/s have then stolen a cattle trailer from the rear of the farm building.

On 26.01.2020 a car was stopped by officers and the vehicle was seized for having no insurance.

**Horton**

Overnight between 10-11.01.2020, unknown suspect/s have entered a farm site and stolen a trailer that was parked up on the site. The suspect/s have also stolen some drill batteries and chargers as well.

**Coate**

During the day on 21.01.2020, unknown suspects have accessed a residential property through the unlocked front door and have made an untidy search of the upstairs of the property. It appears that Gold and Jewellery have been taken at this time.

On 23.01.2020, Unknown suspect/s have come onto a property, and located a ride on lawn mower on the property, which they pushed down the drive way and loaded it onto the back of a trailer.

**Bromham**

Between 26-31.01.2020, unknown suspect/s have stolen a trailer from a farm yard by cutting the securing lock that was covering the tow hitch. It is believed they have used an angle grinder.

**Potterne**

On 03.01.2020 a vehicle was seen and stopped by officers. The vehicle was seized for having no insurance.

**Urchfont**

On 04.01.2020 we received a report for potential Hare Coursing on Redhorn Hill.

**Erlestoke**

On 09.01.2020 a vehicle was stopped in Erlestoke. The driver was arrested for possession of class B drugs.

**Great Cheverell**

Following an illegal rave on 12.01.2020, two vehicles were stopped on Pear Tree Hill and was subsequently arrested for driving under the influence of drugs. Another vehicle was stopped and seized for having no insurance.

Other arrests were made for possession of class B drugs.

**Potterne**

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Between 29-31.01.2020, unknown suspect/s have stolen by unknown means a Landrover Defender 110 from a location where it was parked securely.

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