

**Pewsey Neighbourhood Policing Team:  
East Villages Police Report**



Pewsey Neighbourhood Policing Team: Call 101 – In an emergency always dial 999

We have experienced ten crimes within the Pewsey East villages in the past month (since 6th March 2016). These include two thefts from motor vehicles, two thefts involving a house key and ornamental spades and criminal damage to a flower pot.

Of note and of concern are three dwelling burglaries which occurred in Shalbourne and Great Bedwyn and two non-dwelling burglaries in Burbage.

**Dwelling burglaries –**

- On Sunday 13/03/2016, following an incident in the Hampshire area where a stolen vehicle was used in a ram raid, officers attended the registered keepers address in Shalbourne to find that suspect(s) unknown have smashed a window in the dwelling, gained entry and stolen vehicle keys before making off with the vehicle.
- During the evening of Tuesday 22/03/2016 in Great Bedwyn, unknown suspect(s) have entered IP's property via forcing a rear window and International currency has been stolen, namely dollars and euros.
- Similarly around this time and date forced entry was gained to a nearby dwelling by unknown suspect(s), forcing rear windows. Cash and jewellery stolen. Enquiries are continuing.

We are eager to speak with anyone who was in the Church street area of Great Bedwyn, near to the turning for Crofton, during the early evening of 22<sup>nd</sup> March, who may be able to assist our enquiries.

These types of offences cause real upset to those affected by these crimes, particularly if elderly. They are left feeling frightened, unable to sleep and incredibly vulnerable.

**Non-dwelling burglaries –**

- Between Thursday 1700/31/03/2016 and Friday 0730/01/04/2016 in Burbage, High street, unknown suspect(s) have 'rammed' a vehicle into a garage door and gained access to the building and stolen a number of tools from within.
- Between 1400/31/03/2016 and 144001/04/2016 in Burbage, Eastcourt road, unknown suspect(s) has gained entry to a detached garage by unknown means and stolen a tool trolley containing a large number of hand tools.

With regard to the vehicle in the ditch at Burbage roundabout – one male has been arrested in relation to driving whilst intoxicated and driving without insurance.

We have also dealt recently with cold callers in Burbage and two males from Nottingham have been reported for summons.

**Rogue trading, distraction burglaries, cold callers and telephone scams.**

I gave a presentation to the Good Companions Group in Burbage recently in our efforts to target harden and provide more resilience to our elderly and vulnerable community members. Whilst the number of distraction burglaries has fallen dramatically throughout Wiltshire we have experienced several in recent years in our area. Similarly rogue traders – persons who call and offer to complete repairs to properties such as tree lopping, gutter and roof repairs, who then charge extortionate rates to the householder. Those involved who engage in such activity often travel from other areas of the country to engage in this type of criminality.

We are eager to roll out this programme to the wider community so please make contact either with myself or via Susie Brew to schedule an event.

With kindest regards,

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