

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



PEWSEY NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAMS NEWSLETTER

January 2010

PRIORITIES

The time has come for us to set some new priorities to tackle in the coming months. The following have been determined by public reports and police knowledge.

Pewsey East NPT

Hare Coursing-East Grafton

The Pewsey Vale area has been experiencing an escalating problem of Hare Coursing over the last few months. Local police have been actively tackling the problem and numerous arrests have been made in relation to hare coursing offences. Pewsey East NPT have decided to make Hare Coursing one of their priorities as it has a big impact on farmers, land owners and the rural community as a whole. Crops and land can become damaged and wildlife is harmed. We shall be tackling this issue robustly.

Anti Social Behaviour-Gt.Bedwyn

The train station has been a hot spot for ASB over the past couple of months, varying from underage drinking to general harassment of local residents. Pewsey East NPT have been working alongside General

response officer to deal with these issues and will continue to do so.

Pewsey West NPT

Anti Social Behaviour-'The Links', Pewsey

The local residents in the residential area of 'The Links' in Pewsey are experiencing problems with Mini Moto bikes being ridden around the cul-de-sac in an anti social manner. Pewsey West NPT will be working to tackle the problem with a view to robust policing.

Anti Social Behaviour/Criminal Damage-Church Yard, Church street, Pewsey.

Police have had reports of youths acting in an anti social manner in the church yard. They have been littering, underage drinking and being a general nuisance. The church yard is becoming damaged as a result of this behaviour. The police will be working with the parish to try and eradicate these problems.

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MEET THE TEAMS

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Pewsey East



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PEWSEY CRIME

Listed below are a selection of some of the crimes that have happened in the Pewsey area over the last month. If you have information that could help us solve these crimes (or any others) please let us know by contacting Wiltshire Police on **0845 408 7000** and if you would like to remain anonymous contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Please note that this is by no means a comprehensive list of all the crimes which have been reported this month.

Pewsey East

THEFT

In early January, during the snowy weather, offenders stole 8 saddle stones from a residential dwelling in Shalbourne, near Pewsey.

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A male offender has entered the sales kiosk at Burbage Service station and asked if they had a toilet which his son could use. When staff said they did not, the male became verbally abusive, swearing at the staff. As the male left the service station, he has grabbed a bunch of flowers from the display and has made off in his vehicle without making any attempt to pay for the flowers.

VEHICLE INTERFERENCE / TAMPERING

Unknown person/s have forced drivers side window of a car in Great Bedwyn, by bending it open. They have then conducted an untidy search of the vehicle. Nothing is believed to have been stolen but the offender/s have removed the ignition cowling and have pulled interior wires out so they are exposed.

Pewsey West

THEFT

Unknown offender/s have removed three saddle stones from outside an address in Upavon.

THEFT

Unknown offender/s have removed the nearside front wheel bearing cover from a vehicle parked outside its home address in The Crescent, Pewsey. No attempt was made to enter the vehicle.

BURGLARY

Unknown offender/s have entered the rear of a garden in Oare and forced entry to the garden shed, using an unknown implement to remove the 5-lever lock. 2 adult push bikes have been stolen along with a selection of power tools.

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BURGLARY CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

- Where you don't have them fit mortise locks or bolts to all doors and windows
- Close and lock windows/doors when you are not in the room, especially when leaving the house or in the garden.
- Double check that doors and windows are locked at night
- Keep valuable items out of view and reach of windows and doors
- Never leave a spare key in a hiding place like in a plant pot or letterbox – a thief knows all the hiding places.
- Hide financial documents and keys - if someone does break in you don't want them also to steal from your bank account or take your car
- Never leave sheds/garages unlocked, especially when you are gardening
- Lock tools and ladders away so that a thief cannot use them to break in
- Make sure you have good lighting around your property and invest in a burglar alarm
- Stop a thief gaining access to the back of the property where there is less chance of being seen
- Make sure any hedging at the front of your property is not too high to allow a burglar to work away unnoticed
- Mark all valuable items with your postcode and property number also record the serial number of electronic items
- Take coloured photographs of all jewellery including hallmarks
- If you see anyone acting suspiciously take their description and details of any vehicle registration including direction of travel and call the police on 0845 408 7000 or 999 if they are about to break into a property
- Join or set up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme - for more details contact 0845 408 7000

DISTRACTION BURGLARS AND BOGUS CALLERS CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

Most people that call at your home will be genuine. But sometimes people turn up unannounced, with the intention of distracting you and tricking their way into your home to steal money and valuables. They are known as 'distraction burglars', 'bogus callers' or 'cold callers'. They specifically target the elderly and vulnerable members of our community.

These types of criminals pose as official people such as council officers, utility company representatives or even the police. Follow the SOS – STAY OUT STRANGER advice for when there is someone at your door:

- Keep your door shut and locked and use a spy hole or window
- Do NOT open the door if you do not recognise or are not expecting a caller
- Avoid keeping large amounts of cash at home

VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

- ❖ Never keep anything on display in your vehicle; even coats can be a target as they often contain wallets, valuable items, change and cards in the pockets.
- ❖ Park your car as near to your home as possible, preferably in a well lit area, using a driveway or garage if possible. As smashing glass can make a noise, let's make sure someone will hear it.
- ❖ Sat Nav's are a prime target. If you leave suction marks on the window this will give the thief a good indication that you own a device. Never leave it in the car, in the glove compartment; or even in the boot. These are the first places the thief will check. Never leave your exact address as "home" on your Sat Nav, as this could lead to further problems.
- ❖ If you own a van, make sure you remove tools overnight and display an appropriate sign in the rear window making this clear.

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Equine Health News

Horse owners advised not to panic over threat of swamp fever outbreak.

Horse owners are being advised not to panic over the news that [swamp fever \(equine infectious anemia or EIA\) has been found in Britain.](#)

Defra last night confirmed that two horses have been humanely destroyed after testing

**HORSE & FARM
WATCH**

British Horse Society (BHS) head of welfare Lee Hackett said last night: "Obviously **any outbreak of an exotic disease is very worrying** and this is news that we did not want to hear." But there is **no reason to panic and every reason to hope that these cases are an isolated incident** and be successfully contained." He said Defra has acted "incredibly quickly" and taken every possible precaution to ensure the outbreak of swamp fever is suppressed. British Horseracing Authority (BHA) director of welfare Tim Morris said no one must be complacent, but offered further reassurance to both the horse-owning public, and the horseracing industry.

"**Defra does not think the risk of spread is high** or that racing will be affected," said Mr Morris. "**EIA is spread by biting flies and such spread is unlikely at this time of year** and with the current weather." The EIA was picked up after routine post-import testing of horses from Romania and Belgium. They arrived in the UK on 22 December. The horses are **not competition or racehorses, or breeding animals** — and **Romania is one of the largest exporters of horses for slaughter** in Europe. **Horse & Hound has asked Defra why the Romania horses were in Wiltshire** — and we will keep readers regularly updated as things progress.

EIA is often fatal to horses. If the affected animal recovers it remains a lifelong carrier of the disease and will thereby be infectious to other animals, therefore all infected animals must be humanely destroyed to control the spread of disease.

Our Rural Crime Team will provide any updates as and when they receive them.

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