



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:

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:

Anti-Social Behaviour - Devizes Town and Market Lavington

It is essential that we tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) within our community. ASB is defined as, *“Acting in a manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household.”* We have had an increase in reports of this type of behaviour in both Devizes and Market Lavington.

ADVICE:

Please report any behaviour as defined above to 101.

Rural Crime – Hare-coursing and Beauty Spot Thefts

It is imperative that we maintain a high visible presence within our rural county. As the spring/summertime is fast approaching, we anticipate an increase in visitors to both our Beauty Spot areas and countryside. We will be aiming to regularly patrol our Beauty Spots and our rural sites that unfortunately do become a target of vehicle and rural crime.

ADVICE:

It is important for members of the public not to leave any valuables within their vehicles. It is also important for members of the Public to report any suspicious activity to us.

Vehicle Crime– Community Speed Watch/Drink Driving

Keeping our roads safe is extremely important within our area as we have several A Roads that pass through DEVIZES. We will be receiving fortnightly updates from our Community Speed Watch Teams with specific areas to target.

ADVICE:

It is important that we work with the general public to identify unsafe road users within our county. We hope to show how hard we will be working to target the Roads through our Social Media updates.

CRIME UPDATES:

Market Lavington

You may have noticed a rise in police presence in the village, particularly after school. This is due to increased reports of Anti-Social Behaviour recently, and we are applying as much attention to it as possible to help tackle the issues. Specialist Police teams have been involved to help the frontline staff to provide effective results. If you ever feel like you need to report something, please do so, your information will be kept confidential and you can also make an anonymous report via Crimestoppers. Any information is greatly valued and helps us take action quickly and effectively.

On 18.03.19 three unknown male suspects have entered a store and attempted to steal some items. Luckily the staff were aware of the males and removed them from the store before anything was stolen. Enquiries are ongoing.

On 28.03.19 a warrant was executed at an address in Market Lavington. The male at the address was arrested and has since been released.

Potterne:

Overnight on 03.03.19, unknown suspect/s have gained access to a field in Potterne, where they have stolen a trailer. Due to a lack of evidence, this has been closed, but if anybody has seen anything suspicious, we urge you to speak with us.

On 17.03.19, three unknown suspects have climbed over fence and into the schools grounds. Whilst on site the group have entered two insecure sheds and thrown a number of items of toys around causing no damage. Suspects have then stolen two yellow ride along trucks store in the open. The youths have been identified and will be completing a Youth Community Resolution.

Great Cheverell

Between 01.03.19 and 07.03.19, damage has been caused to a building site in Great Cheverell. No suspects were identified, but Police have increased patrols in the area.

Lydeaway

On 07.03.19 a police officer stopped a car whilst on proactive patrols. The driver had a roadside drugs test that he failed. The driver has been arrested and enquiries are ongoing.

Erlestoke

On 12.03.19 the Prison reported five packages being thrown over the premises. This is being investigated by local officers.

On 15.03.19, a known male was stopped by officers after behaving in a suspicious manner near to Erlestoke Prison. The male was arrested for driving whilst under the influence of excess alcohol and aspiring to throw a prohibited article over the prison walls.

On 19.03.19 two parcels were found by prison officers in Erlestoke Prison. Enquiries are ongoing.

Easterton

Overnight on 14.03.19, unknown suspect/s removed a five bar gate from its hinges and threw it into a hedge. They then dragged a scrap vehicle out sideways which was wedged between two cars without breaking or removing the steering lock. The suspect/s gained entry and filled the vehicle with batteries, alloy wheels, scrap metal and copper from the location. The suspect/s then made off with the car and contents. Enquiries are ongoing and police have increased their presence in the area

Please dial 101 to report a crime and 999 in an emergency.

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