



News Bulletin

Western Rural Round-up – February 2011

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1. Some damage occurred to vehicles in Bates Lane Helsby this week which is very unusual for this area. It would appear that it was a crude attempt to break into the vehicle and I would like any information passing to us please.
2. Several people received telephone calls in the middle of the night this week from an unknown source who informed the recipient that they were the Police and wanted to speak to them about damage in Helsby. The callers were young kids and put the telephone down, however, the information given was similar to the items I put on last week's bulletin so I would ask that if your children do see this bulletin that you reinforce a positive message to them as the recipients of these hoax calls were all elderly people in the Frodsham area.
3. We received reports this week regarding lead thefts from the roof of the church in Crowton. Please report any suspicious characters.
4. Prowlers were disturbed in Fishpool Lane Delamere trying door handles on Friday night. Please lock your doors.
5. Reports this week of a thief stealing registration plates in Tarporley. Any information to Pc Gigg or PcsO Benson.
6. Trouble with youths in Castle Park Frodsham over the weekend. My officers deployed to the park and removed a group of youths.
7. Due to the reports of incidents involving elderly people being the victims of door step scams I am introducing an initiative where I am asking Bank Tellers to be alert to elderly people withdrawing large amounts of cash. This is in response to growing incidents where elderly people are pressurised into going to banks with door step callers and withdrawing large amounts of cash and then subsequently becoming the victims of a scam. This is intended to be a crime prevention initiative and certainly not an invasive process.
8. Someone has been tampering with the road signs on the approach to Helsby High School. They have been altering the 40 mph signs to show the National Speed limit. This is a criminal offence and we will be taking action against offenders.
9. Reports of minor vandalism in the park near to The Robin Hood Pub. Please report any incidents to your local PcsO James Tapley.
10. Sightings please for a Ford Focus index number T 553 AGU. The vehicle's occupants were seen acting suspiciously in Tarvin over the weekend and paying attention to high value vehicles on driveways. The vehicle is not from our area.

11. Speed enforcement results this week which have been prompted by requests from local people who joined our Speed Management Group. In Kingsley and Crowton we conducted speed enforcement and 6 drivers received warning letters about their speeding. In Norley 35 drivers received letters about their speeding, this will prompt some enforcement action by our Roads Policing Unit who will be issuing endorsable fixed penalties to drivers found speeding in the coming weeks.
12. I will be on annual leave for most of February hence me compiling a larger than usual bulletin this month. I will ensure upon my return that I distribute an updated bulletin.

Regards

Inspector Phil Hodgson