

Newsletter

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Golden Valley
Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)
Newsletter



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Crime Trends

1st – 30th September 2017

Several buildings at **Madley** primary school were broken into between Friday 1st and Sunday 3rd., and an X box was stolen from one. (Incident 333-s-070917)

Sometime between Sunday 3rd and Saturday 9th, an unoccupied property in **Madley** was broken into and a search was made of all rooms, but it is unclear if anything was stolen. (Incident 504-s-090917)

Overnight on Tuesday 5th/ Wednesday 6th a quantity of lead and some extension leads were stolen from a property undergoing renovation in **Longtown** (Incident 370-s-060917).

On Wednesday 6th, a charity minibus parked in the car park at The Co-op in **Cusop** had a window smashed. (Incident 770-s-060917)

Overnight on Saturday 9th/ Sunday 10th, a cement mixer and 14m cable were stolen from the grounds of a property undergoing building works in **Clifford**. A locked stable block was also broken into at the same location, but nothing was taken. (Incidents 204-s-110917 & 235-s-110917)

In the early hours of Sunday 10th, buildings on a farm in **Clifford** were broken into and a Stihl petrol chainsaw and a Stihl leaf blower were stolen. (Incident 509-s-100917)

Overnight on Sunday 10th / Monday 11th a Karcher pressure washer, a Stihl chainsaw and a roll of electrical cable were stolen from a farm in **Dorstone**. (Incident 282-s-110917)

Two youths were disturbed by neighbours breaking into a garage in Oak Crescent, **Clehonger**. (Incident ref 784-s-120917)

Overnight on Thursday 14th / Friday 15th a Honda quad bike and a Honda generator were stolen from locked sheds on a farm in **Clifford**. (Incident 94-s-150917)

A quantity of lead was stolen from part of the church roof in **Madley** sometime overnight on Friday 15th / Saturday 16th. (Incident 286-s-160917)

A Peugeot Partner van parked outside **Belmont** Abbey was broken into between 9.30 – 11.00 am on Sunday 17th, but nothing appears to have been stolen. (Incident 334-s-170917)

Overnight on Thursday 21st / Friday 22nd, two roadside garages in **Clodock** were broken into, and a Nilfisk pressure washer was stolen. (Incident 110-s-220917)

Also overnight on 21st/22nd a large outbuilding in a remote part of **Lower Maescoed** was broken into, and several tools were taken. (Incident 302-s-220917)

The same building was broken into again between Monday 25th / Thursday 28th, it is not known at this stage what has been taken. (incident 530-s-290917)

Damage was caused to the lawn of a property in **Vowchurch** by weed killer being applied in a line across it, this happened sometime during the past three weeks. (Incident 22EB/87866F/17)

Overnight on Tuesday 26th / Wednesday 27th, a black Mercedes ML 270 estate was stolen from a farmyard in **Longtown**. (incident 272-s-270917)

Sometime in the past month, the tail hair of two horses in a field in **Abbeydore** was cut. (incident ref 210-s-240917)

A Kawasaki quad bike was stolen from a shed at a smallholding in **Clehonger** overnight on Friday 29th / Saturday 30th September (incident 217-s-300917)

If you have any information regarding any of the above crimes you can contact police on 101, in an emergency please dial 999. Please be aware that any information provided within this letter is to inform you of incidents of note and to request possible assistance. We do not want to worry you in anyway.

**Any incidents stated are infrequent and spread about a wide area, and are over a whole month.
Herefordshire is a safe place to live!**

Where's PC Badger?

Our mascot PC Badger goes out on patrol with us and stops in some interesting places, so we wondered if you could guess where he is?

Answers via email and we will reveal the answer next month.

Last month PC Badger was by the drinking trough on the Slough pitch on the road from Turnastone to Michaelchurch Escley.

Correct entries were received from Julie in Michaelchurch Escley, Sarah, also from Michaelchurch, Judith from Hardwicke, Joyce from Peterchurch and Tim from Newton St Margarets. Well done, and thanks to those that entered.

Can you spot where he is this month?



Good News

Back in April 2016, PC Tom Milton assisted our colleagues at Trading Standards by arresting Martin Evans, trading as Eco Solutions from Brynhoeddu Lodge, Pandy, Abergavenny for fraud by false representation. He was offering to carry out work and misleading several vulnerable people, who had been 'conned' out of several thousands of pounds for work not done or done to the required standard, including a resident in Ewyas Harold.

He was found guilty of 8 out of 9 counts (including 6 frauds of gross overcharging against six elderly victims) at Worcester Crown Court on 1st September after a two week trial. He is due to be sentenced on 2nd October and the judge has told him to expect a custodial sentence.

We will update you with details of his sentence in the next newsletter.

A 23 year old male from Kingstone, Paul Simcox, pleaded guilty at Hereford Magistrates court on 4th August for failing to transfer controlled waste to an authorised person, and transporting waste without a Waste Carriers Licence. Simcox responded to an online advert requesting the removal of household rubbish from a house in Gloucester. He took the waste and then dumped it in two locations, on the Holmer Trading Estate and on the Lulham to Preston on Wye Road. Below is a photo of the rubbish he dumped in the Holmer Trading Estate.



Simcox was fined £1,050 with costs of £750, a victim surcharge of £40 and compensation of £75, totalling £1,925. A robust message to all fly tippers!

View from the Office

We are very lucky to travel around The Golden Valley every day and see some of the fantastic views it has to offer.

This was taken from the top of Moccas Hill Wood.



Meet the Team

Below are some of the venues where we'll be in October if you'd like to come and have a chat. We will try and vary the locations each month, so let us know if there is an event you'd like us to call in at in the future.

Wednesday 3 rd October	The Hub Café, St Peters Church, Peterchurch between 1pm – 2pm.
Thursday 12 th October	The Stables Café, by the church, Madley between 12noon – 1pm.
Wednesday 18 th October	Hopes of Longtown between 10 – 11 am.
Friday 28 th October	Dorstone Front Room between 9am – 10am

Whilst we will make every effort to be at these events as advertised, there may occasionally be operational reasons why we cannot be there, we're sure you will understand if this happens.

And finally, on a lighter note!

The Highways Agency found over 200 dead crows on the M4 near Bridgend recently, and there was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu.

An avian pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and, to everyone's relief, confirmed the problem was NOT Avian Flu.

The cause of death appeared to be from impacts with vehicles.

However, during analysis it was noted that varying colours of paints appeared on the bird's beaks and claws. By analysing these paint residues it was found that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with lorries, while only 2% were killed by cars.

The Highways Agency then hired an Ornithological Behaviourist to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentages of truck kills versus car kills. The behaviourist quickly concluded that when crows eat road kill, they always have a look-out crow to warn of danger.

They discovered that while all the lookout crows could shout "Cah", not a single one could shout "Lorry"



How to Contact Us

☎ **101** to talk to your local SNT or report a crime

✉ goldenvally.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

🌐 www.westmercia.police.uk

🐦 [@GValleyCops](https://twitter.com/GValleyCops)

Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

Where We Work



Abbeydore, Bacton, Belmont (part of), Blakemere, Bredwardine, Clehonger, Clifford, Clodock, Cockyard, Craswall, Cusop, Dorstone, Dulas, Eaton Bishop, Ewyas Harold, Kerry's Gate, Kingstone (part of), Llancillo, Llanveynoe/Olchon, Longtown, Lower Maescoed, Madley, Michaelchurch Escley, Moccas, Newton, Peterchurch, Preston on Wye, Rowlestone, Shenmore, St Margarets, Turnastone, Tyberton, Vowchurch, Walterstone & Wormbridge (part of).