Dales Police Report – February 2019

The following incidents of note have occurred in the Dales area this month –

On the evening of 19th January a red Vauxhall Insignia car had damage caused to it’s wing mirror. It is often worth taking a minute to fold your wing mirrors in if parked on a road overnight.

Overnight on the 20th January thieves broke off and stole a spare wheel attached to a Landrover Defender parked up at Fremington.

Overnight on the 21st January the Hawes Auction Market Canteen was broken into through a secure window. Sensibly, no money is left in the till but a green tips jar containing cash was taken.

During the weekend of 27th to 28th January the public toilets opposite the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes suffered some extensive vandalism. It is disappointing that anyone could take amusement from such a pointless act. The scene has been forensically examined and enquiries continue to trace the culprit(s).

On the afternoon of 29th January a Ford Ranger hard top was stolen from a farm at Angram.

Following a series of suspicious phone calls left on the school answer phone, Wensleydale School evacuated all pupils and staff from the premises on the morning of 4th February. Officers attended and checked the buildings and were satisfied that there was no risk. An investigation is now under way by local CID officers to trace the person who made the hoax calls. School and Police were satisfied that the evacuation procedures worked very effectively.

Overnight on 5th February two secure quad bikes were stolen from a farm at Cubeck near Aysgarth. The Polaris machines were chained together. Please take another look at your farm security and contact us at Leyburn Police Office if you want any security advice. CCTV, Trackers, lighting, strong locks and signage can all help to protect your property.

Overnight on the 11th February a John Deere ‘mule’ vehicle was stolen from a farm at Lunds above Hawes. Across the county there has been a rise in such thefts, so please be aware and report anything suspicious.

As the seizure of two suspected criminal’s vehicles in Upper Wensleydale last month shows, we very much rely on information passed to us by members of the public for the police to work effectively. This is a two way process, so I would encourage you to sign up to our community messaging – brief reports sent to your phone or e-mail. Registering is easy. You can sign up on line at [www.nycm.co.uk](http://www.nycm.co.uk) or fill in a form available at your local police office.

PC 558 Julian Sutcliffe

Dales Neighbourhood Police Team

13th Feb 2019