

Dales Police Report April 2019

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

Sometime during the day on 19th March persons unknown attempted to break into a remote house at Widdale Head above Hawes whilst the owners were out. Damage was caused to a door but no entry was gained and nothing stolen. If you see someone acting suspiciously around a neighbour's property when they are out please call it in on 101.

Overnight on the 19th March approximately 850 litres of kerosene was stolen from a tank near stables on Park Lane at Middleham.

We continue to take reports of attempted scams, often by phone calls and e-mails. Please don't divulge personal and bank account details in these situations, and if no local suspect is evident please report the matter to Action Fraud.

On the 26th March a business on Badger Court Business Park at Leyburn reported a quantity of scrap being stolen by the occupants of a white Ford Transit van. On the evening of Sunday 31st March monitored security cameras at the same location observed the occupants from the same van stealing scrap items on Badger Court. Neighbourhood and Road Crime Team officers, with the assistance of our network of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras, soon tracked the vehicle across Richmondshire and it was stopped at Scotch Corner. The occupants were arrested, their vehicle seized as used in crime, and they have since been charged with theft offences. A good example showing the value of obtaining suspect vehicle details and calling it in to the police at the time.

On the 29th March police assisted officers from the RSPCA to seize and remove five ponies being kept in a field near Leyburn due to their poor condition. The owner has been identified and enquiries are continuing to investigate possible offences under the Animal Welfare Act.

Overnight 4th April a car park honesty box located near Parkins Garth in Askrigg was broken into and the contents stolen. The next night, 5th April, the two honesty boxes located at the National Park toilets at Aysgarth Falls were also broken into cash stolen.

In the early hours of 6th April Hawes Community Primary School was broken into and cash stolen. CCTV showed two white males aged around 20 years using a hammer to break the door glass.

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