

## Dales Police Report - Feb 2020

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

On 14<sup>th</sup> January a serious road traffic collision occurred involving a single car between Carperby and Redmire. We would like to thank those members of the public who were first on the scene and called the emergency services/gave first aid etc and what was an extremely traumatic incident.

Around 10pm on 21<sup>st</sup> Jan thieves attempting to steal a quad bike in Hawes were disturbed by a neighbour and left empty handed, heading towards Oughtershaw. Vehicle and suspects matching the description given were stopped in Buckden by Officers and members of local Rural Watches and four males were subsequently arrested, pending continuing investigations.

During the day sometime between 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan – property just outside Bellerby was burgled between 8:30am and 12:30pm. An amount of cash was stolen but it is believed that thieves may have been targeting the owners Landrover Defender. A blue Ford car has been identified as possibly being involved and was seen around the Mount Drive area of Leyburn around 9am that day – anyone who may have seen such a vehicle acting suspiciously please contact PC 414 at Leyburn Station - especially those with dashcams/CCTV.

On 24<sup>th</sup> Jan – 2 x £20 fake Scottish notes used to pay for goods in a business in Aysgarth. Around this time a fake £20 Scottish note was used in a shop in Hawes.

Between 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> January three vehicles on Woodburn Drive in Leyburn have been found with damaged tyres. It is not confirmed whether the damage has been deliberately caused and the incidences linked but please be vigilant and do come forward if you have any info relating to this.

On 4<sup>th</sup> Feb between 08:00am – 3:30pm, a property in Newton Le Willows, near to Aysgarth Prep School was broken into and items to the value of approx. £4,500 were taken. Investigations are continuing and we ask anyone who may have witnessed anything suspicious to contact us on '101'.

In the last four weeks we have had 10 telephone scam incidences reported to us; five of the victims gave personal/banking details before realising they were being scammed and out of those 10 victims, money paid out has totalled approx. £10,000. Never give out your banking/personal details to callers you cannot verify. Also, never let anyone access your computer remotely unless you have instructed THEM to do so!

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