

Richmond Rural Crime Bulletin

January – February 2020

Hello to you all. We have had a good couple of months for the beginning of 2020. Following a problem solving plan for the issues we were receiving around poaching and curtain sided lorry thefts an increase in patrols was implemented. As a result of this we have had several arrests of individuals who were caught trying to steal items from parked lorries around the Barton and Scotch Corner areas.

Across the force we have been utilising WhatsApp as another means of reaching out to our communities. This has proved invaluable in our attempts at reducing quad thefts. Several arrests have been made in the dales following brilliant work by local people contacting us through various WhatsApp groups. Technology is definitely helping!

An elderly lady suffering with Alzheimer's went missing this month and was thankfully found a short time later. A few things helped us out a great deal. The Herbert protocol was in place for this lady. If you don't know what this is please Google it or email me. We have Herbert protocol forms here at the Station that I can give to you. We also relied on the App What3words. I recommend downloading this to your phones, please have a look at it, most of the emergency services are using it.

Other incidents include –16/01/20 a number of men were given a dispersal order to leave Middleton Tyas area as they were believed to be poaching. 23/01/20 two males were reported trying to sell snap on tools from the rear of a transit van in Brompton on Swale. 18/02/20 a shed was broken into in Caldwell and some sheep worming solution and iodine was stolen. 20/02/20 a vehicle was seized near Dalton on Tees for having no insurance, the driver was also found in possession of cannabis. 22/02/20 a Stihl saw and pressure washer were stolen from an outbuilding in Gilling West.

We ask that you remain vigilant and report anything suspicious via 101 or if at the time you believe a crime is taking place call 999.

As always if you wish to contact either Mark or myself regarding any non-urgent issues or incidents please continue to do so

Kind regards,

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