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Newsletter April 2016

Dear Country Watch Member

The idea of this publication is to try to keep you better informed of what is going on in and around the rural Craven community area. In addition to receiving text, voicemail and e-mail messages we hope to use this document to give you a brief idea of any other issues of note.

The whole basis of the Country Watch scheme is for there to be a two way communication between you and us. It's hoped that these newsletters will achieve that, so please feel free to give us feedback.

Each Station now has a dedicated Neighbourhood Officer who can deal with medium, and long term issues, this means they can be the single point of contact. As you know the police now use the 101 phone number system, this is a non-emergency number. For emergencies, as ever, it's 999. If you are reporting any other issue, use 101.

If you need to speak to or contact our team you can use the 101 system as well. Option 2 on the recorded message is to speak to a known officer. From the list below, you now know who your local officer is for your area, the system will put you through to them if there working, or leave them a message, and they will get back to you.

Settle PC750 Dave Ridler
 PCSO3572 Helen Montgomery

Ingleton PC830 Barbara Parsons
 PCSO5561 Jayne Grace

Grassington PCSO3557 Joseph Simms
 PC1352 Vicky Brook

Crosshills PC180 Bell
 PCSO3578 Jason Perkins
 PCSO6610 Tina Cardamone

Our Watch has been running for some time now and feedback says we are keeping you better informed. This is something that we want to build on. At this point we would like to remind you that our biggest issue is still travelling criminals. Offenders are coming in from Lancashire, West Yorkshire, and the Teeside areas. You may feel that many of the texts you receive don't concern you because it's not where you live. Crime trends show that criminals do travel and these criminals can commit crime near you, so try not to dismiss the information we are sending out.

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February CRIMES OF NOTE

Below are some of the crimes we have dealt with this last month

1 st March	Main Street Bentham attempt burglary overnight at a Shop
2 nd March	Ingleton Primary School 2 reports of minor damage
3 rd March	Bradley overnight dwelling Burglary insecure vehicle stolen and property removed
3 rd March	Beamsley burglary overnight printers taken
4 th March	Ingleton lfor Williams 10 foot tipping trailer stolen overnight
5 th March	Gargrave overnight dwelling burglary window forced jewellery and electrical items taken
8 th March	Bentham vehicle tyres slashed at Millers Court
8 th March	Sutton-in-Craven vehicle broken into smashing window overnight
9 th March	Settle 3 vehicles 3 different locations tyres slashed overnight
13 th March	Bentham theft from Town Hall, 2 local youth identified and dealt with
16 th March	Crosshills Spar shop robbery at knife point in the evening, nothing stolen made off
17 th March	Sutton-in-Craven Primary school burglary overnight and Laptops stolen.
17 th March	Sutton-in-Craven insecure vehicle entered overnight and SAT NAV stolen
17 th March	Threshfield garage entered and 2 BETA trials bikes taken
17 th March	Bentham burglary business premises nothing appeared stolen
17 th March	Ingleton 3 foot long window box of flowers taken from High Street
19 th March	Bentham 2 overnight Burglaries 1 arrest made and suspect on Police Bail
20 th March	Giggleswick overnight Burglary tools taken and twin axle flatbed lfor Williams trailer
24 th March	Crosshills theft from Industrial Unit 16 Brand new tyres stolen
24 th March	Kettlebeck Austwick theft from building Diesel and Sheep feed taken
25 th March	Cowling Vehicle broken into by removing small window nothing taken
29 th March	Bentham auction mart building entered and animal medicines stolen

You may suspect some of these crimes are linked as they are similar crimes on the same dates, and this is a clear indication criminals are travelling extensively within Craven to commit these offences. There are again dwelling houses attacked this month.

PLEASE PLEASE LOCK YOUR DOORS ON A NIGHT

You will see some burglaries this month but efforts by ourselves have seen a reduction in this type of crime this month which is good news. Please still make sure you lock your doors, burglar's won't need to make a noise to get in, and won't wake you up. They just walk in take what they want and leave, sometimes with the car keys and your car. We can't stress enough this issue so please help us reduce crime, if you make it hard for them they will go somewhere else. It's great this month that some offenders have been disturbed and witnesses again have rung in. This has resulted in some excellent arrests, and remanding to prison some of the offenders.

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Livestock Theft

We are still working hard with the NFU and other partner agencies to tackle what is now a national issue. Please still be alert to anything suspicious and ring us straight away.

Staff have been trained regarding sheep tag management, reading, and movement requirements. We have been out and about again checking trailers carrying sheep. We would like to thank all those we have stopped for their patience, and support. We have received positive feedback again this month from the Farmers, Auction Mart, and acknowledgement of what we are trying to achieve. Working together and with you we can make a difference and prevent thefts.

Further checks are planned again this next month (April) , so please understand if you do get stopped it's all about prevention. We know it's a busy time with lambing etc. so please be patient if you get stopped we will be as quick as we can to check things out.

Speaking with Farmers again at the roadside it is still becoming clear there are some potential thefts of stock that are not been reported, this seems to be as farmers are not bothering to claim on their Insurance for the theft so don't report it to the Police.

If you have a theft or suspect one please report it to us ASAP. We will record a crime, if you don't want to claim that's up to yourself, but we need to know what's going on, and how big an issue we have. There is also the issue when we are investigating things knowing what is missing helps, just in case we turn something up.

The team hope to be at Skipton CCM Auction as well as Bentham at some point again soon, dates will be put out on Ringmaster / Facebook and Twitter. If you're not on our Ringmaster system please call in and see us to get signed up.

We urge farmers to continue to report anything suspicious and ensure that if you are moving sheep between holdings to complete the DEFRA AML/1 notice if required and make sure you have it with you when transporting stock.

Dogs Worrying Livestock

As we move into this time of year, and lambing time is on the doorstep, we inevitably have issues with dogs worrying livestock of farmland somewhere in Craven. Remember the act states livestock are Cattle, Goats, Swine, Horses, and Poultry not just SHEEP.

We have limited numbers of posters, and signs available if landowners, and farmers are interested in putting them up at access points to their property for footpaths, bridleways etc. **A BIG THANKS to the NFU team at Skipton** for making extra signs available this month it's appreciated. Please contact your local officer from the list above who will try, and deliver some. Numbers are limited.

The internet is a great source of information on this topic, but landowners could shoot such dogs, if it can be proved that the action was **necessary to protect** livestock, and that it was reported to the police within 48 hours. The dog's owner can then be subject to penalties too. Dog owners need to consider their actions when out walking with their pets. Many people are visitors enjoying the countryside, and National Park, so the signs are a great way to remind us all about the time of year, and those who may not be

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From the rural community and don't live among livestock.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/338299/countryside-code.pdf

DOG OWNERS Keep dogs under effective control

When you take your dog into the outdoors, always ensure it does not disturb wildlife, farm animals, horses or other people by keeping it under effective control. This means that you:

- keep your dog on a lead, or
- keep it in sight at all times, be aware of what it's doing and be confident it will return to you promptly on command
- ensure it does not stray off the path or area where you have a right of access

Special dog rules may apply in particular situations, so always look out for local signs – for example:

- dogs may be banned from certain areas that people use, or there may be restrictions, byelaws or control orders limiting where they can go
- the access rights that normally apply to open country and registered common land (known as 'open access' land) require dogs to be kept on a short lead between 1 March and 31 July, to help protect ground nesting birds, and all year round near farm animals
- at the coast, there may also be some local restrictions to require dogs to be kept on a short lead during the bird breeding season, and to prevent disturbance to flocks of resting and feeding birds during other times of year
- it's always good practice (and a legal requirement on 'open access' land) to keep your dog on a lead around farm animals and horses, for your own safety and for the welfare of the animals. A farmer may shoot a dog which is attacking or chasing farm animals without being liable to compensate the dog's owner
- however, if cattle or horses chase you and your dog, it is safer to let your dog off the lead – don't risk getting hurt by trying to protect it. Your dog will be much safer if you let it run away from a farm animal in these circumstances and so will you
- everyone knows how unpleasant dog mess is and it can cause infections, so always clean up after your dog and get rid of the mess responsibly – 'bag it and bin it'. Make sure your dog is wormed regularly to protect it, other animals and people





Stop poaching

Do you know anyone who:

- Poaches deer or fish?
- Trespasses with dogs or firearms?
- Is involved in illegal slaughtering?
- Has a food business selling meat and fish illegally poached or processed?

Help stop this crime - contact us anonymously with information



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OP-HAWK

You may be aware of a continued operation working alongside our colleagues in Lancashire, Cumbria, and West Yorkshire Police targeting travelling criminals. This is gaining momentum, active patrols are taking place with forces working together and targeting cross border crime. This has resulted in better intelligence, targeted patrol, as well as a number of arrests and the recovery of stolen items. This operation is live and patrols continue.



Feeling The Pressure: If you are a member of the farming community and you are going through difficult times, due to overwork, anxiety, illness, isolation, debt, bereavement or any other situation that maybe making you feel the need to speak with someone, there is a charity called “Farm Crisis Network” that helps farming people with these issues. The FCN helpline is open every day of the year between 7am & 11pm and if you feel the need to speak with someone, then you can ring them on 0845 367 9990. Alternatively you can E-mail them at mail@fcn.org.uk. The FCN also has a website www.fcn.org.uk.



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National Property Register:

We urge you to safeguard all of your valuable items that have serial numbers, frame numbers, chassis numbers or other unique identifying marks. You can do this for **free** by registering them with the National Property Register. It's a great way to protect your personal valuable items.

Just go to www.immobilise.com and enter the IMEI, serial number or other unique identification numbers. Any item can be added, including mobile phones, play stations & X-box consoles. You can also add other household items ranging from TVs to toasters, bikes to jewellery. Give it a try, it's easy to do.



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Remember! Craven is still a safe area to live and work:

Whilst Craven continues to be one of the safest areas in the country to live we should not be complacent. Please remain vigilant and take a few simple measures to protect your home and property. This can be as simple as ensuring doors and windows are locked. If you have a burglar alarm, use it – you'd be surprised how many people don't!

Don't leave keys in vehicles and quads, even during the day! Where possible, block barn doors with a vehicle restricting access to property stored inside. These are simple effective ways of preventing or deterring crime and making you feel safe. If you can put another obstacle in the way of the criminal, you may make it not worth their while. Another great way to do this is to keep your farm/driveway gates shut.

Be mindful that we rely on you to report anything suspicious, no matter how trivial it may seem to you. Please don't forget, that small piece of information could be all that is needed for us to arrest an offender, prove a case we are already investigating or deal with matters that affect the community and quality of life issues. This cannot be over emphasised and any information passed to the police will always be treated sensitively.

For information on the work of your Local Safer Neighbourhood Team please follow us on...



Craven Countrywatch



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Crime Prevention Scheme

- A crime prevention scheme specifically designed to answer the needs of people living in, working in and visiting Craven's rural area
- Providing a communication network to keep people informed of crimes, incidents and successes.
- Providing crime prevention advice that will both prevent and reduce the opportunity for crime to occur
- Creating Partnerships and Networks amongst the rural community, which in itself creates a feeling of security and reassurance, reducing the fear of crime
- Creating a visible deterrent across the District, by way of the Country Watch sign.



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