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Dear All,

Please see below the crime updates for w/c 30.10.2010.

Battle Bonfire.

Thankfully it was dry this year. I would estimate there was up to 25,000 people in attendance. It was a great family atmosphere. There were only 2 arrests made. 2 males trespassed on the railway line and were arrested by BTP officers.

There were a few minor injuries caused by stray fireworks. If you attended, I hope you enjoyed it.

Thefts from caravans.

You will see below some break ins to caravans. We have had a number in the Rye and Hastings areas. Caravan parks are being targeted. This is the crime prevention advice we are giving.

CARAVAN SECURITY ADVICE

At the end of the season:

Display a 'Valuables Removed' Notice
Remove all valuables
Leave curtains drawn back
Leave cupboards and drawers open

Here are some things which should be reported to Sussex Police and Site Management immediately:

- **Strangers peering through caravan windows or loitering suspiciously around unoccupied caravans.**
- **Strangers trying car doors.**
- **Anything that you believe to be suspicious – no matter how trivial it may seem.**

To prevent thieves breaking into your caravan:

- **Have a reliable alarm fitted and remember to turn it on, even when you leave your caravan for a short time.**

- **Always close doors, windows and any roof light when you leave even if only for a short time.**
- **Always lock your caravan and take the keys with you. At home, store the keys in a safe place that is out of sight and away from any windows and doors.**

- **Keep a register of the serial numbers of all accessories, such as TVs, DVDs and audio equipment.**
- **Mark all the property you normally take with you in your caravan with your postcode or some other unique identifying number linked to a recognised database and keep a note of serial numbers in a safe place. This helps police return items to you and also helps to convict criminals.**

- **Remove all personal belongings and contents from the caravan whenever it's not in use and leave curtains open, so potential thieves can see nothing of value is inside.**

- **Take photographs of the exterior and interior of the caravan and keep them at home, along with any registration documents. Make a note of any identifying scratches etc.**

- **Mark the serial or chassis number in several places inside the caravan, using an ultra violet pen or permanent marker. Make a note of the mark locations.**

- **Ensure the CRiS registration of your caravan is up to**

date with details of your ownership, or

- **make sure you register your caravan if it is eligible and you have not already done so.**
- **Make your site more secure by being a good neighbour and keeping an eye out for anything suspicious, you can help make your site more secure.**

Please don't forget, if you see any form of Anti-social driving (speeding, using a mobile phone whilst driving, regular drink drivers, disqualified drivers etc), please report it to us via our Op Crackdown system : **http://www.operationcrackdown.org/** **or 01243 642222**

Or, if you have any information about crimes that have occurred or, possible illegal activities that people are committing, you can always report it to Sussex Police on 0845 60 70 99, or anonymously to Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111, http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/

PLEASE PASS ON TO YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY. RECEIVED FROM A COMMUNITY CONTACT MEMBER

I received a call from a 'representative' of BT, informing me that he was disconnecting me because of an unpaid bill. He demanded payment immediately of £31.00, or it would be £ 118.00 to re-connect at a later date.

The guy wasn't even fazed when I told him I was with Virgin Media, allegedly VM have to pay BT a percentage for line rental!

I asked the guy's name - he gave me the very 'English' John Peacock with a very 'African' accent - & phone number - 0800 0800 152 0800 0800 152.

Obviously the fellow realized I didn't believe his story, so offered to demonstrate that he was from BT. I asked how & he told me to hang up & try phoning someone - he would disconnect my phone to prevent this. AND HE DID!! My phone was dead - no engaged tone, nothing - until he phoned me again.

Very pleased with himself, he asked if that was enough proof that he was with BT. I asked how the payment was to be made & he said credit card, there & then.

I said that I didn't know how he'd done it, but I had absolutely no intention of paying him, I didn't believe his name or that he worked for BT.

He hung up.

Dialled 1471 & phoned his fictitious 0800 number - not recognized.

I phoned the police to let them know. I wasn't the first! It's only just started apparently, but it is escalating.

Their advice was to let as many people as possible know of this scam. The fact that the phone does go off would probably convince some people its real, so please make as many friends & family aware of this.

A colleague replied with the following

Real con job, don't get caught (How it was done)

This is good but not that clever. He gave the wrong number - it should have been 0800 800 152 0800 800 152 which takes you through to BT Business. The cutting off of the line is very simple, he stays on the line with the mute button on and you can't dial out - but he can hear you trying (This is because the person who initiates a call is the one to terminate it). When you stop trying he cuts off and immediately calls back. You could almost be convinced! The sad thing is that it is so simple that it will certainly fool the elderly and vulnerable.

By the way this is not about getting the cash as this would not get past merchant services - it is all about getting the credit card details which include the security number so that it can be used for far larger purchases.

SERIAL 977 01.11.2010
BEXHILL ROAD, NINFIELD

A report was received of the theft of a Catalytic Converter from a LANDROVER FREELANDER, the incident occurred sometime between 1400 hrs of Monday and 1400 Tuesday. The vehicle was left on the forecourt. PCSO,s attended and gave reassurance. We are linking this to

other catalytic converter thefts previously reported.

SERIAL 216 03.11.2010
COOMBE LANE, NINFIELD

The theft of mail and criminal damage was reported. Overnight the post box had the front panel ripped off and the mail stolen. The front panel was found a short distance from the property. Royal mail was informed of the incident and enquiries are continuing.

SERIAL 237 03.11.2010
CROWHURST PARK HOLIDAY VILLAGE

A total of 3 caravans were broken into overnight, the homes were empty at the time. The doors were forced open to gain entry. A disturbance was heard late in the evening, but due to the bad weather no one investigated it. Scene of crimes attended the location to take photographs of the damage caused. Sgt Russell from Battle Police Station visited the location to give advice re security etc.

SERIAL 414 03.11.2010
STATION ROAD, BATTLE

A theft was reported by the owner of a local company, 4 boxes of fittings were stolen in the incident. A vehicle was seen to reverse into the yard, 3 white males, possibly builders were seen. The registration number of the vehicle was taken.

A search warrant was subsequently executed at an address in Crowhurst. Enquiries are continuing.

SERIAL 1356 03.11.2010
FALCONERS DRIVE, BATTLE

The theft of a mountain bike was reported by a named offender. The bike

has subsequently been returned and the loser does not wish to pursue the theft.

SERIAL 1616 03.11.2010
NINFIELD SERVICE STATION, BEXHILL ROAD, NINFIELD

A making off without payment was reported by a member of staff; the blue vehicle pulled up to the pumps and filled up with £60.00 worth of fuel. There were possibly 4 male occupants. The registration number was noted and after further checks were found to be false plates that had been stolen previously. Enquiries are on going.

SERIAL 413 04.11.2010
BRIGHTLING PARK, BRIGHTLING

The theft of 21 coping stones was reported, the incident occurred between 1800 03.11.2010 and 0700 04.11.2010. The location of the wall was approximately 0.5 miles from the house; nothing was seen or heard at the time. The coping stones were specially made and valued at £1050.00

SERIAL 635 04.11.2010
SAXONWOOD ROAD, BATTLE

The theft of a large quantity of lead occurred overnight between 1530 03.11.2010 and 0700 04.11.2010, lead was ripped from a new extension roof that was being built and also 2 unused rolls were stolen. If anyone has any information, please call quoting the above reference number.

SERIAL 989 04.11.2010
NINFIELD ROAD, NINFIELD

A second report was received of the theft of a large quantity of power tools and lead roofing material. The items were stored in 2 storage sheds, the incident again occurred overnight.

It is not known if the two incidents are connected. Enquiries are continuing.

SERIAL 1731 04.11.2010
ASHDENE SERVICE STATION, HURST GREEN

A report of two female shop lifters was received; drinks and household cleaners were stolen in the incident. The registration of the vehicle was taken and CCTV of the incident was downloaded. There were two males also in the vehicle. The females were both of Middle Eastern appearance about 30 years old; both had long dark hair and were of average build. Both females were wearing dark coloured ethnic outfit with long skirts/ dresses. The suspects are believed to be from the London area.

SERIAL 188 05.11.2010
ACRON WAY, HURST GREEN

A vehicle was broken into overnight and damaged caused to the door. The vehicle was a Peugeot 106. A Satellite Navigation unit was stolen and a CD player. This is being linked to a theft from a Peugeot in the Rye area the same evening. Recently Peugeots have been targeted.

That same night a vigilant householder prevented a male breaking into her Peugeot on her driveway. This was in Whatlington Road, Battle. We believe the same male carried out the other thefts.

Picture (Metafile)

You may have remembered on previous reports of 2 males committing a series of thefts from shops in Battles. These males have now been arrested thanks to good work by our local PCSOs. They saw them walking in Lower Lake and stopped them. They have admitted 5 thefts between them.

Take care every one.

Kind regards

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