



Suffolk Horse Watch Bulletin

Anyone who is interested in joining or would like more information can log onto the Suffolk Police website: <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/aboutus/ourservices/joinawatchscheme/horsewatch.aspx>
Or contact Julie Dennis, Community Safety Unit on 01473 613888 ext 5986
e-mail horsewatch@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

If you have any information on the crimes detailed in this bulletin, please contact Suffolk Police on 101 (or 01473 613500 if you are calling from outside East Anglia). If you would prefer to pass on information anonymously call Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111

Please note: other offences may have occurred during this period, however details cannot be disclosed as the victim has stated they object to publicity..

Theft of power tools – (IP28)

Crime Ref: MH/14/1227

Overnight 29 / 30th July powered garden tools were stolen from a stable b

Editor's Note:

Equestrian related crime has been low recently, however thefts of power and gardening equipment from rural establishments continue. In many cases the thefts are from insecure out buildings or items have been left out in the open.

Most burglaries are committed by opportunist criminals who happen to see insecure premises where they can help themselves to the property inside. In most cases the burglary could have been prevented.

By following a few simple precautions, you can reduce the chance of you becoming a victim of burglary.

- Fit secure locks to all doors. Always leave garages and sheds and outbuildings locked
- Be alert to strangers loitering; if in doubt call the police
- Never leave spare keys in a hiding place such as under a doormat, in a flowerpot or inside the letterbox
- Ensure valuables are suitably security marked; if not practicable, take photographs of valuable items and keep a note of any serial numbers. Register all items with serial and / or identifiable marks on www.immobilise.com
- Visible burglar alarms make burglars think twice; consider fitting an alarm to outbuildings and possibly a perimeter alarm. Get specialist advice and consult your insurance company.
- Keep any ladders locked
- Keep expensive garden equipment and furniture locked in a shed overnight or when you are away. Tools such as spades and forks can be used to lever open doors
- Provide good lighting and fit movement detectors
- Ensure trailers are immobilised with a good quality hitch lock and wheel clamps.
- Keep keys to ride on mowers, quadbikes etc secure in at home.



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Ragwort: Help Us Get the Facts



Every year, The British Horse Society is inundated with concerns from members about ragwort, which can cause much damage to horses. Many of those responsible for horses' care invest large amounts of resource, both through labour and expense, in trying to control this weed.

The British Horse Society have taken these serious concerns on board, and are delighted to announce that they are working with Defra to launch a major new research project to assess current levels of awareness and concern about ragwort and how it affects horses in England.

The survey is running until Sunday 31 August 2014, and can be accessed through the Society's website at www.bhs.org.uk/ragwort.

To read more on why this survey is being held and how the information gathered will be used visit www.bhs.org.uk/our-charity/press-centre/news/july-to-dec-2014/ragwort-survey

More information on ragwort control legislation can be found on the NFU website www.nfuonline.com/news/popular-now/ragwort-advice-on-control-and-disposal/



The Felixstowe & District Safer Neighbourhood Team are asking dog walkers in Felixstowe to help police sniff out crime as part of a new 'Paws on Patrol' initiative.

The scheme, which is supported by Suffolk Coastal District Council, encourages dog walkers to register with the police and then report any suspicious

behaviour they may come across whilst out and about, either by calling the non-emergency 101 number, or 999 if they believe a crime is in progress.

The scheme also encourages dog owners to be responsible community members ensuring that they clean up after their pet and it is vaccinated, micro-chipped and wears an ID collar. Once joined-up, a membership pack will be issued and discounts available from supporting dog related businesses.

There will be a registration day on **Sunday 3 August** at the Blue Cross Dog Show at Trimley Sports and Social Club from 11am where as well as being able to sign-up to the scheme, dog owners will have the opportunity to get their dogs micro chipped for free courtesy of Ryder Davies Vets and the Blue Cross.

And officers are encouraging dog owners and walkers to come along and support the Paws on Patrol initiative and the Blue Cross event. If you are interested in joining the scheme, but are unable to make the registration day you can call your Safer Neighbourhood Team on **101**.