



Suffolk Horse Watch Bulletin

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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 equestrian equipment – Rushmere St Andrew (IP5)

Crime Ref: WO/14/1434

Between 5pm and 5.30pm on Friday 19th September a wooden barn at a property in Seven Cottages Lane, Rushmere St Andrew was broken into and two saddles and a riding hat stolen from inside.

Theft of electric fencing energiser – Rushmere St Andrew (IP5)

Crime Ref: WO/14/1433

Between 12noon and 5pm, Saturday 20th September, an electric fence energiser and car battery was stolen from a field.

Suspicious activity – Holbrook (IP9)

Event Ref: SC-21092014-148

Overnight on 20th and 21st September paddock gates have been removed from their posts. These were not taken away so it is possible that they were tampered with in order to steal at a late date or a deliberate attempt to allow horses to escape.

Horse Watch event raises funds for charity

PC McNamara presenting Mr Owers with the cheque

Police in Forest Heath have presented a cheque to an equine charity based locally, following donations made at a Horse Watch event earlier in the year.

The event, organised by PC Victoria McNamara of Brandon Safer Neighbourhood Team, was held at Newmarket Racecourse in March of this year and was open to all horse owners across the Forest Heath district.





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The purpose of the evening was primarily to promote the Suffolk Horse Watch scheme, but in addition to this a number of informative talks were held on issues including equine nutrition, grass sickness, laminitis, equine crime and the current equine crisis.

A raffle was held at the event to raise money for World Horse Welfare, with donations totalling £360. PC McNamara presented a cheque for this amount to the charity's Chief Executive Roly Owers at their headquarters and rescue centre based in Snetterton on Tuesday 9 September.

Commenting on the donation, PC McNamara, said: "The Horse Watch event was a resounding success, not only promoting the scheme but enabling us to raise money for a worthwhile cause such as World Horse Welfare.

"The charity carries out very valuable work and with colder weather just around the corner, the money raised will hopefully help towards the care of horses and ponies which can be very expensive, especially if they come into the centre with any ailments or injuries.

"I would like to thank all those that assisted with the event, in particular Jacko Jackson who is an Equine Welfare Officer at World Horse Welfare and someone who I worked closely with regarding the Horse Watch event and other equine-related matters.

"A special thank you also goes to all the sponsors and those companies who donated raffle prizes, as well as Newmarket Racecourse who provided the venue and were excellent hosts."

World Horse Welfare Chief Executive Roly Owers added: "On behalf of everyone at World Horse Welfare I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to PC Vicky McNamara, Suffolk Constabulary and those who attended the Newmarket Horse Watch event for their incredibly kind donation.

"I would also like to commend all those involved for their commitment to tackling equestrian related crime and drawing attention, via educational talks, to key equine issues including equine nutrition, grass sickness, laminitis, fly-grazing and more broadly the UK's equine crisis – all topics that are currently high on the priority list for World Horse Welfare.

"The crisis is placing huge strain on our resources and these funds will provide a welcome boost to our efforts to care for more horses suffering in the UK today."