

Crime Bulletin Richmond Rural Area
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Hot topic

As the nights draw in we can often see a slight rise in reports of burglary. This is due to the fact that people are less likely to be detected in the dark. The chances of being the victim of such crimes are still very low in Richmondshire and we hope by considering the following points we can help make your homes and businesses less appealing to criminals.

- Do you have external motion censored lighting?
- Do you have adequate locks on your sheds and out buildings?
- Do you let your trusted neighbours know when you are away from your home address for long periods of time so they can keep an eye on your home?
- Do you have CCTV covering your drives and gardens?
- Do you leave valuables in clear view of your windows?
- Do you leave your car keys in view of your windows or close to your front door?
- Do you advertise on social media when you are away from home?
- Do you remember to lock your doors and windows when you go out?

With these points in mind, I ask you all to look at what security measures you currently have around your homes and gardens. I hope you take the opportunity to check your security measures in preparation for the winter months. If you feel particularly vulnerable or need any help or advice please do not hesitate to contact one of the team.

Incidents of note

- BARTON- Poaching 29/09/2021
- BARTON- Cold Callers 04/09/2021
- BROMPTON ON SWALE- Residential Burglary 15/09/2021
- CROFT ON TEES- Theft of Vehicle- 13/09/2021
- DALTON ON TEES- Criminal damage to vehicle-19/09/2021
- RAVENSWORTH- Vehicle broken into, items stolen 09/09/2021
- WASHTON- Poaching 11/09/2021
- MELSONBY- Damage to farm gate 18/09/2021
- MOULTON- Theft of items from bus stop 01/09/2021
- MIDDLETON TYAS- Theft of items from vehicle- 07/09/2021

Poaching

There is historically an increase in poaching activity at this time of the year as a result of harvesting and the onset of darker evenings making access to farmland easier. In order to

combat this we have been working with landowners in terms of offering target hardening advice and carrying out patrols with our border watch partners.

Poaching has a detrimental effect on both the local rural community and the wildlife within the area, there are also welfare issues with regard to the dogs used by those responsible.

Anyone witnessing poaching should obtain as much information as possible including details of vehicles and descriptions of persons involved without compromising their own safety and report the incident to the police.

Please continue to report suspicious incidents through 101 or directly to our team below.

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