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Hot News!

A NEW CREDIT CARD SCAM

You are called by "Security" from your credit card company and asked if you recently made a purchase from a company. When you reply that you haven't you are told that a suspect company has debited your card and this will be refunded. This is a lie; there has been no such transaction.

These people already have most of your credit card details. You are then asked for the seven figure number at the back of your card. They are after the three digit PIN at the end of that number.

If you give that number to the caller your card will be debited fraudulently.

No credit card company ever asks for any such details on the telephone.

If you think you may have been the victim of such a scam, contact your credit card company immediately. In the meantime

**NEVER GIVE YOUR PIN NUMBER TO
ANY ENQUIRER**

BRINGING YOU UP TO DATE

As we move into February I'd like to update you on what has been happening within Bury Rural area and thank you for the continuing support that you all give to Neighbourhood Watch (NW). Although we are unlikely ever to eradicate crime completely, with your support we can make it uncomfortable and difficult for those who engage in criminal activity in our area.

You will have read in the local newspapers about the arson attacks on vehicles in local villages. This type of offence has high visual impact and I know causes great concern. Thankfully it is relatively rare and, be assured, that enquiries are continuing with an arrest anticipated in the near future. These offences occurred early in the morning, hardly the time one would expect members of NW to be up monitoring what was going on, but if you should hear or see a strange vehicle or person in your area apparently up to no good then please call us immediately, no matter what time of day or night, and pass on as much information as you can.

Western Area has designated 2006 as the year of intelligence and any information that you can give us will be carefully assessed and added to the data bank. You never know, but perhaps the odd vehicle number that you note down in your street or village may just be the vital piece of information that we need to detect or prevent a crime.

We suffered a number of vehicle crimes in the Rougham area one night during mid January. Without exception the vehicles entered were all unlocked. Although we do live in a low crime area, please remember that there are opportunist thieves riding around our countryside looking for easy targets, and they are adept at making the most of any opportunity in a very short space of time.

So remember if we all make it uncomfortable for the criminal minority by reporting suspicious activity and securing our property we can maintain our low levels of crime.

Geoff Nunn

Inspector,

Sector Commander, Bury Rural Sector

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CRIME . . THEN REPORT IT NOW !**

**CALL The Police on 01284 774100,
or Crime Stoppers on 0800 555111**

THE NORTH ZONE

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Rural North West – PC 39 Lindsey Whittaker

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My police surgery for Feb will again be at the Ixworth Library between 11am and 12 noon on Saturday the 4th.

I'm awaiting the delivery of alarms and other crime prevention items, so it should not be long before I can fulfill outstanding orders. Let me know if you wish to place an order and I'll arrange delivery.

Lindsey Whittaker

Crime reported on the Beat this month
Barnham.

A chainsaw, leaf vacuum and a hedge trimmer were stolen from a garage on Thetford Road that was forced open between 22 Dec and 8 Jan.

Barnham. Was it only the pangs of hunger that drove intruders to climb over the front gates of business premises on the A134, knock a security camera off its mountings, break a window and force an entrance just to steal a packet of biscuits, overnight 18/19 Jan ?

Between 7.15 and 9.15pm 25 Jan a car in the Village Hall car park was damaged and scratched.

Coney Weston.

Power tools were taken from a garden on Thetford Rd during the day of 11 Jan.

Overnight 11/12 Jan a CD player was taken from a car parked on Thetford Road.

Honington. Between 4.30 and 5am 29 Jan a car was stolen from a drive.

Ixworth. Between 8 & 8.30pm on 4 Jan a window of a house in Thomas Street was broken.

The phone box on Stow Road was raided at 1.30 pm on 6 Jan.

The door lock of a car parked in Chalk Lane was damaged between 2.30 and 11 am on 28 Jan.

Overnight 28/29 Jan the door of a car parked on Peddars Close was damaged.

Between 9.45am 29 Jan and 9am 30 Jan the water filter was removed from a fishpond at the Middle School and graffiti sprayed.

Overnight 30/31 Jan five panes of plastic glass in the telephone kiosk on Stow Road were broken.

Between 8.42 and 8.45pm 31 Jan this kiosk suffered further damage.

Rural North – PC 161 Sheena Tate

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I am appealing for witnesses to the three related incidents of arson to cars that took place in the early hours Sunday the 22nd of January in Barningham and Hopton. In particular we would like to hear more about a dark coloured car that has been associated with these crimes.

Sheena Tate

Crimes reported on the Beat this month

Barningham. Over a period of four months a vehicle parked on Sandy Lane was damaged frequently.

Barningham.

At 4.30am 22 Jan a vehicle parked on Sandy Lane was set on fire.

Hopton. Between 3 and 4.45am a vehicle in a pub car park on the High Street was set on fire.

Knettishall. Between 2 and 3pm 28 Jan a window of a car left in the Country Park car park was smashed.

Market Weston. Overnight 4/5 Jan a maroon horsebox **V 301 SWL** was stolen from a field off The Street after the lock on the gate was cropped.

Stanton.

At about 6.50pm on 8 Jan two men, in a black saloon car, accosted an elderly lady in Duke St. She hit one of them with a walking stick after which they drove away.

Overnight 27/28 Jan the contents of a handbag left in a kitchen on Bury Lane disappeared.

At 1.34pm 27 Jan a disqualified driver was caught driving a vehicle along the A143.

Rural North East – Parishes normally covered by PC Chapman have been reallocated to other CPOs. PC Lindsey Whittaker covers Great & Little Livermere, RAF Honington and Troston; PC Sheena Tate, Pakenham; and PC Graham Howe, Ampton, Great Barton and Timworth.

My next surgery will be at the Pakenham Post Office at 11am on Friday the 17th of February.

Sheena Tate

I will be holding a surgery at the Ixworth Library between 11am and 12 noon on Sat 4 Feb. Any residents of the Livermeres, RAF Honington or Troston who would like to talk to me would be most welcome.

Lindsey Whittaker

Crimes reported on the Beat this month

Great Barton.

Three windows in the Church on Mill Road were smashed at 3am on 1 Jan.

The telephone box on Thurston Rd was raided at 6.45pm on 4 Jan.

Between 17 & 19 Jan a garden broom was taken from a front porch on Downing Drive.

Troston.

At 9pm on 25 Jan the lock, of a vehicle parked outside a dwelling on Ixworth Road, was forced.

**PLEASE REPORT
ANY SUSPICIOUS GROUPS
OF PEOPLE SEEN
HANGING AROUND TELEPHONE
KIOSKS OR CHURCH YARDS
AS SOON AS YOU CAN**

PROVIDING INFORMATION ANONYMOUSLY

If you are hesitating about giving information because you do not want to be identified, then hold back no longer - Call Crime Stoppers free on 0800 555111. Your information IS important.

TO CONTACT YOUR CPO CALL 01284 774100 AND ASK FOR THE OFFICER'S AIRWAVE VOICEMAIL

THE SOUTH ZONEZone Sgt – PS 1352 Neil Ireland E-mail Neil.Ireland@suffolk.pnn.police.iukRural South East – CPO PC 704 Ruth HortonE-mail Ruth.Horton@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

I spent a whole morning taking reports, about six overnight thefts from cars, in the village of Rougham. All the cars had been left unlocked outside their owners' homes.

This is usually a safe area, so please do not relax your normal sensible precautions or you could quickly attract the unwelcome attention of those mobile criminals on the lookout for easy targets. *Ruth Horton*

Crimes reported on the Beat this month

Bradfield St George. Milk money was stolen from outside a house on Freewood St overnight 11/12 Jan.

Horringer. The police station door was damaged early on 1 Jan.

Overnight 13/14 Jan electric fencing was taken from a field on Westley Lane.

Rougham. A large quantity of heating fuel was siphoned out of a tank on the Industrial estate between 23 Dec and 3 Jan.

Rougham.

A garage door lock in Keddington Close was damaged between 1 and 4 Jan.

Overnight 17/18 Jan valuables were stolen from six unlocked cars on Kingshall Street, Mouse Lane, Orchard Close, Smithy Close and Wheelwright Close.

Between 7am & 5pm 18 Jan a purse was stolen from another unlocked car in Keddington Close.

Rural South – CPO PC 992 Sarah KingE-mail Sarah.king@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

I will be away from the 24th February until the 21st March on detachments and courses. If you need to see a police officer in my absence please call Horringer Police station on 01284 774645.

In the meantime do please continue to report any suspicious happenings and keep attractive items locked away and out of sight. *Sarah King*

*Crimes reported on the Beat this month***Barrow.**

A male has been arrested after a house on The Street was set on fire at about 4am on 9 Jan.

Barrow. Between Aug 05 and Jan 06 a resident of Mill Lane has received many unsolicited telephone calls.

At 3.30pm on 9 Jan a vehicle, stopped on Ley Road, was found to be using a road fund licence belonging to another vehicle.

Chedburgh. In the early evening of 10 Jan there was a break in to a van in a pub car park. A chainsaw and petrol was taken. CDs and an MP3 player were also taken from another car. Four males in a black Ford Fiesta were seen in the area.

Chevington. Between 1 Dec and 18 Jan power tools were taken from an unlocked shed on Church Road.

Chevington. Overnight 25/26 Jan tools were taken from premises on Hargrave Road after welding equipment was used to cut through door locks.

Great Saxham.

Overnight 23/24 Jan an attempt was made to enter premises on Newmarket Road.

Westley.

Two suspects were held after four headlamps were stolen from a stranded vehicle in Fornham Lane between 8 and 8.10am on 7 Jan.

Between 1 Dec and 20 Jan an attempt was made to break into a garage off Fornham Lane.

Rural South West – CPO PC 819 Graham HoweE-mail Graham.Howe@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

This month I will be visiting the Primary Schools on my beat and will be talking about some aspects of policing including police uniforms, road safety and fingerprinting. Although this is but a small part of the CPO role I feel that it is very important to make contact with the young. *Graham Howe*

*Crimes reported on the Beat this month***Fornham St Martin.**

Between 4.10 and 7.20pm 28 Jan the rear number plate, LA05 RFN, was taken off a vehicle that was parked in Gleneagles Close.

Ingham.

The front window of a car parked on the A134 was smashed overnight 15/16 Jan. Nothing was stolen.

Risby. Dangerous Driving. At 3.50pm on 14 Jan a motorcycle on the East bound carriageway of the A14 undertook a vehicle that was moving into the nearside lane causing that vehicle to swerve dangerously to avoid a collision. The motorcyclist did not stop.

West Stow. A car was damaged at midday 22 Jan whilst it was parked on the Icklingham Road.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CONFERENCE CLARIFICATION

This is to confirm that the next Conference is to be held at the Great Whelnetham Village Hall starting at 7.30pm on Thursday the 23rd of March.

Formal invitations will be distributed to head coordinators by CPOs this month. We do ask for replies so that we can prepare name badges and provide adequate refreshments. Although the conference is primarily for coordinators, other NW members will be most welcome.

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PETER'S PANEL

In the first week of this year I read the following. "An expensive set of car tools left under a car, between 1 and 1.30pm, were stolen." "Between 3.15 and 7.45pm a lady's jacket and a child's crash helmet were stolen from a garden." "Between 6.10 and 6.30pm shopping was taken from the unlocked boot of a car parked on the street." "A man's unsecured bicycle, which had been left on the street, was stolen between 6.10 and 6.30pm." And so it goes on. The good thing is that although these all happened in Western area, none was in Bury Rural. Can it be that we have learnt or have we just been lucky? I suspect it is the latter, in which case we must take heed of what is happening "just over the hill."

The message is clear. The light fingered brigade is already out on the prowl, looking for items that are not being watched. It only takes seconds for one of these opportunist thieves to nip into a garden and nick whatever takes their fancy, if we leave some item they desire unguarded. They just cannot resist the temptation – so don't give them the opportunity!

Post Script. Clearly I was tempting fate by writing this on the 17th of January, as the next day PC Ruth Horton was investigating six reports of items being taken from unlocked cars in Rougham!

SUFFOLK SAFEKey

SAFEKey is the name of a Key Holder registration service offered by Suffolk Constabulary to occupiers of both residential and business of properties. The cost is £11.75 and £41.12 respectively per annum, which includes VAT. £1 of each subscription will be paid into Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association funds each year to be used for promoting NW in the county.

Details of who may hold a key to your property are recorded so that if, whilst you are not present, anything happens that would necessitate the police entering your property, they will be able to contact your key holder quickly and easily. It would also enable them to gain easy access should you be incapacitated and unable to let them in yourself.

There is space for you to add other details such as the name of your GP, next of kin or any essential medication that you may need.

Application forms and literature about **SAFEKey** are available in Police Stations in Suffolk, or ask your CPO for a pamphlet.

MORE SPEED CHECKS ON THE WAY

Promise you, this is not a New Year resolution! It is simply because there has been an increase in the number of complaints made to the police about vehicles being driven at excessive speeds through our villages and on country roads. For this reason the police will be stepping up the number of speed checks in the villages and on rural roads in the coming days.

PARKING AT COUNTRY PARKS

With the possible approach of more clement weather there are likely to be more of you taking the opportunity to exercise yourselves and your dogs in these delightful surroundings. Don't let the euphoria of spring cloud your minds to the activities of the less benign members of our community. Police do patrol these areas regularly, but remember there are still likely to be miscreants out there waiting and watching for a nice soft target. They have already struck at Knettishall Heath this year.

Please do not leave attractive items on view in your cars. Even a grubby old gardening jacket is attractive to the thief because it might contain a wallet or credit cards and its display on the seat of a car might cost you a broken car window. Even better do not take any valuables with you at all – after all do you really need a handbag containing cash and credit cards to exercise yourself or your dog ?

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