

## Dales Police Report November 2020

I write this as we are in the midst of a second national Coronavirus lockdown. The rules and exemptions are many, but I urge you to take a common sense approach with regular hand washing, maintaining social distancing, wearing a face mask and self-isolating when told to do so by 'track and trace'. There is hopefully light at the end of the tunnel with the possibility of a vaccine coming shortly.

The following incidents of note have occurred in the Dales area this month –

Overnight 12<sup>th</sup> October the Recycling Centre on Moor Road, Leyburn was broken into again and scrap and batteries stolen. Please report any suspicious activity in the area at the time to police.

In the early hours of 29<sup>th</sup> October unknown persons have entered 7 tractors parked at Washfold Farm on Moor Road at Leyburn, and stolen valuable 'intelliview' screens and GPS systems from within. Any information on this incident please on 101 quoting reference 12200189725.

Floods in early November caught out a number of motorists, who then needed to be rescued. Please approach any floods with extreme caution as most standard vehicles are not designed to go through deep water. A half hour detour is always better than risking a proper soaking and a written-off car!

On the afternoon of 8<sup>th</sup> November suspected shoplifters were spotted by vigilant staff at Leyburn COOP making off with bottles of whiskey in a red Peugeot car. Police soon intercepted the vehicle, arresting the two occupants, recovering a large quantity of stolen alcohol and suspected laundered money. The two have since been linked to other similar offences around North Yorkshire. This is a good example of members of the public keeping calm heads, noting vital information, such as the car details, and immediately ringing the police. Well done!

About 10:45pm on 10<sup>th</sup> November thieves were seen taking 2 quad bikes from a farm at High Force in Raydale above Bainbridge. A combination of local people, police patrols and the police helicopter were quickly mobilised in a search of the area. Within a couple of hours the quads were found abandoned not far away, with suspect males being seen getting into a car in Bishopdale. The police are now following up leads regarding a suspect vehicle believed connected to the theft. In this case good information sharing and boots on the ground led to the recovery of the stolen items.

Finally, overnight on 10<sup>th</sup> November Thoralby Post Office was broken into and cash and stamps were stolen in an untidy search. Any information please to police on 101 quoting reference number 12200198411.

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