

# Newsletter



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**Golden Valley  
Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)  
Newsletter**



**Your team, based at Peterchurch.**

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## Crime Trends

**1<sup>st</sup> – 30th November 2018**

A garage at a private dwelling on the Pontrilas Road in **Ewyas Harold** was broken into sometime between Sunday 28th and Wednesday 31st October. A set of golf clubs, a pressure washer, leaf blower and strimmer were among items stolen.

Incident ref 569-s-061118

An outbuilding in the garden of a property in Old Shoppe Lands, **Ewyas Harold**, was entered sometime between 25th October and 1st November. Items stolen include a Stihl chainsaw, a Kawasaki hedge trimmer, a circular saw, planer and jigsaw.

Incident ref 278-s-011118

A red Honda quad bike and a Stihl strimmer were stolen from an outbuilding on a farm in **Walterstone** overnight on Thursday 1st November and Friday 2nd.

Incident ref 489-s-021118

Another garage in **Ewyas Harold** was broken into overnight on Saturday 3rd November and Sunday 4th. A Viking lawnmower and a Bosch drill were stolen.

Incident ref 571-s-041118

Overnight on Sunday 11th/Monday 12th November a Kubota ATV (All terrain vehicle) and a Honda generator were stolen from a locked shipping container at a property in **Craswall**.

Incident ref 84-s-121118

Two vans were broken into on the Westwood Industrial Estate, **Pontrilas**, sometime overnight on Tuesday 13th / Wednesday 13th November; damage was caused to both vehicles but nothing was taken from either vehicle.

Incident ref 72-s-141118

On the same night, the site office on a new housing development in **Pontrilas** was broken into, and quantities of Makita tools were stolen.

Incident no 79-s-141118

Fuel was taken from the fuel tanks of four vehicles parked on a business premises in **Clodock** over the weekend of 23rd - 26th November.

Incident ref 164-s-261118

A stable block at a property in **Shenmore** was broken into sometime between Monday 26th November and Monday 3rd December and a strimmer, chainsaw and hedge cutter were stolen

Incident ref 428-s-031218

**If you have any information regarding any crime you can contact police on 101, in an emergency please dial 999.**

**You can also contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 to report any crime or criminal activity anonymously. Please be aware that any information provided within this letter is to inform you of incidents of note and to request possible assistance. We do not want to worry you in anyway.**

**Any incidents stated are infrequent and spread about a wide area, and are over a whole month. Herefordshire is a safe place to live!**

## View from the Office

We are very lucky to travel around The Golden Valley every day and see some of the fantastic views it has to offer. This photo was taken on the minor road between Archenfield and Cusop.



## Arrests

A 38yr old male from **Peterchurch** was arrested on suspicion of assault. He has been charged and bailed to court.

50yr old male from Wormelow was arrested on suspicion of assault and later released on police bail.

19yr old local male was arrested for drink driving and subsequently charged and bailed to court.

49yr old male from **Eaton Bishop** was arrested for a number of theft offences and also making threats to another. He was later charged and bailed to court for theft and had other matters taken into consideration for sentencing.

# Scam reports

## Telephone scam

This one is from one of our readers; we have had several similar reports.

"I just thought I'd let you know of a scam phone call that I received this morning, purporting to be from BT, which is not one that the BT team, when I phoned back later on 152, said they had come across before - though it was similar to others they knew about.

The phone call came from a Premium line number - 01289 718956. When I picked up the receiver I listened to a recorded SMS message telling me that my ip address had been compromised last night, that my internet was not secure and that I would be disconnected. It was suggested I selected option 1 on my phone to be put through to the BT technical team to provide more information.

There was no wait to be put through when I did this - unusual for any BT department these days - and when I spoke to Nadia she asked how she could help. I replied that I had been put through to her having received an SMS message about my ip address, but I was suspicious that this was a scam. She asked me if I'd had to select an option to be put through, and I said yes (there were no other options to select) which she suggested was confirmation that it was indeed BT, which I didn't accept. I said this was insufficient proof, but asked why they couldn't just provide me with a new ip address, and what else they proposed. Nadia then put down the phone.

It was later on that I phoned BT to check that there were no issues, and was reassured that everything was in order, but the call did initially make me wonder.

Having just done a phone number on Google, there do appear to be reports of BT scams coming from numbers with the 01289 code."

## E-mail scams

Obviously a scam, but not very pleasant.

**From:** Finn Kelley <[fhzonnyajc@outlook.com](mailto:fhzonnyajc@outlook.com)>  
**Date:** 22 November 2018 at 21:13:56 GMT  
**To:** "  
**Subject:** - ginger

Hello - I actually came to know all of the scummy secrets. I won't explain you what exactly I am aware of, I have all the information with me. To demonstrate this, allow myself tell you that one of your passwords is ginger. Pay me \$2000 via \*Bitcoin\* to the address 19ZB2S1u9esLddbWKDfUhzm6JphoYdAzcz in the next 44 hrs. Ok, i will make one important thing precise, that I will damage your life fully if I don't get the payment. In the event that I get the payment, I'm going to remove every info I've with me, and I will vanish entirely and you will definitely don't ever hear anything from me. This is the first and also last mail from me and the offer is non negotiable, thus do not answer to this e-mail.

## Where is PC Badger?

Last month PC Badger was sitting at the foot of the Black Mountains in the Red Daren parking area, only one correct entry - well done Keith from Ewyas Harold.



Any ideas where he is this month?

## How to Contact Us

-  **101** to talk to your local SNT or report a crime
-  [goldenvalley.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:goldenvalley.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)
-  [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)
-  [@GValleyCops](https://twitter.com/GValleyCops)

Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

## Where We Work



Abbeydore, Bacton, Belmont (part of), Blakemere, Bredwardine, Clehonger, Clifford, Clodock, Cockyard, Craswall, Cusop, Dorstone, Dulas, Eaton Bishop, Ewyas Harold, Kerry's Gate, Kingstone (part of), Llancillo, Llanveynoe/Olchon, Longtown, Lower Maescoed, Madley, Michaelchurch Escley, Moccas, Newton, Peterchurch, Preston on Wye, Rowlestow, Shenmore, St Margarets, Turnastone, Tyberton, Vowchurch, Walterstone & Wormbridge (part of).

**Finally, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year**

# News from your local Fire crews



December brings the build up to Christmas and the festive season. The traditions around Christmas – be it faith-based or otherwise – can result in Christmas being a more hazardous time with regards to fire safety. These extra fire risks include:

- increased cooking and potentially cooking whilst under the influence of alcohol.
- increased use of candles in the home
- decorations which may burn very easily
- Christmas tree lights which haven't been used for a year and/or may be faulty

## Christmas fire safety messages

In recent years, excessive alcohol consumption has been a major contributor to not only fires, but fire-related casualties. With the likelihood of increased alcohol consumption and cooking across the festive period, we would urge people to:

- Don't cook if you have been drinking and never leave cooking unattended.
- Never place candles near your Christmas tree or materials that can catch alight easily.
- Keep candles, lighters and matches out of children's reach. Never leave lit candles unattended.
- Never overload electrical sockets. Always switch Christmas lights off and unplug them before you go to bed.
- Decorations can burn easily – so don't attach them to lights or heaters.
- Take time to check on older relatives and neighbours this Christmas as they are potentially at greater risk from fire.
- Make sure your family and visitors know how to escape in an emergency.
- Check that your Christmas tree lights carry this British Safety Standard sign.

Wishing you a safe and happy Christmas



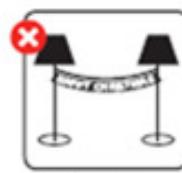
Check your Christmas tree lights carry this British Safety Standard sign.



Never place candles near your Christmas tree or materials that can catch light easily.



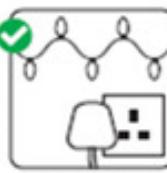
Test the batteries in your smoke alarm every week. Never remove them.



Decorations can burn easily – so don't attach them to lights or heaters.



Keep candles, lighters and matches out of children's reach. Never leave burning candles unattended.



Never overload electrical sockets. Always switch Christmas lights off and unplug them before you go to bed.



Most fires start in the kitchen. Avoid leaving a cooker unattended.



Make sure your family and visitors know how to escape in an emergency.



Make sure cigarettes are put out properly.



Store fireworks safely. Never go back to a lit firework and keep a bucket of water nearby.



Take care around open fireplaces as clothes may catch fire.



Take time to check on elderly relatives and neighbours this Christmas as they are at greater risk from fire.

You may be eligible for a FREE home Fire Safety Check.....

### What is a Home Fire Safety Check?

A Home Fire Safety Check is a visit to your home by a member of our Community Risk team, who will offer fire safety advice to keep you and your family safe. Members of the team will also install smoke alarms where needed, and will encourage you to work out an escape plan specific to your home and circumstances. This can be as simple as heading down the stairs, knowing where your keys are, unlocking the door and leaving the property. This can make a huge difference if a fire breaks out in your home, particularly at night.

### Who can have a Home Fire Safety Check?

Home Fire Safety Checks are free and are aimed at more vulnerable groups in the community including the elderly, people living alone and those with reduced mobility or sensory impairment.

If you think an elderly family member, friend or neighbour might benefit from a visit to get in touch and request one on their behalf.

### How can I arrange a Home Fire Safety Check?

Contact our Community Risk team via our on-line form or call 0800 032 1155 for advice.

You can follow both of your local crews on Facebook at either,

**Peterchurch Fire Station**

<https://www.facebook.com/Peterchurch-Fire-Station-153087025359064/>

**Ewyas Harold Fire Station**

<https://www.facebook.com/EwyashHaroldHWFRS>

Please Like and share our pages



Test your smoke alarms before the **festive fun** begins  
– it'll help keep the whole family safe. **#PressToTest**