

Dales Police Report August 2020

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

On the afternoon of 11th July, near Tan Hill, a pointer type dog escaped its lead and chased a flock of sheep causing considerable distress and some minor injuries to a number of ewes and lambs. The owner has been reported for summons for the offence of ‘Dog worrying livestock’. It is just another example of how quickly uncontrolled dogs can revert to their primal instincts if given the chance.

On the afternoon of 29th July an off duty police officer near East Witton noticed a suspicious quad bike being ridden in convoy with a silver Mercedes car. Both vehicles made off at speed. The quad was quickly located apparently abandoned nearby. The suspect vehicle was then tracked by the Force Control Room using the national network of ‘Automatic Number Plate Recognition’ cameras, and traffic officers soon intercepted it on the outskirts of Darlington. Two male occupants were arrested on suspicion of theft of the quad, and are currently under investigation. The Mercedes was seized on suspicion of being used in crime. The quad turned out to have been stolen that day from a farm at West Scrafton. A great result, and a good reminder to ring the police when you think something or someone is suspicious, out of place or unusual in your community. It is also worth noting that this happened in broad daylight in the middle of the afternoon, so please watch out at all times of day and night.

Overnight on 7th August the Leyburn Recycling Centre on Moor Road was broken into again and about 20 car batteries stolen. Please call in at the time if you see any suspicious activity down there.

The police continue to take reports of telephone and e-mail scams. Please don’t share personal information or give strangers access to your computer, however convincing they might sound. If you believe you have been a victim of fraud, call North Yorkshire Police on 101 or report it to Action Fraud by visiting actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 1232040. In an emergency or if a crime is in action dial 999.

Coronavirus continues to have a huge impact on our lives. This looks set to continue until an effective vaccine is developed. In the meantime keep applying common sense with face masks, hand washing, social distancing and avoiding crowds. For up to date information go to Gov.uk/coronavirus

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