

Dales Police Report Nov 2019

The following incidents of note have occurred in the Leyburn and surrounding area this month –

Sometime in October the contents of a household oil tank at West Witton appears to have been stolen. Please check the security on and ease of accessibility to your tank.

In the early hours of 28th October a red Honda quad bike was stolen from a farm building near Keld. The quad is believed to have been seen driving towards Tan Hill with a Landrover Defender, itself believed stolen from Cumbria the same day. Around the same time two farm buildings at Angram were broken into, although nothing was believed stolen. A further farm building near Gunnerside was also entered and thieves unsuccessfully attempted to steal a quad bike from within. Enquiries are ongoing regarding all these offences.

On the morning of 30th October a residential property outside Askrigg was burgled whilst the owners were out. The offenders kicked through a rear door and made a search for jewellery before making good their escape. Similar offences occurred that day near Sedbergh and Masham.

On the evening of 5th November a Honda quad bike was stolen from a farm building at Gayle above Hawes. Vigilant members of the public reported seeing a quad being ridden later down Swaledale in the Low Row area. It was in company with an unidentified 4x4 type vehicle. Officers were already in the area working on an anti-crime operation. As such the quad was seen and followed by police as it travelled over the Stang area, where the rider abandoned it before running off. Forensic enquiries are continuing to identify the offender.

The above incidents are a good reminder to check the security again on homes, outbuildings and vehicles. For your quads, please consider installing chaining posts sunk into concrete, Tracker, immobiliser devices, sound padlocks, security lighting and cctv. Contact us at Leyburn Police Station for further security advice. Also, please keep ringing the police at the time when something looks suspicious.

This month in the Dales area police have made four arrests for drink and drug driving offences. A further stop check at Middleham led to the seizure of cannabis and cocaine from a driver. In the run up to Christmas officers will be carrying out roadside checks on vehicles in this area. If you've had an alcoholic drink or think you might have controlled drugs in your system please don't be tempted to 'chance it' and drive. Please use a designated driver or taxi.

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