

Dales Police Report - Jan 2020

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

Between Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th December 2019 the ATM located on Hawes Market Place was damaged with a drill in what we believe was an attempt to steal cash from within. If you see suspicious activity around an ATM please call 999 at the time with descriptions of suspects and any vehicle involved.

Overnight 15th December 2019 a '16' plate red Suzuki quad was stolen from a secure outbuilding on a farm at Thwaite Bridge between Appersett and Garsdale Head.

On the afternoon of 17th December 2019 an unattended Landrover Defender on Arkengarthdale Moor was broken into and a pair of green Swarovski binoculars stolen from within.

On the evening of 27th December 2019 three quad bikes, a trailer and tools were stolen from farms in the Raydale area. An impressive network of rural watch members soon became involved, reporting sightings to police of a number of suspicious vehicles active in Bishopdale and Upper Wharfedale. A Landrover Discovery towing a quad in a trailer was reported on the Stake Road between Raydale and Bishopdale. The quad was quickly abandoned on the moor and the suspect vehicle made off. Shortly afterwards a Landrover Discovery was found crashed and abandoned near Kettlewell. Two more quads, trailer and tools were all recovered in the vicinity and all were identified as those stolen from Raydale that evening. On the evening of 29th December further reports from rural watch members in Upper Bishopdale identifying two males suspected of being involved in the thefts led to two arrests by local police on the Stake Road. Enquiries are ongoing to link suspects from the West Yorkshire area to this spate of thefts. On behalf of North Yorkshire Police I would like to express our appreciation of the great and determined efforts on both nights by members of our local community in working with us to stop criminals in their tracks.

Overnight on the 30th December 2019 a secure black Ford Ranger pick-up was stolen from Quaker Close in Reeth. Any information to police on 101 please.

At some time in the week leading up to 2nd January unknown person(s) are believed to have entered an insecure flat belonging to an elderly lady in the Bainbridge area and stolen cash from within. No suspects were seen. Please ensure that you always keep your doors locked, even when you are at home.

Despite all this the Dales remain a safe place to live. We can make it even safer by watching out for each other, securing our property and reporting suspicious incidents to the police.

Happy New Year

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Dales Neighbourhood Police Team