KINGTON RURAL LOCAL POLICING TEAM

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

24th November 2008

Kington Pact Update

At the PACT meeting on 12/11/08 at Lady Hawkins School the issue of vehicles speeding through the town and local villages was again raised. It has been evident that speeding vehicles are not just being driven by "boy racers" but by all age groups. Starting in December 2008 regular speed enforcement will be taking place in Kington Town and nearby villages. The days and locations that this will take place will usually be advertised in advance. The penalty for speeding is a £60.00 fixed penalty notice and 3 penalty points. You are obligated to disclose such convictions to your insurance company.

Diesel Thefts & Shed Break-ins

There have been a number of Break-ins and thefts from commercial type premises in the Knighton area recently and although a total of five persons have been arrested in recent weeks in respect of some of these offences, the community is asked to remain vigilant and to report anything suspicious to their local police as it would appear that the area is being visited by travelling criminals. An attempt to steal fuel from a farm in the Kington area last week was made, and also two shed/workshops were broken into and tools stolen from **Kitty's Lane, Norton Cannon** overnight on Saturday 22nd November and an attempt in **Eardisley** overnight on Thursday 20th November but were obviously disturbed as items where left outside.

The area remains one of the safest in the UK with low levels of crime but if there is anything you can do to prevent yourself becoming the next victim then do it. Take a few moments to look at the value of the items you own in your shed, garage or outbuilding and then a look at the manner in which you protect them. Invest in that stronger lock or motion sensitive lighting and deter these visitors from stealing from you and making you the next victim.

If anyone does feel vulnerable in their own home, in particular the elderly, and want some help and advice about security then local Officers will provide it willingly. All it takes is a quick and painless phone call.

Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were broken into during the early hours of Thursday 20th November, one in **Pembridge** and one in **Eardisley**. Personal items left in the cars were stolen. A further car was stolen from **Eardisley** during the early hours of 21st November.

Scam Postal Service - Please Be Aware And Circulate

Can you circulate this around especially as Christmas is fast approaching - it has been confirmed by Royal Mail, and Trading Standards Office is making people aware of the following scam:

A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 (a premium rate number). **DO NOT** call this number, as this is a mail scam originating from Belize. If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £15 for the phone call.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE ABOVE
PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL POLICING TEAM ON:

0300 333 3000 EXT: 4535
KINGTON RURAL LINE - 01432 346711
PC SHARON WILSON – 07977098394
CSO DONNA JONES – 0797060234
CSO DICK ALLFORD (WEOBLEY) - 07968462523

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE INFORMATION WE PROVIDE IS TO ASK FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE. WE DO NOT WANT IT TO WORRY YOU IN ANY WAY. THESE INCIDENTS ARE INFREQUENT AND SPREAD ABOUT A WIDE AREA. WE ARE LIVING IN A VERY PLEASANT AND PEACEFUL AREA.

IF REPORTING ANY INCIDENTS THAT NEEDS AN IMMEDIATE POLICE RESPONSE THEN DIAL 0300 333 3000 (OR FOR AN EMERGENCY DIAL 999.)

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE LOCAL POLICING OFFICER DIRECT FOR THIS SERVICE.

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