



Bulletin Number: 007

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010

## Police Reports

### Released Horse's

**POL-20100214-0101**

On 14/02/2010 in the Bradford on Avon area, 20 horses were released from stables during the night. All recovered without injury!

### Plaited mane

**POLI-20100221-0192**

On 21/02/2010 in the Heywood Westbury area, owner found a small plait in one of her horse's mane. Field is opposite to home address.

### Attempted Horse Theft

**POL-20100224-0183 or 54100015083**

On 24/02/2010 in the Corsley Warminster area, an Arab Cross mare was found to be in a distressed state with a cut to head and swollen leg. Hay had been taken over previous weeks. Tyre and footprints were found outside stables.

### Plaited mane

**POL-20100228-0236**

On 28/02/2010 in the Gastard Corsham area, a colored cob was found with a small plait. Three other horses were not touched.

### Theft

**54100016720**



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On 02/03/2010 in the Redlynch Salisbury area, offenders parked vehicle at end of long drive, then entered yard and removed half ton of horse feed + saddle and bridle ( not marked ) used wheel barrows to carry to vehicle.

## Loose Horses

We have received 17 reports of loose horses, over the last four weeks..... This is across the county..... ! We all know a loose horse is a danger to its self and other road users!

**Please be mindful in keeping fences / gates in good order, and secure!**

**Rug Theft** - Sometime overnight of 6th March, 9 rugs were stolen from a field in North Brewham, Bruton, Somerset. The rugs are various colours (mainly blue, purple or red) and measure 6ft 3, 6ft 6 and one rug is 4ft 9. A couple of the rugs have neck pieces and some have plastic clip tags on the front where they were recently cleaned at commercial premises. **Please ensure that your rugs are marked, make a stencil and spray with paint directly onto the fabric. Thank you**

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## HW member comment's on –

### National Horsecatch Bulletin

What a good bulletin. As a regular rider who has to sometimes use the roads I would add that riders should always be courteous and acknowledge the courtesy of drivers who slow down for them. A smile and wave of the hand does such a lot to foster good relationships particularly as so many drivers appear to believe that all riders are stuck up snobs!!

However wide the road we always go in single file as soon as we know a car/bike is approaching either front or rear - again it just means we are doing our bit to acknowledge that we are equal partners in using the roads. We find almost invariably that motorbike drivers are thoughtful and considerate - not so with cyclists on push bikes who have been known to weave in and out of our string of horses flashing pink Lycra as they go!!

Best wishes

Heather

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Thank you Heather..... the pink Lycra sounds scary!!

## Security stamping Saddles

This service has proved to be very popular, and we are receiving many requests to visit stable yards across the county.

At a recent Equine event, held on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, at "Mole Valley Farmers" Frome, I had the opportunity to meet many HW members.

Nineteen saddles were security stamped and recorded..... Again, people were very generous with donations for the Air Ambulance Service.



Pictured: **Tracy Barthram** (Westbury HW Coordinator) had her Saddle stamped at "Mole Valley Farmers".



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## Wiltshire Horse watch Donation

We are planning a visit to the Air Operations Unit, based at Devizes Police HQ, in early April. The time and date for this still to be confirmed.....

It is likely to be mid week, and late afternoon....

We would love to see members of Horsecwatch join the Rural Crime Team, in presenting well **over £400**, to this well deserving service!

Will keep you informed.....

**Most recent Equine related incident** - On the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2010, Air Ambulance attended a fallen Horse rider at East Grafton, Burbage, where the rider sustained leg injuries. The female was taken by air, to GWH in Swindon.

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*Stay safe and watchful*



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