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To report any non emergencies please use the following number:

**0845 330 2000**

You can report any rural issues by email:

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**Welcome** to the first Rural Newsletter from the Carmarthenshire Community Safety Partnership. The partnership is made up of representatives from Carmarthenshire County Council, Dyfed-Powys Police, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Carmarthenshire Local Health Board, Probation Service and the Youth Offending and Prevention Service. It was set up to tackle crime and disorder problems throughout the county. Last year saw a 16 per cent drop in crime compared to 06/07 which shows that proactive policing, strong partnership working and targeted multi-agency initiatives are making a difference. This is the first of a bi-monthly newsletter for rural communities and we hope you will find it helpful. We all know Carmarthenshire is one of the safest places in the UK to live, but our goal is to make the county an even safer place to live, work and visit.

## Crimes of Note

### 1. Theft of a Pressure Cleaner

A pressure washer (EHLRE make HD 723 Model oil heated water/ serial number 5029801100110) was stolen between Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October & Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October in Llanddeusant, Llangadog.

### 2. Distraction Burglary

Between Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 08 a distraction Burglary was committed in Bryniago, Llangadog. A male person called at the home of a 70 year old male purporting to check the water supply. This male stayed with the householder all the time. After the visit it was discovered that a lock to a bureau in the living room had been forced open and £1,000 in cash stolen. It is believed that a second person had entered the premises.

The male who spoke to the householder is described as:- aged between 50-55yrs, 6ft tall, stocky build, collar length curly black hair, being clean shaven, having an English accent and wearing a black coloured baseball cap.



## Current Issues

### Fuel theft

There has been an increase in the theft of diesel fuel from commercial vehicles and heating oil from storage tanks over the last few months. In an effort to reduce thefts of heating oil, the following points may prevent you becoming victim of theft.

- Check your oil levels on a regular basis.
- If possible keep your oil levels low.
- Try to arrange small, but frequent deliveries.
- Consider erecting fencing around the tank with one end hinged and locked for filling purposes. The fencing should be fixed to solid posts and should be set off the tank approx 12 inches on all sides. The same should be fixed to the top as well.
- If you have a steel tank, fit a quality anti-cut close shackled padlock.
- If you have outside security lighting, please ensure that the system works and that the light sensors have been adjusted correctly to detect movement.

**CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE****DISTRACTION BURGLARIES**

Dyfed Powys Police are warning the public of Carmarthenshire about distraction burglaries. Distraction burglary, also known as 'bogus caller crime', has a terrible affect upon its victims, often the older and more vulnerable in our society.

The most common guise adopted is that of an official i.e. employee of a utility company or a council worker. They may also pose as door to door salesmen. The offenders can be male or female and they sometimes use children to distract the occupant whilst an accomplice completes the offence.

Offenders may also purport to be trades people offering repairs, services and maintenance to homes and gardens. They will often carry out sub-standard work and charge exorbitant fees. They will only work for cash as cheques can be traced. Carmarthenshire County Council operate a registered traders' scheme, for details call 01267 456789.

If someone calls at your house that you don't know or expect:

**Stop**- check your back door (if you have one), lock it and take the key with you.

**Chain**- put your door chain or bar on the front door,

**Check**- check their identity before you let them into the house. If they are genuine workers they will be carrying identity cards.

If you are in doubt do not hesitate to call the police on the 999.

Dyfed- Powys Police also run a Bobby Van scheme, which can offer a free security fitting service of locks and peepholes etc.

If you feel vulnerable and could benefit from this service, please contact your local Police Station and ask to speak to a Community Safety Officer.

**Reminders**

Police Stations in Carmarthenshire:

Ammanford

Burry Port

Carmarthen

Cross Hands

Felinfoel

Kidwelly

Llandeilo

Llandovery

Llanelli

Llwynhendy

Newcastle Emlyn

Pencader

St Clears

Whitland

All Dyfed- Powys Police Stations are contactable on one non emergency number

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