

AGRICULTURAL AND  
CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT



# Monthly Report

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## Theft trend

ACE are noting a continuing trend whereby valuable equipment and small machinery is targeted during offences across the UK. Opal are working with Police Forces to combat this theft trend. We hope to provide more information in the near future.

ACE are concerned in particular with the number of Plant equipment items being stolen on the central motorway network largely along the M1 corridor in the East Midlands. Bomag Rollers and small dumpers are being stolen from small building sites. The items are removed in the back of high top transit van type vehicles, cloned from South and West Yorkshire. ANPR and witness accounts support that these types of vehicles are used by offenders.

Offences typically occur under cover of darkness and OPAL assess that offences are likely to increase as daylight hours decline.





## Pre-cursor events

ACE have noted several incidents where a crime has taken place following a pattern of suspicious activity. This often consists of unknown vehicles visiting and loitering at a site.

The vehicles are likely taking steps to identify any target items and also survey the security measures in place to prevent detection of the crime.

In some instances the suspicious activity has not been reported to the police and ACE are encouraging industry partners to ensure these incidents are recorded and reported.

It is imperative to report suspicious activities of this nature to the local police force as a means to best inform the police response.

Please ensure that security measures are increased after a suspicious activity as it is possible that the offenders will return to the scene to commit a crime in the following days.

# Theft of specialist construction equipment

Derbyshire Police have released an appeal following a high value burglary of specialist surveying equipment. Opal ACE urge anyone purchasing any items shown below to check serial numbers carefully. The items are new condition many in original packaging.

Serial Number	Description
1339416	Leica TS06 Total Station
1339304	Leica TS06 Total Station
1353362	Leica TS06+ Total Station
1374627	Leica TS06+ Total Station
1336094	Leica TS06 Total Station
1339318	Leica TS06 Total Station
1365499	Leica TS06+ Total Station
BS0523	Topcon ES Total Station
CU0335	Topcon OS 105 Total Station
AG0123	Topcon PS Total Station
UQ004438	Topcon GT Total Station
JP1383	Topcon DS Total Station
JP1244	Topcon DS Total Station
JM1664	Topcon DS Total Station
1143-12366	TOPCON HIPER V
T18032497880	Topcon T-18 Data Controller Geo Cell
164932	Topcon FC-500 Field Controller
YJ0024	Topcon RL-200-2S Dual Grade
QM6810	Topcon RL-SV2S Dual Grade
17133305	Spectra LL300 Rotating Laser
17112044	Spectra LL300 Rotating Laser
1QOO1906	Topcon RL-H5A Rotating Laser
PS1101	Topcon RL-H4C Rotating Laser



Serial Number	Description
16309737	Spectra LL300 Rotating Laser
16276900	Spectra LL300 Rotating Laser
P100-23113	Leica Piper 100
P100-20034	Leica Piper 100
P100-089896	Leica Piper 100
P100-20564	Leica Piper 100
6019399	Altair 4X
6021531	Altair 4X
10/C4EN61-8806	eCAT 4+
10/C4EN61-931	eCAT 4+
10/C4EN61-9757	eCAT 4+
10/G4EN-13594	Genny 4
10/G4EN-51587	Genny 4
10/G4EN-18763	Genny 4
10/G3-ENG-20056	Genny 4
10/G4EN-36930	Genny 4
1952503158	Topcon ATP1
B069	Topcon ATP1
F528	Topcon ATP1
1258	Topcon ATP1
9897	Topcon ATP1



## International Offending

ACE have been working closely with NaVCIS and the NCA in relation to a Polish based OCG. The group are believed involved in the transportation of stolen plant from the UK. Surveillance markers are being placed onto known Heavy Goods Vehicles with a request that if seen travelling towards the Ports they are stop checked / searched.

ACE have also asked all forces to report incidents of this nature directly to the ACE team and we will maintain a national overview and ensure a consistent and proportionate police response.

## Good news

During October a male with links to Gwent was stopped and arrested in the West Midlands whilst towing a stolen trailer. This male is believed to have been involved in multiple offences across the country over the past few months. He favoured targeting the Thames Valley area but is believed to have travelled further afield. Since his arrest the number of reported offences of trailers and horse box thefts, has reduced.