

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION!

During the evening of Thursday 4th March a fire was set in the entrance porch at Holy Trinity Church Tattershall. In the process the offenders ripped all the notices off the notice boards within the porch as well as ones on 'A' boards outside the church, they removed a tarpaulin from some excavation work in the grounds and set light to the lot in the porch along with the entrance matting!

Thankfully the ancient wooden doors did not catch alight but damage was done to the stonework, which I am told will still be there in centuries to come.

Words defy me as to how stupid and irresponsible this act of mindless arson was and the possible consequences do not bear thinking about.

Four youths were seen to commit this act, two girls and two boys. The boys were described as large with broad shoulders and quite tall of approximately 17/18 yrs old. One was wearing a grey tracksuit with a 'hoody' style top, they had I-pods playing music and were carrying a large carrier (larger than a usual shop carrier bag) which appeared heavy and in which bottles were heard clinking together. They were first seen at approximately 20.30hrs. They were subsequently joined by two girls who were dressed all in black, were smaller and appeared younger than the males and who are described as 'very loud'.

The fire was reported to the police at 21.20hrs at which point the offenders left the scene. A number of empty alcohol bottles and cans were left at the scene that have been sent for forensic tests.

Please think;

- Do you know anything about this crime?
- Have you heard any talk that might help us identify those responsible?
- Do the descriptions above ring any bells with you?

Parents – Were your children out during the times above, were your daughters out dressed all in black, did they appear to have been drinking when they came home, do you know where they were, who they were with, what they were doing? Please talk to your children and ask them if they know anything about this.

It is important that we identify those responsible for this crime. I am sure you are all aware that the area suffered several arson attacks last year, the worst being the total destruction of Tattershall Bowls Club next door to the Church.

IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING;

PCSO Ali Evans – 07944 776880

PC Chris Redfearn – 07939-312889

Lincolnshire Police – 0300-111-0300 – Quote incident 466 04/03/10

Crimestoppers – 0800-555-111 – Quote incident 466 04/03/10