



Road Sign Theft Epidemic Across Country + Update

Local road signs stolen to be sold for scrap

Have you noticed that many of the road signs leading into the village and further afield throughout the area are missing the vital top part of the sign?



One that got away - for now. The Give Way sign at the Maxey Road / Mill Road crossroads beside the church shows evidence of damage due to attempted forced removal.

been taken from church roofs. Indeed, St. Peter's Church may become a target for its lead roofing.

Aluminium flower holders have been stolen from gravesides. A Henry Moore Bronze valued at £3m was taken while a less high brow but no less loved 3ft high bronze statue of David Beckham was taken from a Garden in Halesowen in July.

The incidents were reported to the Cambs. Police and to our local Councillor, Peter Hiller who, in turn, notified the PCC Highways Dept.

The phenomenon is not just limited to our immediate vicinity - reports of similar thefts are appearing on local web sites all over the country. Lead, copper and aluminium - in fact all kinds of scrap metal - are commanding record high prices per tonne at scrap metal merchants through the UK.

With increasing demand from India and China for metal, unscrupulous thieves have been targeting metal fixtures that have, until now, required low security. Copper and lead have

More Missing Signs



The Give Way sign on Mill Road is missing



Another missing sign - just before the traffic calming coming into the village from West Deeping.

Signs Replaced

A number of signs have been replaced in Maxey including the Stop sign at the Mill Road crossroad with High Street and the Maxey Road to Helpston.

Many Police Forces have joined 'Operation Steel' which aims to clamp



Sign Missing - Looking towards Northborough just after the Tarmac site entrance

Sign Replaced - one of several road signs replaced after the recent spate of thefts

down on rogue scrap dealers and enforce existing regulations. Arrests have been made throughout the country.

If you notice signs missing from other areas around Maxey you can contact the PCC Highways Team direct on **01733 453565** | Peter Hiller **07951 465741** | Cambs. Police on **0845 456 456 4**

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