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HEARTLESS

Thieves steal from ill little George, seven

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HEARTLESS thieves have struck in Honiton.

On Sunday, March 1st, a car parked in the Littletown Road area of the town was broken in to and CDs featuring songs from the 1950s and 1960s were taken.

The CDs belonged to seven-year-old George Ross who has suffered from a brain injury since birth. His dad, also called George, played the music in the family car during regular trips to see specialist doctors in Bristol.

Mr Ross said: "The car was parked on my drive and the CDs were in the glove box."

"We had two Christmassy ones, pan

pipes, Scottish tapes and ones with hits of the 50s and 60s. My son likes music and I played them for him and put on the songs that suit his mood.

"The 50s and 60s CDs had a good beat to them and he liked this."

Mr Ross said the tunes were all purchased at a local car boot sale and were of no monetary value.

"It is going to take me another six months to select some more music because my son has to get used to what is being played in the car," he said.

"If he doesn't like it he will start thumping and banging his head.

"We have to go to Bristol next week and it can be hard work trying to keep focused on the road if he isn't happy in the back.

"I am just hoping the thieves will have a change of heart and hand them back or

leave them somewhere where I can pick them up."

Honiton PCSO Sue Rowe added: "It was heartbreaking to hear that this mindless criminal has taken CDs of no value to them but of great value to this special needs boy.

"The CDs were hits of the 50s and 60s. They were comforting to this young boy, helped reassure him and kept him calm and quiet whilst he and his family had to make regular trips to Bristol.

"The boy new every word to every song and would sing along, now it is going to take weeks for this young boy to enjoy new songs."

Anyone with information about the theft is asked to contact Honiton police on 08452 777444. Alternatively, email honiton@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk.

Lidl's plans withdrawn

ALDI will have no competition from rival budget supermarket chain Lidl after it announced plans to withdraw its application to build a store on the Heathpark Service Station.

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Crime spate breaks out

A SPATE of crime has broken out in parts of Honiton. On Saturday, February 28th, a wooden fence at a property in Millers Way was vandalised.

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No takeaway

PLANS to turn a former cafe in the centre of Honiton into an Indian takeaway have been thrown out by councillors.

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◆ THE Ottery Dogs group was out and about in Ottery St Mary on Saturday, conducting a survey among residents, and installing a new dog litter bin in Ottery

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