



# *Crime Reports*

## *West Harnham*

### **Mr John White's House Broken Into**

Not less than five houses in this city and the immediate neighbourhood were broken open on the nights of Saturday and Sunday, the 11th and 12th inst. The general alarm has, however, made the public so vigilant, that the robbers almost wholly failed of their object; being disturbed before they could commit any plunder at four of the houses, and only carrying off a cheese from the fifth. Two lurking fellows, in smock frocks, each carrying a heavy stick, were seen about two o'clock on Sunday morning, walking quickly from the city towards Harnham (where the house of Mr. John White was shortly after broken open, and the family disturbed); and there is little doubt but that these men were concerned in some or all of these burglaries.

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