

**Title: BURGLARY FIRLE PLACE, FIRLE**

Detectives are appealing for information following a high value burglary that took place between late Sunday evening (19th July) and the early hours of Monday (20th July) at Firle Place in Firle.

Highly important pieces of Sevres Porcelain were stolen including an important pair of identical vases made in 1763 and a Hollandaise Nouveau vase which is historically very rare. The value of the items stolen is believed to be around £1 million pounds.

Lord Gage owner of Firle Place said: "I and my son Henry are shocked by the crass nature of this burglary which will prevent members of the public viewing this historic porcelain".

DS Simon Atkins, who is overseeing the investigation, said: The police are conducting a thorough investigation to locate this property and bring the offenders to justice. We will be releasing photographs of this unique porcelain and working with other agencies and police forces to assist us in our investigation.

"I would ask any witnesses who saw anyone or anything unusual to contact police on 0845 60 70 999 quoting serial 1063 of 21st July."

Members of the public with information that leads to the recovery of the stolen property may be entitled to a reward.

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