



Warwickshire Rural Crime Team Newsletter

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Report non-emergency crime
Get advice & guidance
www.warwickshire.police.uk

Non-emergency number
101

In an emergency always call
999

Please note: all incidents must be reported through official channels and not directly to the officers.

Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

For non-emergencies, report online at warwickshire.police.uk or call 101.

Your Regional Rural Crime Team Contacts



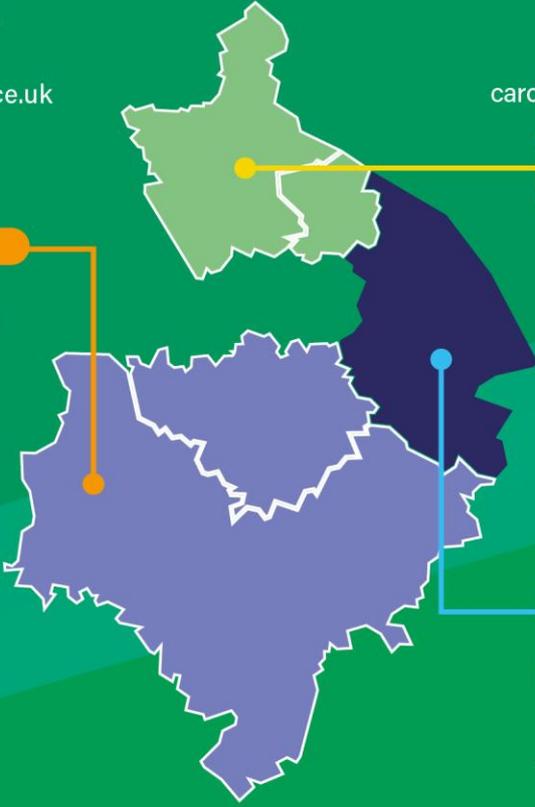
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VEHICLES

Stolen Trailer Recovered

This stolen trailer was recovered by our team near Shipston on Stour following a call from a member of the public.

The trailer had been stolen from a shopping centre in London.

If you have a trailer please consider a tracker and ensure you have all the vehicle identification numbers recorded.

We would recommend also having a picture of the trailer and any distinguishing marks.

Further crime prevention advice is available on our website and if you would like one of our trailer stickers please email ruralcrimeteam@warwickshire.police.uk.



Proactive Patrols and Operations Provide Good Results Around the County

The team have been doing lots of proactive work around the county on operations addressing vehicle crime, thefts, poaching, burglaries and crop damage. During these days and nights of action, including through the early hours, a number of vehicles and items have been seized, persons reported for a range of offences and two arrests made.



DRONES



The team recently had cause to deal with an individual for several drone offences in the Warwick area. This happened more through naivety than intention, but could have easily resulted in members of the public being injured. If you fly a drone for whatever reason please ensure that you are fully aware of the law and relevant legislation. A useful site with lots of advice and information can be found at www.caa.co.uk/drones

LIVESTOCK

Concern for Livestock – Please Do Not Feed Without Owners Permission

Our officers recently dealt with a report of a pile of grass cuttings put in a field with livestock in causing one animal to be extremely ill. Lawn/grass cuttings can be extremely dangerous to livestock, including horses and in some situations can lead to their death. Please do not put lawn/grass cuttings in a field, it is not the same as the grass that the animals graze naturally or used by the farmer for hay or silage. Livestock and horses should not be fed anything unless you are the owner of the animal or have been given permission by them to do so. We appreciate in most instances people are unaware of this danger to livestock so we wanted to help increase awareness and hopefully no more animals will come to harm.



FIRE SAFETY

Farm Fire Safety



We are again joining our partners Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service, National Farmers Union and Warwickshire County Council to promote the really important message of farm fire safety. As we come into the summer, with the warmer weather, silage and hay making well underway and about to start harvest, there are important points to check. The leaflet is on our website www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk or you can email ruralcrimeteam@warwickshire.police.uk and we will forward it to you.



TRAINING

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In recent weeks our Rural Crime Coordinator has been providing input on wildlife and rural crime to the new police officers joining our force as part of their induction. Providing information on the work of the Rural Crime Team, the types of crime that we deal with on rural and wildlife, plus understanding the potential further affect these crimes can have in rural communities is really important. How all departments within the force work together plus the importance of a visual presence and being proactive in dealing with offenders who commit crime in our county are all key messages. We look forward to working with our colleagues as they join our response teams in locations all around the county.

ENGAGEMENT

Officers from the Rural Crime Team were at **Kenilworth Show** and had a very busy stand with our vehicle and items on display attracting a lot of people. It was really nice to speak to everyone and explain about the areas of rural and wildlife crime that we deal with. We also attended **Rugby Farmers Livestock Market** at Stoneleigh Park. This provided a great opportunity to chat with farmers and livestock owners, discussing any issues or concerns. We also had our very popular gate signs to give out and other items to help with crime prevention.



CRIME PREVENTION ALERT

GPS EQUIPMENT



Nationally there continues to be thefts of GPS equipment from tractors of all makes and models, plus agricultural machinery. Sadly we have also seen incidents reported in the Rugby and North Warks areas. Please be vigilant, report any suspicious activity and take measures to keep your equipment secure, including taking off and locking away when not in use. An advice sheet is available on our website: www.warwickshire-ruralwatch.co.uk.

Our Rural Crime Team Newsletter only provides a snapshot of some of the work we are involved with. If you want to keep up to date with our arrests, property recovery / seizures, crime prevention efforts and be alerted to crime trends across Warwickshire then make use of the following options.



Currently with over 11,000 followers our Facebook Page is the main output for our working week.

You do not need to be a Facebook user to view the page. Just visit www.facebook.com/WarwickshireRuralCrimeTeam



A group set up to help combat & prevent the theft of equines, tack, trailers & boxes.

Please try to pass this onto as many horsey friends, businesses & establishments as you can - you do not have to be in Warwickshire to join.

Visit:

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or www.facebook.com/WarksHorseWatch



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closing the gate on rural crime

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