



# Warwickshire Rural Crime Team Newsletter

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Get advice & guidance  
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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](http://warwickshire.police.uk) or call 101.

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# VEHICLES

## Stolen Dumper Recovered



Officers from our team recovered this dumper, which was found hidden inside a container, at a location near Darlingscott, South Warwickshire. Following checks it was found to have been stolen from the Coventry area.

## Rural Patrols Produce Positive Results

Our officers patrol the rural areas across the county regularly at different times of the day and night, checking vehicles and locations, being vigilant to all crimes. During this month a number of vehicles have been identified for different offences and been dealt with accordingly.



Whilst patrolling, our officers spotted this van being driven in Stratford, with what appeared to be no Tax (Vehicle Excise Duty). On stopping the van, the driver wasn't able to produce a licence. Upon checking it was found that the driver had been banned from driving for a period of 12 months, less than 30 days prior to us stopping him. This was as a result of him admitting guilt for causing serious injuries to another driver in November 2022. He was interviewed at the roadside for driving whilst disqualified and will shortly be receiving another court date; his van was also seized.

## Off Road Bikes

Officers from the Rural Crime Team and Atherstone Safer Neighbourhood Team worked together to tackle off road anti-social behaviour in some of the remote rural locations in the North of the county. We continue to patrol these areas targeting areas of antisocial behaviour, poaching and theft.



## VEHICLES

### Result From Vehicle Stopped

Whilst conducting general patrols along the A5 near Dordon, our officers spotted this Ford Tipper driving with a very obviously insecure load. Upon checking the vehicle and documentation it was found that there was no waste carriers licence, multiple vehicle defects (including a cracked windscreen) and the vehicle insurance policy didn't cover this type of work activity.

The driver was reported for the offences and the vehicle seized. They were convicted in court, received £342 in costs and their driving licence was endorsed with penalty points. The vehicle was also scrapped.



## LIVESTOCK

### Livestock Worrying Case Court Result



Following an incident in March 2023 which our team dealt with in the Bedworth area, a person has now attended court and pleaded guilty to being the owner of a dog worrying livestock whereby an animal received bite injuries to its face. The dog owner was given a 12 month conditional discharge and ordered to pay: £254.88 compensation, £135 costs and £26 victim surcharge. The owner was also issued with a dog control order, preventing their dog from going onto land which they know, or reasonably ought to know, is agricultural land on which livestock is present or is likely to be present.

**Please keep your dog on a lead if there is livestock in the vicinity.**

### Cattle Returned Safely to Field & Farm Mapping Initiative

Our force receives a number of calls to livestock and other animals that have escaped onto the highway or other areas where they and on occasion, members of the public could be at risk. This week one of our officers responded to a herd of cows, which included calves and a bull, who had got out due to some children cutting the fence on purpose. The owners of the cattle were identified and came to assist our officer who moo--ved the cattle back to their field safely and secured the fence. Enquiries are being made to try and identify the children concerned. Warwickshire Police have a farm mapping system that farmers and owners of livestock, including horses, can register their details with. If their animals get out and we respond the information is held in our control room and used

to contact possible owners so that we can get the animals back safe and sound. If you are not registered with us and would like to be please email [ruralcrimeteam@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:ruralcrimeteam@warwickshire.police.uk) and we will send you a form.



## WILDLIFE

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### Pigeons



Officers from Shipston and Wellesbourne Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams worked with officers from our team on an early start following up on some intelligence where a member of the public believed that they heard the sound of a shotgun being fired from inside a vehicle near Lower Quinton. As a result of partnership working with Gloucestershire Constabulary a vehicle and persons of interest were identified.

A vehicle was stopped and two males arrested on suspicion of firearms offences, an address was subsequently searched and six registered shotguns seized. One male has admitted to committing offences under the Firearms Act and the Wildlife and Countryside Act.

## ENGAGEMENTS

### UK Forces and Partners at National Meeting



Forces from around the UK, including Warwickshire, plus key partners, met at the NFU headquarters in Stoneleigh to discuss rural crime. Topics included sharing best practice on combatting the different types of rural crime, sharing of intelligence, preventative and target hardening measures, including initiatives to help farmers and rural communities. It was a very productive day for all concerned. More inf to follow on the new NRCU (National Rural Crime Unit).

### National Hare Coursing Conference – Operation Galileo



Representatives from 28 forces, plus partners, met for the annual hare coursing conference. Operation Galileo unites the police in tackling this crime and bringing criminals to account. There have been some really good results by forces around the country, with the new regulations assisting in dealing with the offenders arrested.

### Whitacre & Shustoke Show



Representatives from our team joined colleagues from the Safer Neighbourhood Team at Coleshill on the police stand at the Whitacre & Shustoke Agricultural & Horse Show. It was a really busy day with people coming to see us about lots of topics and asking for advice. As usual our gate signs and stickers for trailers were really popular.



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](http://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.

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