



# Warwickshire Rural Crime Team Newsletter

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



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# Christmas Greetings and Happy New Year From Us All in the Rural Crime Team



From us all in the Rural Crime Team and Warwickshire Police, we wish all our communities seasons greetings and a safe New Year.

## New Additions to the Team



We are really pleased to welcome PC Matt Simms to our team.

Matt joins PC Kate Taylor in our Southam office, covering the South East area of the county. Matt was previously part of the Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team working with the rural communities in the area.

Our new Hilux 4 x 4 is now with us and has already been involved in arrests, patrols and operations.

It is a great asset to the team and comes equipped to aid our officers operating in very rural areas, tackling crime and offenders who target our farms and rural communities.

## Team Work Brings Results

Our team work with many departments within our force, from our OPU (Operation Patrol Units), Safer Neighbourhood Teams, Dog Team, Patrol, etc through to our control room and intel officers. We also work closely with our neighbouring forces on joint operations and patrols, as well as sharing intelligence. This has resulted in a number of arrests and stolen property being recovered.

An example of this was our team working with officers from West Mercia and Gloucestershire Police recently, which resulted in a 17 year old male from the Worcestershire area being arrested for burglary related offences in Warwickshire.

Our joint work continues and we look forward to updating you on further results.





## Vehicles and Equipment Recovered



A Suzuki quad bike and power tools, along with a stolen moped was recovered from a location just over our border in Worcestershire by PC King following an investigation into a burglary at a rural property. Also stolen during the burglary was a John Deere Gaylor that was found abandoned shortly after and a Polaris ATV that is still outstanding.

What helped locate the quad was it was equipped with a tracker which led officers straight to a container hidden in woodland.

We cannot stress enough the effectiveness of trackers, these, plus other crime prevention equipment are really effective and worth considering in protecting your equipment and



This gaylor was found hidden in woodland after seen being driven through Shipston on Stour with another vehicle. It was later located and found to have been stolen from Northamptonshire earlier that night.

Forensics have been taken and an investigation is ongoing by the team.

## Post Boxes Stolen Around the County

During mid November, through to December we saw a number of post boxes stolen in villages in the South of the county.

PC Taylor is investigating these incidents, working with the Royal Mail, Historic England and Officers in Staffordshire, who have had similar offences occur. To date the boxes have included those in walls and on posts and in Radford Semele, Princethorpe, Bishops Itchington, Chadshunt, Moreton Morrell and Long Compton. Appeals have gone out in the press and our County Coordinator did an interview on BBC Coventry & Warwickshire covering the incidents.

If you have any information that can assist us with our enquiries please email us at [ruralcrimeteam@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ruralcrimeteam@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk).



## Work of the Team in Barnacle & Bulkington Area



Our team are working with and supporting farmers and the local community in the Barnacle and Bulkington area following a number of incidents of damage to crops, property, anti-social behaviour and flytipping. The local Rural Crime Officers, PC Purcell and PC May-Royle, are working closely with the local councils, Safer Neighbourhood Teams, Patrol and other partners to address these issues. The rest of the team are also supporting in the area, as well as our Rural Specials.

Recently, whilst patrolling in the area PC Purcell came across this vehicle with mud underneath it. Following checks a number of offences were found and the vehicle was seized.

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)



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