



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.

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Horse Trailers Recovered



Two horse trailers stolen from the south of the county by offenders were recovered by the Rural Crime Team within 24 hours!

Both trailers were recovered near Ryton on Dunsmore after an eagle eyed member of the public spotted something they didn't think looked quite right and reported suspicious activity to the Police.

Both owners now have their trailers back and are grateful to the team. We also want to pass on our sincere thanks to the member of the public who reported their concerns to us and everyone else who takes the time to let us know about suspicious activity.

If you have a trailer of any kind please go to our website at www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk and see our trailer advice sheet.

Also if you would like one of our trailer stickers please email us at ruralcrimeteam@warwickshire.police.uk.

Stolen Saddle Returned to Owner

Following a recent warrant a saddle believed to be stolen was seized.

An appeal was posted on the Warwickshire Horse Watch Facebook page on the teams behalf and within 16 minutes after lots of proactivity and sharing lots of people contacted us and the owner was identified.

It was our absolute pleasure to arrange for the saddle to be returned to its pint sized owner. It was possible to confirm the owner as there were specific markings on the saddle. For horse owners there are a number of things that you can do to help protect your tack, harness and other equipment, plus improve the chances of getting it back if taken, as happened on this occasion.

See the advice on our website and consider printing off or downloading an Equine Record Form – www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk.

Warwickshire Horse Watch can also be contacted via their Face Book page or email horsewatch@warwickshire.police.uk



Positive Partnership Working



Thank you to the British Horse Society Warwickshire committee who kindly donated head collars and buckets to our force to help with calls we receive regarding horses loose on the roads. The equipment will be used by our patrol teams around the county.

Support Provided to RDA Stables

Our Rural Crime Coordinator was recently pleased to accompany the local PCSO in North Warwickshire to a Riding for The Disabled stables and provide advice on equine crime prevention and the initiatives our team provide.



Stolen Discovery Recovered Due to Tracker

Stolen Motorhome Recovered



This £50k motorhome was located and recovered by Rural Crime Team Officers with assistance from our colleagues at OPU Warwickshire and Response.

The GPS tracker enabled officers to enter the location to effect the recovery at an address near Ryton On Dunsmore.

Unfortunately no offenders were located with the motorhome, but our enquiries are ongoing with forensic opportunities being explored.

We are currently seeing an increase in the theft of caravans and motorhomes in the region, please see the advice sheet for caravan and motorhome owners on our website plus a short film our team have put together to help you when looking to buy a second hand caravan.

Officers from our team, along with colleagues from D Shift Response located this stolen Land Rover Discovery in Atherstone.

The vehicle had been stolen from the Essex area a few days before.

Officers were able to follow vital tracking information provided by a third party tracker company.

Trackers are an excellent piece of equipment and assist the police on many occasions in identifying stolen vehicles. This plus steering locks and other crime prevention equipment is definitely worth considering for your vehicle.

Further information can be found on our websites www.warwickshire.police.uk and www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk.



Stolen Vehicles Worth Approx £100k Recovered Thanks to Rural Crime Team Drones



After a recent spate of motorhome thefts in the midlands region, the team deployed our drones at locations where previous stolen vehicles had been found.

A stolen Swift motorhome that had been stolen three days earlier was identified and whilst waiting for our recovery truck to arrive officers also checked a nearby Ford UK transit van and two cars within the same property. All three came back as stolen from around the country and were also recovered. Investigations are ongoing.



LIVESTOCK

Officers Rescue Calf



One of our RCT Officers and the PCSO for the local area responded to a call from a member of the public about a calf in distress in a field in North Warwickshire. The calf, which was only a few days old was noticed the night before and hadn't moved, even though the herd had gone into another field.

Upon arrival the details were fed back to the RCT Coordinator who identified the farmer and contacted him to come out and meet up with the officers. The calf was found to be dehydrated and was taken back to the farm for attention.

Thank you to the eagle eyed member of the public who reported her.

If you are a farmer or horse owner and do not have your details on our farm mapping system please let us know and we will send you a form. This allows us to have up to date contact details and other relevant information that can assist on some incidents reported to the Police.

Email the team at ruralcrimeteam@warwickshire.police.uk

WILDLIFE

Partnership Working to Address Fishing Offences

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Following last months successful operation working with the Environment Agency and Angling Trust to address fishing offences the team have been back out getting some very positive results around the county with equipment being seized and offenders being dealt with.



HERITAGE

Alert to Lead Thefts

Sadly we are aware that there has been a number of lead thefts from places of worship around the country.

In Warwickshire churches in Emscote and Salford Priors have been targeted and lost lead from these beloved buildings.

If you own, help look after a building or live near a property with lead on it, including churches and historic buildings please be extra vigilant, report any suspicious activity to the owners and police, including any vehicles seen.

Offenders can be very blatant and wear hi viz and other clothing to seem that they are carrying out authorised work, if you are unsure call the relevant body who will advise you if someone should be there.

For extra information and advice see our website www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk and www.warwickshire.police.uk.

ENGAGEMENTS



The team had a busy day at Kenilworth Show with lots of people visiting the stand which we did with Stratford District Council, Local Officers and Warwickshire Horse Watch, with a visit from the Police & Crime Commissioner. In the next few weeks we will be at the Game Fair at Ragley Hall (29th to 31st July) and Whitacre & Shustoke Agricultural Show (16th July). Come along and see our stand and chat to our officers.

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:

www.warwickshire-horsewatch.co.uk
or www.facebook.com/WarksHorseWatch



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