



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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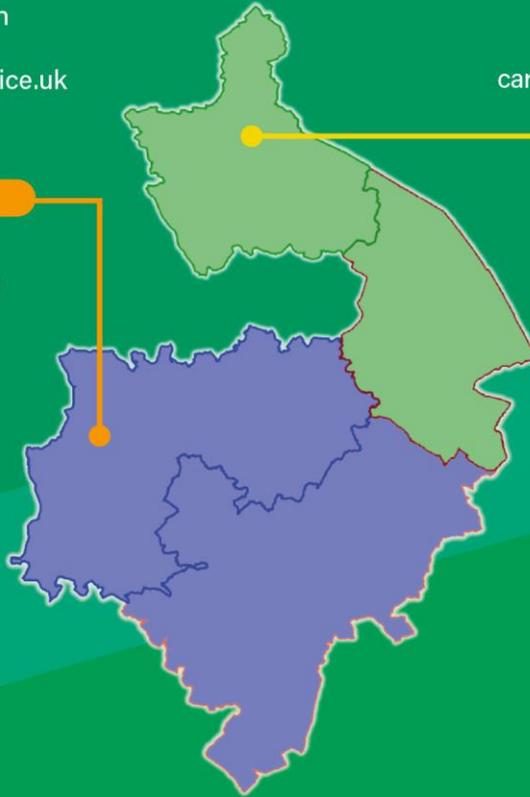
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Two New Members Join Our Team



We are really pleased to welcome **PC Adam Corless** to our team. Adam joins us as PC Jenny May-Royle takes up a new post in our CID, promoting her interests there in rural and wildlife crime, where we wish her all the very best. Prior to joining our force three years ago, Adam worked for the prison service as a dog handler. As a Patrol Officer based out of Coleshill he knows the Northern rural areas well and is looking forward to extending this to the rural Rugby areas too. As well as other skills Adam comes to us as a Licensed Search Officer representing Warwickshire Police recently on events such as the Common Wealth Games in Birmingham and the Queens Funeral in London. Adam said “ Living in a rural area in Warwickshire myself I am really looking forward to working with and supporting the communities in my area, providing a visible presence when patrolling and targeting the offenders who commit crime in our county.”

Following funding from the Office of the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner, we are pleased to welcome **Jack Deaves** to our team. Jack will be working in the North of the county providing crime prevention advice and supporting victims of rural crime.

In the South of the county there are two part time Rural Crime Advisors, **Alison Packer** and **Rebecca Jenkins**, also funded by the OPCC, who work for Stratford District Council and cover Stratford and Warwick districts providing crime prevention advice for rural communities.

If you have a farm, stables or remote rural property and would like a crime prevention advice visit please email us at ruralcrimeteam@warwickshire.police.uk and we will arrange an appointment.



AWARDS

Wildlife



Two of our team members, **PC Jenny May-Royle** and **PC Andy Timmins** were recently acknowledged by the National Bat Crime Delivery Group for their work on investigating bat crimes in our county. The officers were awarded a special bat crime challenge coin and a certificate in recognition of their work.

Community



SI Dave Turner, one of our Rural Special Officers has received an award from the Mayor of North Warwickshire. Dave received a medal and certificate for services to the local community.

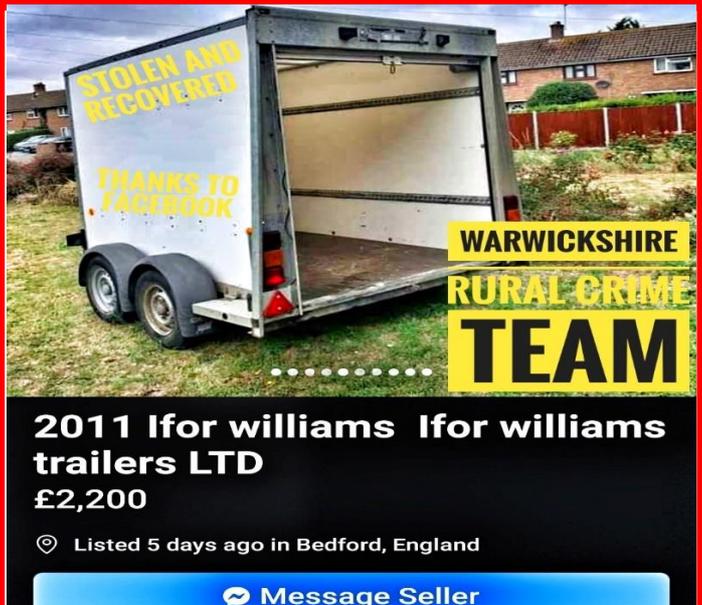
Tractor Recovered



Following information received, our team responded to a report of a stolen tractor on the Warwickshire/Gloucestershire border. When we arrived the tractor had been moved, but officers persisted in checking out the area, including using our drone and soon located the vehicle. As it was found just over our border we arranged for Gloucestershire to recover the tractor and arrange its safe return after a forensic examination was completed.

Stolen Trailer Returned to Owner

A vigilant member of the public spotted this Ifor Williams Trailers being offered for sale on Facebook Marketplace. Suspicions were raised due to the lower than expected price and some ID markings not being quite as they should be. This information was then seen by a member of our team, who was on leave, but followed it up. The exact location of the trailer wasn't known as the Marketplace advert only stated it was in Bedford. After a little help from a Nottinghamshire Police officer, we managed to pin point the location of the below advert image. Our officer made contact with colleagues in Bedfordshire Police and NaVCIS, who were able to attend the location and secure the trailer. It was found that the trailer had been stolen from Thames Valley in 2020. The trailer wasn't covered by an insurance policy at the time of the theft so the owner was really pleased to get a call saying it had been found and to get it back.



Caravan Recovered Following Facebook Post

Anybody here recognise this Caravan? It's been on this road for about a month, not sure if it's stolen or not but the council will be called shortly to remove it.



Following a post on Facebook from a caring member of the public re their concern about a caravan that had been parked up on their road in Scarborough. One of our Rural Crime Team saw the post and checked the details through the database that we have access to. The caravan came back as stolen so we contacted our colleagues in North Yorkshire Police who recovered the vehicle and returned it to its rightful owner. Thanks to the member of public for taking the time to raise their concerns.

Stolen Motorbike Recovered



Following a report we received of a motorbike seen by a member of the public dumped in a brook near Leamington Spa, we passed it onto local officers from the Kenilworth & Warwick team. Upon arrival they confirmed that it had been stolen the day before. The bike was recovered and returned to its owner.



We have been out and about at events at the end of September, following the important mourning period for our late Queen and monarch. It was great to engage with so many farmers at the Sheepy Ploughing Match in North Warwickshire and also speak to attendees at the APF Exhibition at Ragley.

WILDLIFE



Our team cover all kinds of wildlife crime including one that not many people are aware of - the 'Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species'. CITES is a multilateral treaty to protect endangered plants and animals from the threats of international trade. Police forces all over the world, including the UK, work together to share intelligence and target the offenders who perpetrate these types of crime. Whether it is related to alive or dead protected species, including items such as ivory, furs, taxidermy, any illegal items will be investigated. Our team have a number of items that we show on our stand at events providing examples of the kind of items seized.

If you see anything offered for sale, either when you are out and about or online that you believe may be illegal please report it or email our team at ruralcrimeteam@warwickshire.police.uk.

FLYTIPPING/WASTE CRIME

Following a rise in fly tipping in the north of the county the RCT, plus the local policing team, joined our partners from the local authority (N.W.B.C), Environment Agency and NFU raising awareness to this crime. Joint patrols with the EA and Environment Officers from the council were ran in hot spot areas where vehicles were checked and locations visited.

It was a very productive week and included a successful prosecution by N.W.B.C of two offenders who pleaded guilty to fly tipping following being caught on camera by a police helicopter, who called officers to the scene. The two males were fined a total of £830 each. Part of the campaign included raising the awareness of the responsibility of the public in ensuring that they only give their waste to registered carriers.

It is important for people to realise that if they give their waste to an unregistered carrier and the waste is traced back to them they could be prosecuted. To check if someone has a waste carrier licence go to:

www.environment.data.gov.uk/public-register



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.

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