



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.

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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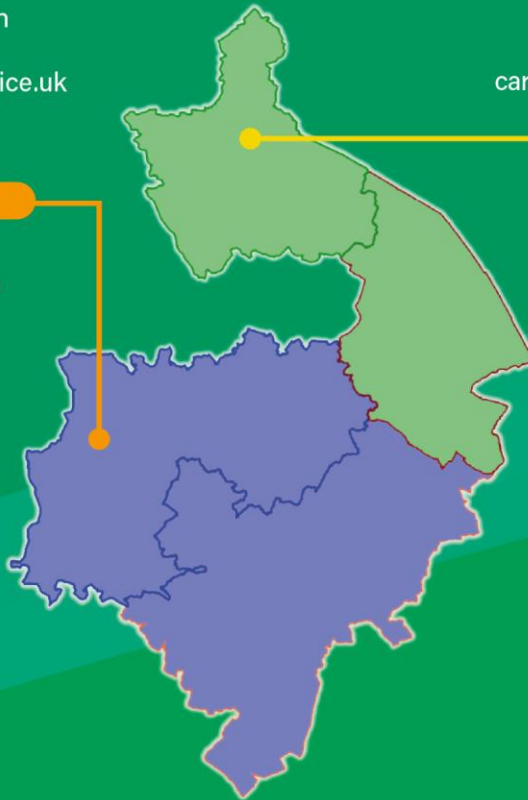
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Barn Burglary Arrest



Officers from our team, with colleagues from Response, attended an address in Southam where a 47 year old male was arrested on suspicion of a rural barn burglary in the Hatton area on the 6th September 2022.

After the male was taken to custody RCT Officers conducted two section 18 searches. Officers from Stratford Police, Southam Police and the Thames Valley Police Rural Crime Taskforce assisted with gaining entry to premises connected to the male. During a search of a location in the Gaydon area a number of stolen items were identified by our Officers and recovered. These items were subsequently linked to a further two rural barn and outbuilding burglaries in the Alverson and Pathlow areas.

As part of our investigation 3 trailers were also recovered along with any tools or equipment associated with committing crime.

The suspect was further arrested in custody on suspicion of the further two burglaries and interviewed. The male was later charged and bailed for court for the Hatton burglary.

We have been pleased to return any property identified as stolen to their rightful owners.

Motorhome Stolen and Recovered in Less Than 12 Hours

In the early hours of the 31st October a Swift motorhome was stolen by offenders from a location in Water Orton, North Warwickshire.

Fortunately the motorhome had been fitted with a tracker and even though the offenders had tried searching the vehicle to see if there was a tracker installed, they had not located it.

A signal was received from the tracker to our RCT Officers who were out patrolling in North Warwickshire and the motorhome was found in the Kingsbury area.

It makes a big difference having a tracker for your vehicle, whether it is a caravan, motorhome, trailer etc, plus any other vehicle. Even if you have a factory fitted tracker, consider fitting a third party system, there are many types available including self contained battery units which can be hid anywhere on or in the vehicle.

For further information on caravan and motorhome crime prevention see our website at www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk which includes a short film by our team.



Stolen Ford Fiesta Recovered

RCT officers recently located this stolen Ford Fiesta in the north of the county that was fitted with a tracker.

Two of our RCT vehicles have new mounted Tracker systems that can assist in locating vehicles with this type of system.





Our Officers this week, whilst attending a location on another matter, noticed a caravan parked in the corner of the premises. Checks showed that it had been stolen from Derbyshire in 2011 and was subsequently recovered.

Officers were satisfied that the owners had purchased the caravan 4 or 5 years ago, not knowing that it was stolen. Further investigation is being done on where it was purchased from. When buying a second hand vehicle please do comprehensive checks before parting with any money.

To assist with people considering buying a second hand caravan or motorhome the Rural Crime Team have produced a short film with some tips on that can be found on our website www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk.

WILDLIFE

Bats




Bat Conservation Trust

Bat Related Crime

Under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (2017) and the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) (as amended) it is a criminal offence to:

- Disturb a bat or groups of bats in their roost – such as within buildings, tunnels, caves, trees.
- Damage or destroy a bat roosting place, even if there are no bats present at the time.
- Obstruct access to a bat roost.
- Capture, injure or kill a bat or possess, advertise, sell or exchange a bat, or part of a bat dead or alive.

If you believe a wildlife offence is taking place, or has taken place against bats or their roost, please telephone the police on 101 or report anonymously via Crimestoppers.

If you believe an offence has occurred please report to the Rural Crime Team via www.warwickshire.police.uk or by calling 101.

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Should you require further advice please contact the Bat Conservation Trust Helpline
0345 1300 228
www.bats.org.uk

This poster was produced by the Bat Conservation Trust as part of our Wildlife Crime Project. The project is currently unfunded, please consider making a donation to support this important work. <https://www.justgiving.com/campaigns/bat-crime>

Our Rural Crime Officers deal with a wide range of wildlife incidents from across the county, including in this is bat crime.

In Britain ALL bat species and their roosts are legally protected.

Most of our investigations are linked to developments, whether it is new buildings or work being carried out to an existing structure, so if you are having work done please check with the relevant authorities before any work begins.

Road Safety Awareness

Warwickshire Police, with other forces around the country, have supported Project Edward in raising awareness on road safety.

The initiative covers many areas of road safety and this year, with the Rural Crime Team, British Horse Society, Warwickshire Horse Watch and Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership we highlighted the vulnerability of horse riders and carriage drivers on the highway.

Our Rural Crime Coordinator liaised with all of the partners and helped arrange a film, with participation of other officers in our force to show how to pass a horse safely, which is available to see on our Facebook Page and website.

Operation Snap is for members of the public, including horse owners and cyclists, to report and submit digital footage showing potential moving traffic offences. This could be from a dashcam, headcam or similar equipment. To report and view further information please refer to the Warwickshire Police website at www.warwickshire.police.uk.

We were really pleased to be supported by Warwickshire Police Chief Constable Debbie Tedds, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire Emma Daniell and Alan Hiscox, Director of Safety from the British Horse Society. There will be further awareness campaigns and events going forward.



FLY TIPPING/WASTE CRIME



Following a recent incident where a large quantity of waste was fly tipped on a farmers land in Kenilworth, paperwork was found and advised to the RCT. Our Sgt was able to identify a witness and where the rubbish had originated from. Working with our partners in the EA an address was identified and in interview the business owner admitted to the disposal of the rubbish without due diligence and failing to maintain waste records. A community resolution was completed whereby the company covered the cost of removing the rubbish from the farmers field; this was all completed within 24 hours of the initial call.

TRAINING

Addressing rural crime is important in our force and as well as having our dedicated Rural Crime Team we take every opportunity to raise awareness within other departments and provide advice and information to anyone who may deal with this type of crime. Our Coordinator this month has been really busy providing training to new Response Officers, PCSO's and Control Room staff as part of their induction to our force. We have had good feedback and this definitely makes a difference to these officers giving them an understanding on how crime affects rural communities, wherever they are deployed.



OFF ROAD VEHICLES



We have had a number of reports of off road vehicles driving onto fields without permission causing damage to crops in the North Warwickshire area. This includes 4 x 4's, quad bikes and off road motorbikes. Our team have officers who are members of the Warwickshire Police Off Road bike team who patrol and support farmers who are victims of this type of criminal damage. If you see anyone committing this type of crime please report it.

NATIONAL RURAL AND CONFERENCE



Representatives from our Rural Crime Team attended the National Rural and Wildlife Crime Conference in Staffordshire. Officers from forces around the United Kingdom attended the weekend event where the new national strategy and specific crimes were discussed. Warwickshire was acknowledged in a number of areas for the work being done and our contribution to addressing crime in specific areas.

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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