



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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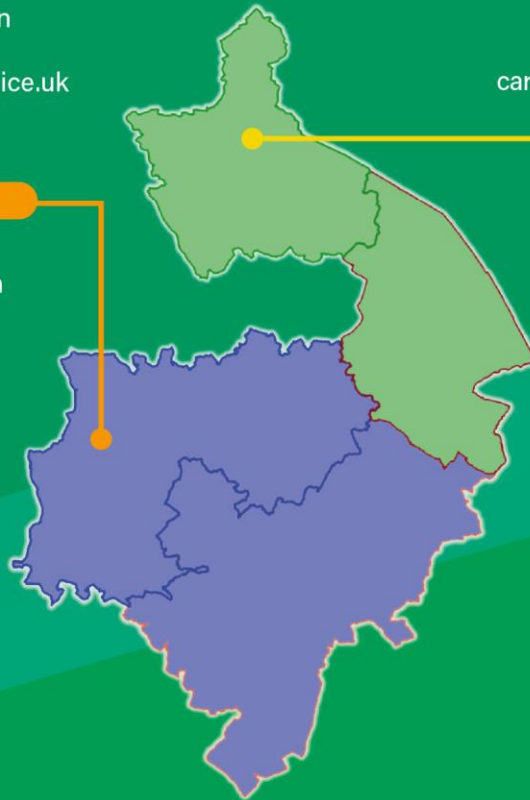
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STOLEN £30K GENERATOR RECOVERED



Following intelligence that a stolen generator may be at a location in the South of the county, our team attended a nearby site and deployed our drone. It took a matter of seconds to spot the £30k generator and work out how to access it. Upon attendance we hooked the generator up to our truck and take it to its rightful owner.

Sadly, no offenders were with the generator at the time we removed it.

STOLEN VAN RECOVERED

During patrols in the Ryton on Dunsmore area our Officers from the RCT located and recovered a stolen van abandoned in an unusual location. Officers checked for the true identity of the vehicle and confirmed it had been stolen from the West Midlands area a few days prior. Enquiries are ongoing with different investigation opportunities being utilised. Our team will continue to go where stolen items have previously been recovered.



STOLEN VAN RECOVERED IN LESS THAN 2 HOURS ASSISTED BY TRACKER



Recovered in less than 2 hours!! This Ford Transit was stolen from a car park in Binley Woods whilst the owner was only a short distance away. Fortunately it was fitted with a third party tracker, and showed to be at a location near Ryton on Dunsmore. Armed with this invaluable information, our officers attended and recovered the van delivering it straight back to the owner.

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Whilst patrolling in the South of the county our team came across this Ifor Williams horse trailer parked in suspicious circumstances. Basic checks were done on the vehicle but no immediate identity could be found. However our team are very experienced and skilled at finding vehicle details and continued to search eventually finding some numbers. These identified that the horse trailer had been stolen from Worcestershire. Please keep a record of all identifying marks on your vehicles, take pictures and consider registering with a national company such as TER.

FLY TIPPING



A local farmer recently contacted us about some fly-tipping that had appeared on his land near Kenilworth. All of the RCT PCs were out on other jobs so our Sergeant responded. After securing several bits of evidence and investigation leads from the scene a car wash company from Spon End, Coventry was traced as the source of the rubbish. The owner of the company was interviewed and admitted to failing to keep records of waste disposal, contrary to Section 34 Environmental Protection Act 1990. Due to being in breach of this act the cost of clearance was paid for by the suspect to the farmer within 24 hrs of being reported, as part of a formal community resolution process.

Officers from the RCT and local policing teams, came together for several days of dedicated action against those committing fuel thefts. It's clear that these types of offences have seen an increase across the county, following the rocketing prices of both vehicle and domestic heating fuels.

The operation took place in the North of the county and Rugby area during the early hours and later evenings, data showed this to be when offenders were most likely to be out committing these crimes.

Over 40 vehicles were checked by officers during the operation with several vehicles and drivers dealt with for various offences (ie no insurance, driving licence etc). During the op officers also attended reports of illegal hare coursing in Grandborough.

A Renault van was located in a lay-by found to be full of containers that smelt heavily of fuel with associated equipment used in fuel thefts. The vehicle was seized on suspicion of being stolen (as well as suspected use in crime) due to several anomalies with its identity.

Officers also came across a vehicle that had recently been set on fire, after confirming no one was inside the vehicle, they conducted an area search for possible offenders. A drone was deployed to assist with the search but no offenders were located. It was later confirmed the vehicle was stolen from the West Midlands Police area earlier that evening. Throughout the operation the team engaged with local farmers, land owners and other members of public.



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.



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A group set up to help combat & prevent the theft of equines, tack, trailers & boxes.

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