



Warwickshire Rural Crime Team Newsletter

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Report non-emergency or the
Guardians & Guidance

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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.

Your Regional Rural Crime Team Contacts



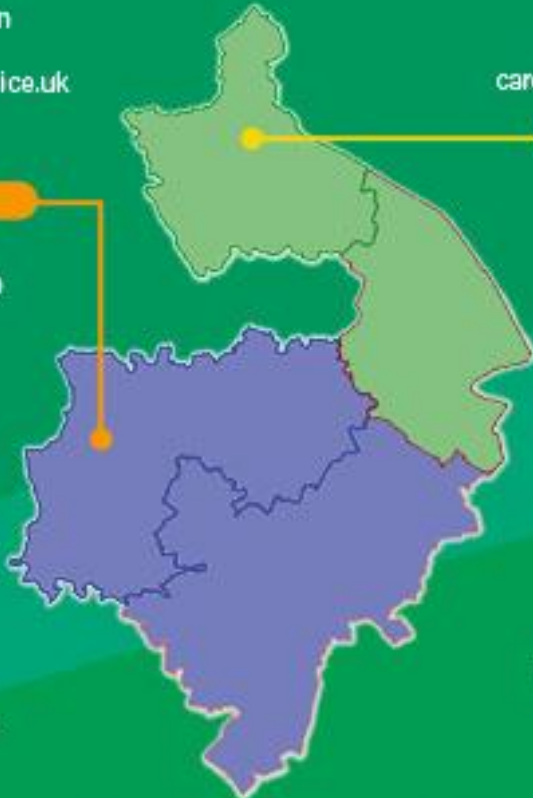
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£158,000 of Vehicles and Equipment Recovered



Recently during the early hours of the morning our team was contacted by one of our partners NAVCIS (National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service) who had received intelligence that two stolen quad bikes from Warwickshire were at a location near Cleaves Prior in Worcestershire. Our team later met with NaVCIS, and supported by the local Safer Neighbourhood Team and West Mercia Police entered the address. The two stolen quad bikes, which had been taken from a property in Binton the day before were immediately located. Whilst arranging for the quads to be recovered officers noticed a different area which had lots of vehicles including quads, caravans, trailers and cement mixers stored. We immediately started to check all of the equipment, plant and vehicles and identified several of them were stolen. These were also recovered, value £158,000. A male is assisting with our enquiries whilst an investigation is being undertaken by West Mercia Police.



Proactive Crime Prevention



Whilst our teams officers were patrolling during the night they came across a digger and a trailer in a location known for thefts. Using the Datatag details on the vehicles they contacted the owner who arranged for the operators to return to the vehicles and arrangements were made for them to be stored in a more secure location overnight. It is so important to take measures to protect your property and there are a number of measures available to help prevent crime including marking, secure storage, trackers, alarms and CCTV.

If you are a farm or rural property and would like advice on crime prevention or a visit to see what can be done to improve security please email our team at ruralcrimeteam@warwickshire.police.uk and we can arrange for an advisor to contact you.

Although the Police are not the lead agency in dealing with fly tipping and waste crime we acknowledge the negative impact it has on our communities. We work closely with our partners in the Local Authorities and Environment Agency to try and identify offenders and help bring them to justice. In the Rural Crime Team we particularly appreciate how this affects rural communities especially farmers and landowners who are left with significant costs if fly tipping happens on their land as they have to remove it themselves. We will do all that we can to help where possible, including advice on target hardening an area.

How you can help

Only use registered waste carriers – ask to see their card/registration details or you can check on www.environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/waste-carriers-brokers. If you use an unauthorised person and they fly tip your waste and it is traced back to you, there is a possibility that action can be taken against you by the relevant authorities. If you see someone fly tipping take as many details as possible and report it to your local authority. If you come across any fly tipping and see possible evidence in it **DO NOT** move it or take out, take photos and if concerned about the weather cover it up. Let your Local Authority know straight away and they will come and collect it if it is on public land.

Male Charged in Relation to Fly Tipping Incident in Ansley

Fine and Vehicle Crushed Following Fly Tipping Incident in Wolston



Following a report from a member of the public who witnessed a fly tipping incident in Wolston and took a pic of the offence officers from our team worked with the local authority. The driver was identified and received a fine of £400 and had his vehicle seized and crushed.



A 29 year old male from Nuneaton has been arrested and charged by RCT officers in relation to a fly tipping incident in September in the Ansley area of North Warwickshire. He appeared at the Magistrates Court on the 3rd of March where he has been bailed to appear on the 24th March.

OFF ROAD PATROL



We have recently had a number of reports of off road bikes and quads causing issues in rural areas. As well as the noise and anti social behaviour, in some rural areas there has also been damage to crops and concern for livestock. One of our officers with a member from the local Policing Team and Special Constabulary patrolled the hot spot areas and following a call stopped an offender and seized a bike.

WILDLIFE

Update on Hare Coursing Incident in Brinklow



On 30th November 2022, Police were alerted to an incident of hare-coursing in the Brinklow area. With the assistance of other departments, 3 x males were arrested, 3 x dogs seized, and 1 x vehicle seized.

The follow on investigation was conducted by RCT officers and on 15th February the 3 males were charged with offences under the Hunting Act 2004 and Police, Crime, Sentencing & Courts Act 2022.

All 3 males are due to appear at Warwickshire Magistrates Court on 17th March, 2023.

Reporting Wildlife Crime



The reporting of any type of wildlife crime is very important.

If you have any information concerning an incident please let us know.

If you would like further details on wildlife crime and a link for reporting visit our website at www.warwickshire-ruralwatch.co.uk

LIVESTOCK

Livestock Worrying Incidents

We are unfortunately getting a number of sheep worrying incidents being reported, some sadly resulting in death and serious injury to the sheep. This is particularly concerning at this time of year as most of the ewes in the fields are either heavily pregnant or have recently given birth and the lambs are very vulnerable. If a dog chases sheep and does not attack they can still cause serious distress affecting the lambs inside or even causing the ewe to abort. If you are walking your dog any where near livestock please have them on a lead. If you let your dog out in the day please ensure that your garden/boundary is secure and that they cannot get out. It is also really important to collect and take home any dog faeces as this can carry a dangerous disease affecting the livestock. Incidents of livestock worrying is taken very seriously by Warwickshire Police and will be investigated and acted on.



ENGAGEMENT



Our team engage with our rural communities at every opportunity. This includes livestock sales, agricultural shows, farm visits and supporting our local policing teams in the vilages.

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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