



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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Two New Officers Join the Rural Crime Team

PC 1270 Alex Morris



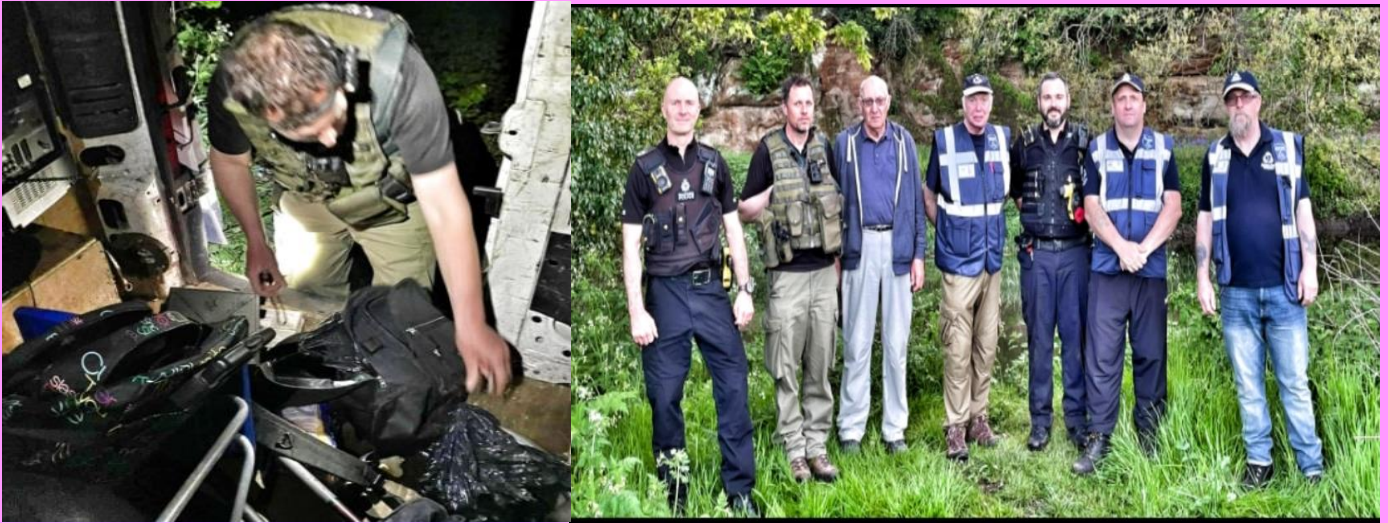
PC Morris previously worked for West Midlands Police for 7 years as a PCSO, going on to join Warwickshire Police in 2015 as a Police Constable on patrol. Whilst working as a Response Officer in the south of the county for 8 years PC Morris has been involved in a large range of incidents and has experience in dealing with all types of crimes and offences. When the opportunity came to join the team Alex said “I am really pleased to join the RCT, being able to support rural communities and deal with the issues that affect them is really important. Engaging with farmers and people living in rural areas is key and I look forward to linking in with, meeting and listening to the communities in the East of the county where I will be mainly working. I also look forward to being part of the many proactive operations the RCT are involved with and dealing with the offenders who commit crimes in our county.”

PC 1510 Colin Davis

Following serving in the British Army for 8 years, PC Davis joined Warwickshire Police in November 2001. After 2 years as a Response Officer Colin worked in the Traffic Unit in North Warwickshire, CMPG (Central Motorway Police Group) and our Firearms Team. PC Davis is Search, TASER and PSU (Police Support Unit) trained and can drive HGV Class 2 vehicles. Colin said “I wanted to join the Rural Crime Team to help make a positive difference to our rural communities and protect our wonderful wildlife. I am looking forward to working with the farmers and residents in the rural areas in the South where I am based, plus countywide with the RCT on the specific areas of crime that our team specialise in.”



Partnership Working Continues to Bring Positive Results



Following a number of reports of illegal fishing and antisocial behaviour in areas near waterways and lakes in our county, officers from our team have been working with partners from the Environment Agency and Angling Trust on Operation Leviathan and Operation Clampdown.

During a recent operation the team dealt with 12 separate incidents of illegal fishing and licence offences. At one location that was experiencing repeated issues of theft, information was received from a member of the public about a group of males acting suspiciously around a lake. The males were located a short distance away by the team and officers conducted a formal stop and search of their vehicle. Inside they found a number of freshly caught carp that the males had tried to conceal in the vehicle. Six males are now under investigation for theft and hundreds of pounds worth of equipment was seized, along with their van.

Following another report three males were arrested and stolen carp was found during a search of their vehicle. Two males from this incident admitted theft and have paid £100 each to the Canal and River Trust as compensation and forfeited their equipment along with a ban from fishing at the location.

VEHICLES

Vehicle Seized



Whilst officers from our team were patrolling in the Henley in Arden following a number of quad thefts in the South of the county, they became aware of a vehicle and made a stop check to make sure that it wasn't stolen/cloned.

Following the checks it was found that the driver had no licence, insurance, tax or mot. The vehicle was subsequently seized and the driver reported for a number of offences. Our team continue to patrol the rural areas in our county both day and night to reassure local communities and deal with offenders who commit offences.

LIVESTOCK

Dog Owner Pays Damages Following Livestock Worrying Incident



We sadly continue to receive reports of dogs worrying livestock in our countryside. On a recent report investigated by our team a dog got into a field with cattle in and chased them causing damage to fencing as well as distressing the animals. The owner of the dog was identified and has reimbursed the farmer for the damage caused. If you walk your dog near to or in fields with livestock in PLEASE keep your dog on a lead or in a secure area if let to exercise outside.

TRAINING

New Starters to Our Force

Providing input on rural and wildlife crime to new starters to our force is really important. It is now standard on the induction programme to new officers on Response and Neighbourhood Policing and we also provide advice and guidance in many other departments too, including our Control Room. Recently our Coordinator provided an afternoon of training to new PCSO's joining Warwickshire Police and will be based all around the county.



ENGAGEMENT

Young Farmers



Representatives from our Rural Crime Team recently did a presentation to Pailton & District Young Farmers covering the different types of rural and wildlife crime, the work of the team and the importance of crime prevention and what can be done on the farm to target harden against offenders. There were lots of questions and it was a really good night with lots of topics covered.

NFU Safety Event

Our team were pleased to support and attend the recent NFU Health & Safety Event at Moreton Morrell. There was input from a number of agencies and organisations addressing important topics related to safety around the farm, plus the importance of wellbeing and where you can get help and support. We were pleased to cover trailer safety, safe loads on the road and the duties of the farmer to keep the road safe for all users. We also had a stand covering farm security and crime prevention with the opportunity to speak to our team about any issues or concerns.



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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