



Warwickshire Rural Crime Team Newsletter

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Get advice & guidance
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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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VEHICLES

Vehicle Seized for No Insurance & Tax

Whilst patrolling in the North of the county, our officers came across a vehicle on the A5 with a broken registration plate. Upon stopping the vehicle to give words of advice to the driver it was found, upon checking the system, that the 4 x 4 had no insurance and no road tax. The driver was reported and the vehicle seized.



Joint Working Results in Stolen Vehicles Being Recovered



We recently supported our OPU colleagues after they had two vehicles fail to stop for them in the Bidford on Avon and Cleeve Prior area. One vehicle was pursued back to a location where the occupants fled from officers. Our team attended the location to assist with the search for suspects and during checking the area spotted a trailer that had one of our "POLICE STOP" stickers on. Further checks showed it to have been stolen from South Warwickshire a few days earlier. The trailer was recovered but sadly no suspects could be linked to the theft. The second vehicle that had initially failed to stop for officers was located the following day and the occupants arrested for multiple offences.

Stolen Motorbike Recovered



Following the report of a motorbike parked in a village in North Warwickshire with no plates on, our officers responded to check the suspicious vehicle. Investigations resulted in the bike being confirmed stolen, taken from an address in Tamworth, Staffordshire a few days before. Sincere thanks to the members of public who noted this vehicle and took the time to report it to the Police.

Vehicle Caused Damage to Crops Identified

We recently received a call from a farmer in the north of the county who had sadly found that a 4 x 4 vehicle had been onto his land causing damage to his and a neighbouring farmers crops. Working with the local community the vehicle was identified and followed up by our officers. An amount was agreed with the farmer to reimburse him for the damage, a section 59 warning notice was issued against the vehicle, which means that if it is linked to any further offences it will be seized and the registered keeper, who was also the driver, was given a warning.



VEHICLES

Dangerous Driver Receives One Year Sentence

Following a failed to stop for a minor traffic offence, a male continued to drive in Stratford with officers in pursuit. He drove along the hard shoulder of the M40, through red lights, hit 80mph on a road with a speed limit of 50mph and also on the wrong side of the road. After his reckless and dangerous driving he was followed into a dead end road where he made off on foot and was later arrested.

After admitting dangerous driving, driving without a licence and driving without insurance he was jailed for a year.

Great work by all of the officers involved, including one of our RCT.



WILDLIFE

Two Dogs Attack and Kill Cygnets



Following a report of three cygnets being killed on the river bank at Stratford Upon Avon, our team put out an appeal to try and identify the owner of the two dogs that made the attack. A description of the male and his dogs was given out with a video clip and following a number of members of the public coming forward the male was identified.

When interviewed he admitted the offence of criminal damage and was issued with a police conditional caution. He agreed to accept control orders on his two dogs with both being required to be on a lead in a public place and one of the dogs to wear a well fitted muzzle when in a public space. Thank you to everyone who contacted us to help with this incident.

LIVESTOCK

Sheep Worrying



Our team have been working on two sheep worrying incidents that occurred at separate farms. This included two dogs spending all night in a field

attacking and killing sheep. In total 30 sheep were killed and 10 injured. Working with the farmers a community resolution was agreed with the dogs owner paying compensation of £3,300. One of the dogs was put to sleep by the owner and the other has a voluntary dog control order on it, including that it must be kept in the garden, wear a muzzle when in a public space, on a lead and not to be walked by anyone under 18 years old.

Operation Galileo

We have sadly had a number of hare coursing incidents reported around the county. Our team are regularly patrolling hot spot areas at different times of the day and night to catch the offenders, plus working with our neighbouring forces. As well as the offence of coursing and welfare issues there is also the potential for damage of crops, fencing and gates, plus livestock being distressed. If you see someone who may be coursing please report it.



Fly Tip Cleared and Offender Reported



Following contact from one of our partners we were made aware of some fly tipping dumped in a farmers gate place near Napton. One of our officers attended and found evidence in the waste relating to a property in the area. The address was visited by our team who ensured the person responsible returned to clear the waste and dispose of it correctly. They were also reported to the relevant authority for further action and made aware that it is an offence and will not be tolerated in Warwickshire. Although we are not the lead agency in dealing with fly tipping and waste crime we know the negative it has on our rural communities and will do all that we can to support other agencies in dealing with offenders.

Dog Identified and Returned to Owner

Whilst patrolling their beat, our colleagues in the Safer Neighbourhood Team in North Warwickshire observed a shop lifter running through Atherstone Town Centre with a bagful of property to a waiting car. The officers stopped the female and waiting vehicle and upon checking inside found a young dog who the occupants denied all knowledge of, saying that they had just found him. The vehicle was seized for no insurance and the couple were dealt with by the officers. The dog, who we later found to be called 'Baxter' was brought back to the police office where we used one of our RCT scanners to check for a microchip. Luckily 'Baxter' was chipped and his details were registered and up to date. A call to his relieved owner, who was driving around the area trying to find him, resulted in a very happy reunion. Great work by all involved. If you have a dog please make sure it has a microchip and that the full contact details are registered and up to date.

Fillongley Show



Officers from our team, local policing and Warwickshire Horse Watch attended Fillongley Show with the Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Seccombe. It was a really busy day with lots of people visiting the stand. The gate signs and trailer stickers were really popular with them all gone by the end of the day. Lovely to meet so many people.

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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