



Warwickshire Rural Crime Team Newsletter

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Report non-emergency crime
Get advice & guidance

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Non-emergency number 101	In an emergency always call 999
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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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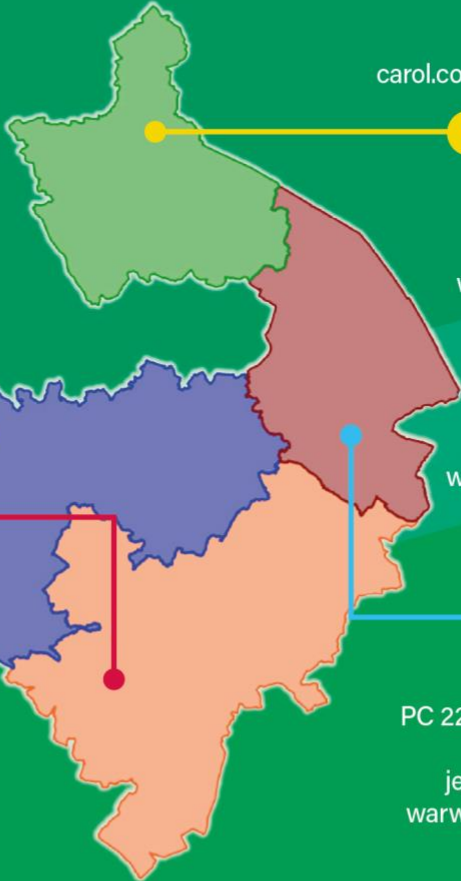
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Caravans Recovered



During the night of the 20th September three caravans were stolen from a storage compound near Earlswood. Fortunately one of the caravans was fitted with a tracker that when activated was picked up by a police helicopter in London identifying a location in the south of the country. Officers from the Metropolitan Police and Surrey Police attended the scene and recovered the £20k caravan and arrested an 18 year old male on suspicion of theft. Investigations are ongoing

Whilst on patrol the Rural Crime Team officers saw a caravan pull into a petrol station in Stratford. When he spoke to the officers the driver advised that he had bought the caravan 2 days prior in a private sale online. Unfortunately checks showed that the caravan had been reported stolen from Wakefield in 2004 and was seized. If the driver had conducted a NCC CRiS registration check before purchasing it would have shown 'outstanding stolen'. To help members of the public when considering buying a second hand caravan the team have put together a short film with some tips and advice as to what to look out for.



Advice for Buyers of Secondhand Caravans



To assist people considering buying a second hand caravan the team have put together some tips and advice to help. The short film can be found on the Warwickshire Rural Crime Team Facebook page and on our website that has a detailed advice sheet that you can print off – www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk.

JCB Telehandler Recovered

This JCB telehandler was located by Rural Crime Team officers in the Hurley area after being contacted by Norfolk Police. Again, thanks to a tracker, the telehandler was seized and returned to its grateful owner.





This dog was abandoned after a group were challenged by a local landowner for suspected hare coursing/poaching. On being confronted, the group of males jumped into their vehicles and made off. However they left behind this sad and scared dog. The Rural Crime Officers arrived and took it to a vets who checked it over and pointed out a fresh laceration between the eyes and several older scars around its nose, possibly from coursing. The dog was scanned and showed an owner from quite a distance away, but not reported stolen, so checks are being made to identify how it came to be abandoned and have such concerning injuries.

Meet Police Dog Joker, a black german shepherd and his handler PC Jamie Bonser. They recently met up with the Rural Crime Team's Coordinator to meet with farmers and rural businesses in the North Warwickshire area. The visits were very positively received with fields offered for Joker to exercise in when patrolling the area. The Rural Team work closely with the different departments within the force and it is great to have the dog teams in the really rural areas of the county out and about at all times of the day and night.



During a recent investigation into an incident of alleged unnecessary suffering caused to an animal, our team seized this lovely dog in the South of the county. After a checkup by a vet he was placed in kennels and will soon be rehomed where he can run and play and be more suitable to his needs.

WILDLIFE

The Rural Crime Team along with officers from the Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer Neighbourhood Team, plus partners from the Environment Agency and Angling Trust have conducted patrols along the waterways and lakes in North and South Warwickshire.

Licence checks and illegal fishing, plus ASB and other issues were all part of the patrols and engagement with the public.

10 individuals were found committing offences and could face fines and have their equipment confiscated.

We support legal and responsible fishing and work closely with our partners in the Environment Agency and Angling Trust.



The Rural Crime Team have been improving their skills with an off road training course for the officers across all terrain in our 4 x 4 vehicles.

A morning was also spent on raptors (birds of prey) one of the key wildlife crimes the team investigates.



RURAL SPECIALS



Whilst out on patrol in North Warwickshire, the Rural Specials heard a call come over the radio relating to off road bikes causing problems in a remote rural location.

They immediately went to the area and put up the Rural Crime Teams drone identifying where the bikes were. The officers then attended where the bikes were congregating and issued Section 59 notices to 6 riders.



ENGAGEMENTS

It has been a busy month for the Rural Crime Team with lots of engagement at different events. We have been at equestrian events at Moreton Morrell, at a road safety equine event with the British Horse Society and Rugby Safer Neighbourhood Team at Rugby Riding Club, ploughing match with farmers in Bentley, North Warwickshire and a cross border farmers crime prevention event with Leicestershire Police .



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.

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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.

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