



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.

Your Regional Rural Crime Team Contacts



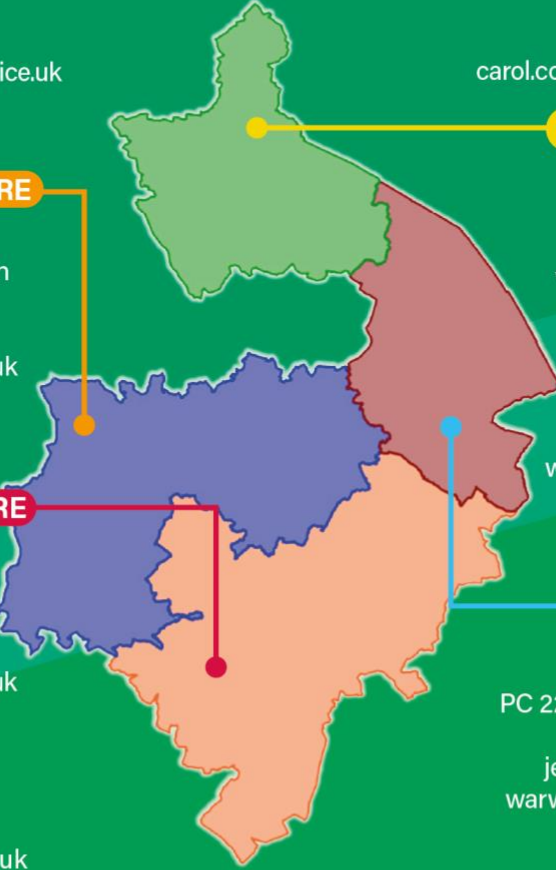
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STOLEN TRAILER RECOVERED

Whilst in attendance at a property near Coleshill for an unrelated matter, our Rural Crime Officers checked a trailers identity markings and discovered that it had been reported stolen in 2017. The trailer was stolen from a residential address in the Halesowen area.

The trailer was seized by the officers and the victim of the original theft informed.

The current owner of the trailer had purchased it from a legitimate auction house and was able to produce documents proving they hadn't knowingly purchased a stolen item. Whenever considering purchasing used equipment, vehicles, plant etc please do all the checks before purchasing.

STOLEN CARAVANS RECOVERED

After recovering two stolen caravans in the south, it was really nice to receive this photo with the message "Thank you Warwickshire Rural Crime Team".

We always do all we can to catch the offenders and gain enough evidence to put suspects before a court, but unfortunately this isn't always possible for a number of reasons.

Disrupting the offenders by recovering these items is just as important. It shows that Warwickshire isn't a soft target for rural criminality.

Our team is dedicated to making it as hard as possible for these offenders to operate without consequence, we are reducing the benefit of offending in Warwickshire by recovering items before they can be sold.

We will pursue offenders across county borders when needed, while working with partner agencies and other force areas to bring offenders to justice.



EQUINE

NATIONAL VULNERABLE ROAD USERS CAMPAIGN

The Rural Crime Team have been joining many teams in our force who have been supporting the 'National Vulnerable Road Users' campaign. The important message to all road users to 'Share the Space' has been promoted through events, social media and press releases. The importance of being aware of motorcyclists, cyclists, horse riders and carriage drivers with their horses on the road, especially rural lanes, is extremely important. We will be continuing the awareness in the next few weeks.





LIVESTOCK ON THE HIGHWAY

Our team have recently been dealing with an ongoing issue with cattle constantly getting loose and escaping onto the highway at the same location in North Warwickshire.

Owners of livestock have a legal responsibility to prevent their animals straying on or at the side of the road and must take every precaution to ensure this does not happen.

As well as the animal's welfare, damage to property and the possibility of a road traffic collision, it also takes up valuable police time and resources in responding and dealing with the incident. We understand this is sometimes a one off incident with a number of reasons and we will do all that we can to get the animals returned safely to their field or shelter. But as we approach the Autumn, please ensure your boundaries are secure and your livestock stays safe.

Waste crime and fly tipping is something that affects all our communities. Unfortunately the offenders take advantage of rural areas in particular, especially where there are no houses, and illegally dump their waste in gateways, country lanes, in fields and beauty spots. Although the Police are not the lead agency for investigations and prosecution/fines, we do take this crime very seriously and do all we can to support other agencies to tackle this ongoing issue and bring offenders to justice. As well as supporting the Local Authorities, our Rural Crime Team also work alongside the Environment Agency on large scale tipping and the illegal dumping of waste. On a recent incident an arrest was made and we will report on other results in forthcoming newsletters.

It is also important that householders and businesses only give their waste to licenced carriers which can be checked on the website <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/access-the-public-register-for-environmental-information>



PARTNERSHIP OPERATIONS



Working with partner agencies is a big part of what we do.

Following a number of reports regarding a location in North Warwickshire a joint operation was carried out with Trading Standards.

As well as Trading Standards, officers from the Rural Crime Team and local Safer Neighbourhood Teams joined together to visit the location. It is estimated that the value of the goods seized was in excess of £60k with a value if they had of been genuine of almost £950,000.

JOINT WORKING

Our officers have been assisting our colleagues in Response and OPU.

On arrival at a collision on the Bedworth Bypass it was found that two males had made off from the scene. Fortunately members of the public had managed to obtain images and had a description of the suspected driver.

Whilst waiting for the vehicle to be recovered a male matching the description given was seen and was quickly detained and arrested on suspicion of driving while unfit through drink or drugs. Officers took the male to custody whilst the others stayed and helped clear the road of debris.



RURAL SPECIALS



Our Rural Special Officers continue to be a valuable support to our team as well as being part of our police response, helping keep our communities safe.

In North Warwickshire, following an incident at a farm shop they patrolled the area providing a visual presence and reassurance, visiting sites and locations throughout the weekend.

ENGAGEMENTS



DRAYCOTE WATER

RCT Officers attended Draycote Water Community Event, organised by the local policing team at Rugby. Also in attendance were Rugby First Responders, Cyber Safe Warwickshire and Warwickshire Fire and Rescue.

As well as crime prevention and property marking the event also provided important information about staying safe around water.

NATIONAL PONY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Officers from our team visited [The Pony Club](#) Championships held in Warwickshire, engaging with the competitors and horse owners.

It was great to see the ponies and their riders enjoying the many disciplines held at the event. Our Rural Crime Officers work closely with [Warwickshire Horse Watch](#) on equine crime prevention and will be at some up and coming events in the next few weeks.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Our Team will be at the forthcoming events and look forward to seeing you:

Sunday 26th September - Ploughing Match at Bentley CV9 2JT

Monday 18th October – Crime Prevention Event at Stoneleigh Livestock Market CV8 2RG

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.

You do not need to be a Facebook user to view the page. Just visit www.facebook.com/WarwickshireRuralCrimeTeam



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.

Visit:

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