



Warwickshire Rural Crime Team Newsletter

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Report non-emergency crime
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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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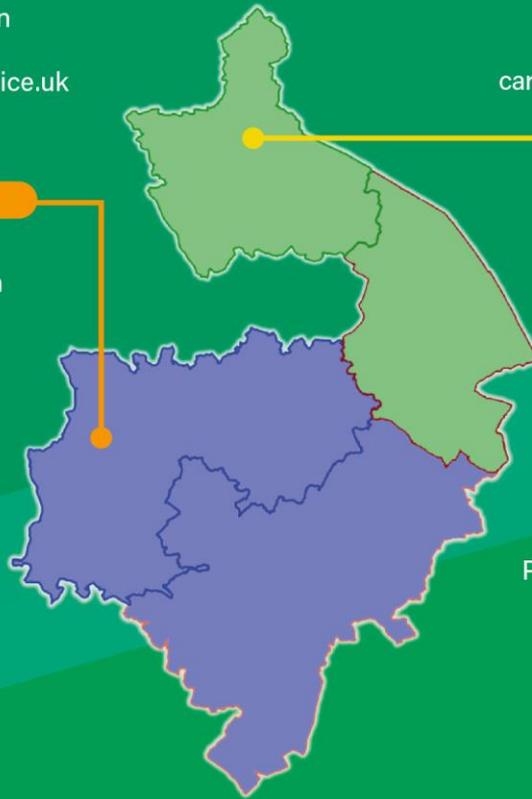
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Woodside Warrant



The Rural Crime Team executed a search warrant at a plot at Woodside Caravan Park, Ryton on Dunsmore, as part of an investigation into a number of stolen vehicles recently recovered in the area.

Enquiries linked a plot at the caravan park to the stolen vehicles and a warrant was granted to search it.

Officers from four different counties, in the company with specialists in identifying stolen plant machinery, vehicles and caravans attended on the morning.

After entry was gained, several stolen caravans were located along with a number of cloned vehicles, stolen plant machinery and a large amount of suspected stolen camping/caravan equipment.

One male was arrested at the scene and over £120,000 worth of suspected stolen equipment was seized on the day. Following a detailed search of the plot by specially trained officers £19,000 worth of cash was also seized as suspected proceeds of crime.

Inspector Allison Wiggin said: "It is important to show the communities of Warwickshire and our surrounding areas, that we will take action against those believed to be involved in criminal acts and endeavour to bring them to justice. Nowhere is out of bounds, and we hope to provide the reassurance through our continued actions that we will make Warwickshire a safe place to live."

During the warrant, officers provided reassurance to other residents of the site, with many of them being supportive of the investigation.

Our team would like to thank officers from Thames Valley Police, Northamptonshire Police, Leicestershire Police, NaVCIS and the Warwickshire Police teams from OPU and the Rugby Police Safer Neighbourhood Team for supporting us on the day.

Many of these policing areas had suffered with caravan and vehicle thefts over the previous months - offenders don't care about county borders, we don't either and work closely with our neighbouring forces.

The team is now busy identifying the owners of the stolen property and ensuring the best evidence is gathered for the investigation.



Stolen Motorhome Recovered Using New Tracking Equipment

Recovered Within An Hour of Being Stolen



Recovered in less than 12 hours!
 This Peugeot campervan was stolen in the early hours of the morning from the Nuneaton area while the owner was visiting family. Thankfully the owner had a Tracker fitted to the vehicle that we are now able to home in on. Using the recently installed Tracker antenna equipment fitted to our Rural Crime Team vehicles, our officers headed out to see if we could find the van.

The campervan was located near Mancetter, Atherstone, on what is the team's first successful recovery using our newly installed equipment. Great use of the technology and a very happy owner.

See our website www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk for advice on crime prevention on these and other vehicles.

This Swift Group Escape motorhome was stolen at around 1am in the morning from Nuneaton. Less than an hour later officers from OPU Warwickshire spotted the vehicle being driven along the A5 near Burbage. The occupants of the motorhome abandoned the vehicle in the middle of the A5 and made off in a second vehicle that was following. Whilst some officers remained with the motorhome, to secure its recovery for forensic examination, officers from our team and Leicestershire Police continued the search for the offenders after the second vehicle was found to have been dumped after the driver misjudged a corner, smashing a wheel. The offenders ran off into a residential estate, and unfortunately, even though a drone was quickly deployed to the location, we were unable to locate them. We were however able to recover the stolen vehicle and return it to the rightful owner.



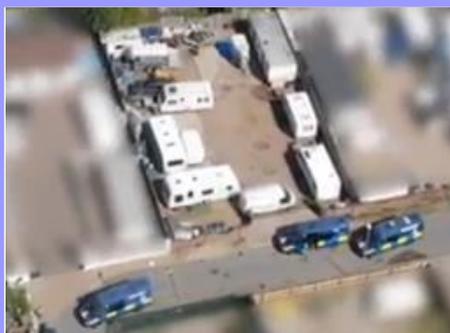
RURAL CRIME TEAM DRONES

The Rural Crime Team are very fortunate to have two drones and a number of drone operators both within our small team and our Rural Special Officers.

The drones are used on a range of incidents and also in support of operations and assisting our partners.

Recent examples of this are on the warrant at Woodside, assisting in locating offenders hiding from officers in North Warwickshire after stealing two vehicles, plus providing information to the fire service on a large field fire in the south of the county so the right resources could be deployed.

These excellent pieces of technology with other hi tech equipment the Rural Crime Team uses helps us positively police our rural areas and we are very grateful to our force, the Police and Crime Commissioner and local authorities for providing the team with this equipment.



WILDLIFE



Tough new measures to tackle the cruel practice of hare coursing came into force on the 1st August 2022.

Anyone caught hare coursing will now face an unlimited fine and up to six months in prison. Hare coursing - an illegal activity where dogs are used to chase, catch and kill hares – is a serious problem in rural areas.

Not only does it involve cruelty to wild animals, it is also associated with a range of other criminal activities, including theft, criminal damage, violence and intimidation.

These new measures strengthen law enforcement for hare coursing by increasing the maximum penalties for convictions under existing legislation, introducing new criminal offences and new powers for the courts to disqualify convicted offenders from owning or keeping dogs.

Warwickshire Police is part of the national Police intelligence sharing response to Hare Coursing, Operation Galileo.

TRAINING

Addressing rural crime is important in our force and as well as having our dedicated Rural Crime Team we take every opportunity to raise awareness within other departments and provide advice and information to anyone who may deal with this type of crime.

Apart from having a rural crime training day on a farm with great hands on experience, we also take the opportunity to have input on the induction of new starters.

This month our Coordinator met the new intake of PCSO's and spent the morning covering the key thematic crime areas and how we support our rural communities.



AGRICULTURAL GPS EQUIPMENT

The theft of GPS equipment continues across the country and can have devastating effects, especially at this time of year, to farmers and contractors. All forces are working together to address this and arrests have been made.

See www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk for crime prevention advice and a small number of marking kits are available – for details email ruralcrimeteam@warwickshire.police.uk.

ENGAGEMENT

Engagement is key in our work linking in with our rural communities and partners, updating on the work that we do, plus understanding any issues and concerns.

This month saw the latest county meeting, chaired by the Police & Crime Commissioner, Philip Secombe, which is held biannually, updating our partners agencies on the thematic areas the rural crime team are responsible for. It was a really positive meeting with a number of organisations attending.

The team were also at the Game Fair at Ragley Hall and Whitacre & Shustoke Show meeting lots of 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.



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.

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