



Warwickshire Rural Crime Team Newsletter

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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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£60,000 of Vehicles and Equipment Recovered in Shipston on Stour Area



Following a report of a tracker from a stolen vehicle plotting in Warwickshire, the Rural Crime Team began investigating. Working with the Shipston Safer Neighbourhood Team the officers spent a number of hours in the Shipston area. The work paid off with the team recovering an estimated £60,000 worth of stolen property, including 2 x caravans, 2 x trailers, 2 x Ford transits, an industrial concrete mixer, vehicle parts and power tools.

The vehicles and equipment are in the process of being returned to owners and an investigation is underway, with suspects being interviewed and forensic opportunities being progressed.



Quad Bike Recovered

Following reports of a Grizzly quad bike, worth £10,000, stolen from a farm near Shipston and a quad seen racing through the village in the early hours, the team, working with local Shipston Beat Officers, started to follow up relevant lines of enquiry.

A short time later the quad was found by our RCT Officers just over the border in Worcestershire. It was recovered and forensics obtained.



Daihatsu Pick Up Recovered in Hurley

When Officers in the North of the County came on duty they immediately picked up a report of a stolen pick up from a farm, plus a saddle and bridle that had been taken the previous night. PC Timmins visited the location and whilst there was advised of a vehicle matching the description just seen in Hurley. He immediately responded, found the vehicle and arranged for its immediate recovery. Sadly the horse tack was not with the vehicle.



Action Taken Against Dog Owner Following Sheep Worrying Incident

In November, 2020, a sheep worrying incident was reported near to Ryton on Dunsmore. Two dogs had got into a field with sheep in, killing two ewes and badly injuring eight more. Sadly, only two of the eight survived their injuries. PC May-Royle and PC Taylor from the Rural Crime Team attended the incident and quickly identified the dogs involved and the property they had come from.

Following a full investigation and in line with the wishes of the victim, the owner of the dogs received a conditional caution, which included the owner of the sheep being fully compensated for his losses. Action was also taken with regards to the dogs who are no longer at the property.

Stolen Lamb Recovered and Offenders Sentenced

In April last year, a report was received of a two week old lamb being stolen from a field in Long Marston.

The call had come from a member of the public who had witnessed the lamb being taken and described the vehicle involved.

Along with Patrol Officers and members of the Shipston Police Safer Neighbourhood Team, the Rural Crime Team Officers searched the area whereupon a patrol car stopped a Vauxhall Vivaro in Welford on Avon, where they found inside the pictured lamb.

With the help of a local farmer the exact location was identified of where the lamb had come from and as officers approached the field a ewe was calling which in turn started the lamb bleating.

As the lamb was put down in the field the mother ran to it and the lamb began to suck.

An adult male and a 16 year old boy, were arrested at the scene and later interviewed, then charged for the offence. The Rural Crime Team took on the investigation and the case was heard at Warwick Magistrates Court in January, where both males pleaded guilty.

Manalitho KINDEN was sentenced to 6 months with a conditional discharge and ordered to pay costs to the Crown Prosecution Service and a surcharge to fund the victim service.

The 16 year old boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was sentenced to 3 months with a referral order, whereby he has been referred to the Warwickshire Youth Offender Panel for a contract having effect for 3 months. He has also been ordered to pay costs to the CPS and a surcharge to fund the victim service.



Rural Crime Team Work to Address Livestock Worrying Incidents

The Rural Crime Team continue to raise awareness regarding livestock worrying incidents that are being reported around the county. We have sadly seen an increase in reports and animals suffering.

We cannot stress enough the importance of not entering fields with livestock in if possible and if there is a public footpath going through the field putting your dog(s) on a lead and keeping them under close control at all times. At this time of year we have pregnant sheep and new born lambs in the fields, plus other stock potentially carrying young – **please be a responsible dog owner.**





WILDLIFE



Our Officers around the county investigate all kinds of wildlife incidents that are reported into the Police.

We presently have a number of investigations ongoing in various areas relating to different types of animals.

Fortunately we rarely have to deal with exotic animals, however unfortunately in the North of the county our Officers are looking into a dead 3 foot monitor lizard that was dumped in a plastic bag on a grass verge.

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION FOR DOG OWNERS

**WARWICKSHIRE
RURAL CRIME
TEAM**

ADVICE FOR
DOG OWNERS



Sadly we are aware of an increase in the number of dogs being stolen nationally. Both working dogs and pets are being targeted. Please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police, ensure your dog is microchipped, your contact details are up to date and they have an ID tag. Also consider the following:

Have clear ID pictures showing any identifiable marks. Do not leave your dog tied up outside a shop or unattended in a car.

Keep your dog on a lead wherever possible, consider an extendable lead where there is more room for them to exercise.

If you let your dog loose keep them close to you, always within sight and ensure you have good recall. Ensure your property is secure and do not leave your dog unattended in the garden.

Where possible buddy up with a friend when going out for a walk. Vary where you walk, times and locations. Be careful what you post on social media, especially if you have puppies.

Consider a GPS tracker collar.

RURAL SPECIAL OFFICERS

Our Special Officers have been busy around the county on their rural beat areas patrolling both day and night, especially in the early hours and weekends.

A number of vehicles have been stopped and checked with useful intelligence gained.

After stopping one vehicle that was seen acting suspiciously in a village, the occupant ran off and the officers pursued on foot. The male was caught and arrested after being found in possession of cannabis.

Our Specials have also been part of a number of Operations, assisting us and our colleagues in the Safer Neighbourhood Teams and Patrol in the rural areas.



FARM MAPPING INITIATIVE

The Rural Crime Team are working with farmers and horse owners to have up to date contact details on an internal police mapping system. The purpose of having this information is so contact can be made if needed, such as livestock loose on the road, suspicious activity reported in a field or a road traffic accident affecting animals, etc.

The information is secure and will be available only to the Police Control Room, Rural Crime Team and relevant Police Officers in force.

This is a big task and the work is ongoing by our officers in their individual areas.

If you have not already been contacted and would like to provide your details, please email ruralcrimeteam@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk and we will forward a form to you or arrange an appointment.



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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