



Warwickshire Rural Crime Team Newsletter

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Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.



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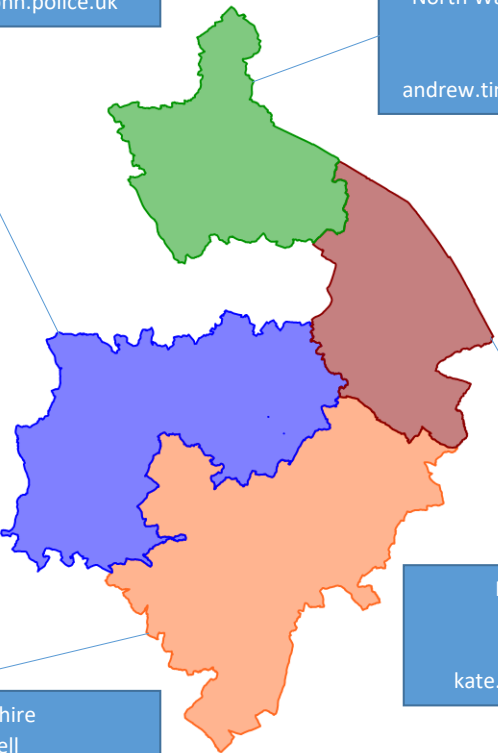
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FLY-TIPPING AND ILLEGAL WASTE INVESTIGATIONS

WORKING WITH THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY TO DETER AND DETECT

Since we formed in October 2019 we have worked closely with the Environment Agency to build a working relationship around fly-tipping and the illegal dumping of waste. At the beginning of June we conducted a series of work with them and one particular incident in Bulkington saw us find significant amounts of waste being pulled from a lorry and buried. Three people were detained at the scene and are now subject of an ongoing Environment Agency investigation. The image shown gives an indication of the scale of the illegal operation we encountered.



While dealing with this we took the opportunity to examine various other pieces of equipment at the location.

The pictured road roller was identified as stolen in 2016. The owner was updated as the roller was being seized.

If you witness an incident taking place and offenders are still present or nearby, call 999 to report it.

If possible record the registration number of any vehicles involved and what the offenders look like.

Details of how to report smaller instances of fly tipping can be found at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/flytippingandlitter



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DIRECTED PATROLS TO GATHER INFORMATION



A large part of our work is gathering information to target rural organised crime groups. In doing this PC Craig Purcell and PC Andy King recently identified a Ford Focus that they suspected was in use by a male who was one of our key targets and wanted for various offences.

As a Team we were on the lookout but details were also passed to other Officers to make sure the car was known across the area.

Within 2 days officers the Warwickshire Operational Patrol Unit spotted the car in a rural village around midnight. The wanted male was on board and examination of the car found it was displaying false number plates having been stolen from Aylesbury in April.

A 17 year old male from Ryton on Dunsmore was arrested and later charged with conspiracy to commit burglary and money laundering offences.

Identifying vehicles used by rural criminals is one of our main aims. We can then disseminate details to colleagues within Warwickshire as well as our cross-border colleagues. One of the ways we do this is to get out on foot and search for residential CCTV where an offence has taken place. A recent trawl of CCTV identified a specific type of vehicle and through subsequent work we were able to identify the registration being used.



Within a couple of days PC Andy King located the vehicle near Bidford on Avon where it failed to stop and was lost in nearby villages. Over the next few hours concerted efforts were made to locate the vehicle and following two further pursuits it was finally located abandoned and seized. Forensic work will now take place in a bid to identify those involved.

FURTHER WORK SURROUNDING CARAVAN THEFT

Building on our work presented in previous newsletters surrounding caravan theft and the targeting of key suspects in this area we have been busy again during June.



On 24th June we attended an area near Ryton on Dunsmore to assist Rugby Borough Council with an eviction matter. Our colleagues from Rugby Police were present to prevent a breach of the peace and we were present to examine vehicles and property.

Working with colleagues from Northamptonshire Rural Crime Team and the National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service we located two caravans and two quad bikes.

They weren't reported as stolen but we decided to recover them as there were tell-tale signs that told us they were.

As we were in the process of seizing everything the calls started to come in from owners to report each item stolen overnight. It was great to be able to tell each person that we already had their property back.



We identified another stolen caravan in Warwick during June. The caravan was one of many that were involved in an illegal trespass on school grounds. Although we had no power to deal with a civil trespass offence we do make efforts to help in areas that suffer from these issues.



The identity of the pictured caravan had been cloned from another but using the skills we have developed as your Rural Crime Team we were able to quickly identify it as stolen.

Although nobody could be identified as linked to the caravan at the time we have subsequently completed work that has provided a number of suspects. Each are now sought for questioning.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING



Working with other departments within force and key partners is an important part of what we do and helps us to address and deal effectively with a range of issues around the county.

A number of incidents were being reported at Coombe Country Park, including offences around the fishing lakes and surrounding areas.

Our RCO Carol Cotterill worked with the local Safer Neighbourhoods Team and partners at the park, Angling Trust and Environment Agency to address the issues and arrange an Operation. Op Leviathan was implemented with officers from the Rural Crime Team and the local Safer Neighbourhood Team at Rugby, working with park staff.

Officers engaged and spoke to a number of people at the park throughout the evening and into the night on a range of subjects and dealt with any offences they came upon.

Patrols continue by the local policing team at Rugby and the Rural Crime Officers, supporting the park and its staff.

Ongoing Rural Crime Information

ALWAYS REPORT CRIMES BY DIALLING 101 OR 999.
YOU CAN NOW ALSO REPORT ONLINE at www.warwickshire.police.uk

Our email for contacting any of our officers in the team is
ruralcrimeteam@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

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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