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Warwickshire Rural Crime Team Newsletter



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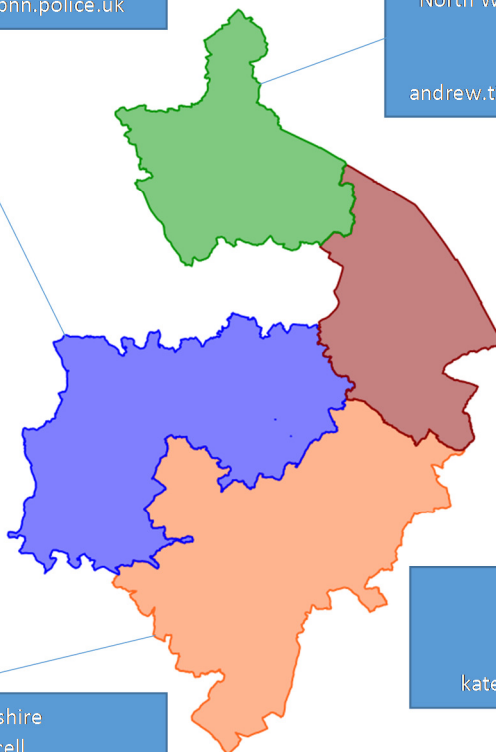
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FARM MACHINERY AND PLANT EQUIPMENT SEIZURES

Stolen farming machinery valued in excess of £200,000 recovered in Bedworth.

During March a stolen John Deere tractor was identified and seized in the Bedworth area. A male dealt with at the scene was found to be wanted on warrant for failing to appear at court in relation to driving while disqualified. He was arrested and kept in custody to the next available court. PC Craig Purcell and RCO Carol Cotterill completed further work in relation to this seizure and identified the location of possible further stolen items.



This resulted in Team Sergeant Bob Shaw, PC Andy Timmins and PC Craig Purcell working with Chris Piggott from the National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service. We located and identified numerous other pieces of stolen equipment including that pictured. All has been recovered and we've also identified suspects that are now sought for questioning.



STOLEN CARAVANS AND FARM EQUIPMENT RECOVERED

Within a few days of our Bedworth seizures we were in Ryton-on-Dunsmore near Rugby executing a warrant. We successfully applied for the warrant at Leamington Spa Magistrates' Court after developing information obtained during our extensive work into rural theft and burglary offences. Along with a large number of tools we identified 6 stolen caravans, two stolen vehicles and three stolen trailers.



Working with Northamptonshire Rural Crime Officers and the National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service we identified 6 stolen caravans, two stolen vehicles and three stolen trailers. A number of suspects have been identified and with items stolen from across the Country a multi-force investigation is now underway.



DOGS INVOLVED IN WORRYING AND KILLING SHEEP HAVE BEEN SEIZED NEAR COLESHILL

PC Andy Timmins has been investigating offences of sheep worrying in North Warwickshire. In some cases sheep have been killed by dogs that were not under control of their owner.

Working with PC Shane Bird from Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Andy assessed offences across Coleshill and Atherstone. Links were made to specific dogs during the course of the investigation.

PC Timmins has recently been involved with the seizure of four dogs.

Coleshill SNT have been engaging with the local Farming Community and victims to keep them up to date.

Investigations are ongoing and PC Timmins also continues to work with other agencies to help prevent further offences.



Livestock worrying is a criminal offence and comes under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953

‘Worrying’ is where a dog attacks or chases livestock causing injury or suffering. This isn’t just a welfare issue, but is also a threat to a farmer or livestock owner’s livelihood, especially if the animals involved are pregnant or could get onto the road.

As a last resort, to protect their livestock, a farmer is allowed to shoot the dog if it is worrying their animals and cannot be called off.

Dogs must be kept under control at all times crossing farmland, especially if there is livestock in the field. If you see a dog on the loose worrying animals please call the police.

RURAL PATROLS ARE MORE THAN JUST DRIVING AROUND THE COUNTRYSIDE



It's been great to see most people are following the Stay Home Stay Safe rules leaving the roads pretty clear. We're still out patrolling rural Warwickshire.

During one of these patrols PC Craig Purcell came across the pictured 3 tonne dumper truck that was stolen 12 months ago to the day. It took a bit of effort to identify but well worth it for around £10,000 worth of machinery recovered.

A few days later Craig and PC Andy King stopped the pictured Toyota Avensis. The Driver was uninsured and making efforts to move home. He has been reported for the offence.



RURAL CRIME TRAINING



Rural Crime Officer Carol Cotterill has been training all of our new intakes of Warwickshire Police Officers, including Response and PCSO's, plus our control room staff on rural crime. As part of all new Officer training, no matter where they will be stationed, Rural Crime training is now a specific part of the induction programme.

During the session Carol covers all of the different types of rural crime, including what officers might be deployed to, understanding the impact of the crime and what to be aware of when patrolling rural areas. To support our officers in their roles Carol has developed an App for our officer's phones and set up a dedicated section on our force website with advice and information that they can refer to.

Ongoing Rural Crime Information

If you have a meeting coming up and would like to invite the Rural Crime Officer for your area to attend, please contact us. Details for each of our officers and the areas that they cover are on the first page of this newsletter.

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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