

Rural & Wildlife Crime Winter Newsletter

Rural Beat Surgeries

Next Event: **Mole Country Stores**,
Dukeries Industrial Estate, 8
Claylands Avenue, **Worksop** S81
7BQ

6pm – 8pm

Take advantage of some Festive
Bargains and a chat with one of
our local officers and your **NFU**
County Advisor Bella Gregory

PC Abi Crouch and I attended this
year's mammoth Warehouse Sale
at Manor Equestrian, chatted to
horse owners and advised how to
report via our Dashcam App



Roads reported to Police via
submission of Dashcam footage,
the BHS iApp or via direct email with
a concern to
horsewatch@notts.police.uk have
now had signage erected, where
possible, to remind motorists of the
safe distance to pass a horse rider
on the road

Officers from across the County who
form part of the force Horse Watch
scheme met with our regional
'neigh'bours to discuss the launch
of Mounted Volunteers, Road Safety
and Equine Welfare. Leicestershire
Police are re-recruiting for mounted
volunteers and we expect to be
able to follow suit in the coming
months.....ensure you are signed up
to **Horse Watch on Notts Alerts** to
find out more



Rural Watch is now LIVE!

Volunteer patrols across Bassetlaw have started to take place, patrols of 2 or more volunteer members of the public have received Police advice on what to look out for on patrol, what they can report and to which organization along with practical guidance on what to do when they come across crime in their local area. **Drones are available to qualified pilots under the scheme.** New members or anyone interested in finding out more are encouraged to attend our next Training and Enrollment session at

Ranby Village Hall – Monday 15th December 6.30pm



GOOD NEWS!

#Training

- Operation Star – the name for our cross border joint Operation with South Yorkshire Police continues to deploy regularly, tackling criminals who travel into our County across our borders to commit crime. We share intelligence and organise pro-active patrols to ensure criminals are brought to justice
- 5 diggers stolen from Nottinghamshire were recovered by South Yorkshire Police, 2 Quad Bikes remain outstanding but the diggers were traced to a location using Trackers – please ensure your vehicle either has a factory or after-market tracker fitted so that we can re-unite you with your valuable equipment if stolen. MP's are pushing legislation to make it a legal requirement for Quad Bikes to have trackers fitted due to their desirability
- Throughout November we received 45 phone calls reporting a Wildlife Crime, all bar 1 of these were graded for an officer to attend immediately or contact to be made by our neighbourhoods team the following day showing our commitment to act upon reports of animals in immediate danger
- Funding has been secured with National Highways to prepare signage for HGV drivers along the A1 in Bassetlaw due to us still receiving high numbers of reports of stolen fuel. Signage will be placed on litter bins in layby's in over 6 different languages advising drivers of the risks and hopefully reducing the amount of vehicles parking overnight, vulnerable to fuel thieves
- In October PC Hollie Marsh and I visited Bassetlaw Focus on Farmers who run a collaborative project designed to address the **unique mental and physical health** needs of the **Bassetlaw farming community**. A directory of support is accessible to farmers and the rural community via their website to all Bassetlaw residents.

Training our officers and staff and equipping them with the specialist knowledge to deal with wildlife and rural crime remains our priority. The last few months have seen further training delivered:

- The **Winter CPD Training at Attenborough Nature Reserve** over 20 members of Control room staff, CSI and Neighbourhoods officers attended a day supported by Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust where sessions were held by the **RSPB** on Bird Crime especially Birds of Prey, the **RSPCA** who delivered an update on the Animal Welfare Act and **Naturewatch Foundation** who refreshed officer knowledge on **Op Recall** focusing on Livestock attacks and their support of the fight against Wildlife Offenders
- Officers from Neighbourhoods and Response joined **National Rural Crime Lead Martin Beck** who delivered an online session in his specialism of **Livestock Theft** including the transport and sale of animals, licencing, trading standards, tagging and regulations in addition to the specific questions to ask when animals are reported as missing
- Officers and staff attended **Plantworx 2025** at the Newark Showground where a special training day was held by the **National Rural Crime** Leads again in Vehicle and Machinery theft, with partners Datatag. Officers received an update on where machinery goes once stolen and those golden hours after a report comes in
- All members of our Force Control Room have now received their basic refresher training on Wildlife Crime and how to handle reports, supported by **Jim Clark of Naturewatch Foundation** staff learned what offenders are capable of, how we can best respond to a call of a suspected Wildlife Crime and the types of offences these offenders are usually also involved with
- Inspector Rob Harrison and our two Wildlife Crime CSI staff attended this year's **National Wildlife Crime Conference** at Wyboston Lakes, a key date in the diary to ensure our force is up to date with partners and other forces techniques in tackling Wildlife Crime
- Our next cohort of Police Constables and **Special Constables** had their initial Rural and Wildlife Crime Training provided in person by myself giving them the skills they need to recognise these types of crime and how to act during their first few months under supervision
- Our Cadet leaders received training from **Mark Harrison at Historic England** and will be visiting scheduled monuments in their Local Area, providing a simple condition report and updating recent images on the online map to ensure these are recorded in the event of any Heritage Crime

All of these sessions are made possible with the support of our partner organisations



Upcoming Events

2nd December 2025

Quarterly Regional Rural & Wildlife Crime Forum hosted by Cl Clive Collings including neighbouring forces and key stakeholders

11th December 2025

The fifth in our series of new **Rural Beat Surgeries**, these events are centred around the concerns of our rural communities and landowners, come and speak to your local officer and Bella Gregory from the NFU will also be in attendance, signage often available and advice on preventing crime on your land

Mole Country Stores Workshop 6-8pm (& late night shopping!)

15th December 2025

Rural Watch Training & Enrollment session all welcome to hear more about the scheme, equipment available to volunteers and how these volunteers can be used by landowners to detect and deter crime on their farm.

Kindly hosted by **Ranby Village Hall 6.30pm DN22 8HZ**

20th January 2026

Rural Watch Training & Enrollment session kindly hosted by **Everton Village Hall 6.30pm DN10 5DB**

21st January 2026



NFU Farm Safety Event at Newark Showground we will have officers on hand to discuss rural crime in your area, find out more about Rural Watch and **our Roads Policing Unit will be giving an educational session on agri machinery and our road network**

Scan below to BOOK your place



Please have your say

Reporting crime or suspicious behaviour remains **the single most important thing you can do** to help us tackle all forms of crime which affects your community, without reports the recordings do not show the crime has taken place, and without this we are unable to help

- If you are a member of a Rural Whatsapp group and you see something you feel should be reported to Police, please encourage that user to report it, **without intelligence we cannot build a pattern of what's happening in your area. This is the single most useful thing you can do to help**
- **Use What3Words** to help pinpoint where you saw the crime, please give this information to the call handler or include in your online report
- Report suspicious activity, if something doesn't look right, if someone is on your land without permission, if someone is riding along a footpath or bridleway and you're not sure they should be, if you **have felt intimidated or threatened** by the behaviour of others whilst in a rural or isolated area, please report it
- If you are **concerned about a fellow farmer**, landowner, neighbour, colleague, partner or **young person**, there are organisations who can help you and them to get access to the support they might need
- Visit our **Rural Crime pages** on our website which have detailed information on what types of crime to report and areas you can report these crimes directly <https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/ro/report/rwc/rural/report-rural-crime/> or scan the QR code below. To submit online go to <https://onlinecrime.notts.police.uk/>
- Sign-up to Notts Alerts where you can have your say in the **'What Matters' survey**, sent out periodically throughout the year direct to your inbox, or visit <https://survey.nottspolice.co.uk/Survey>
- Follow us on Social Media if you use it, there are **local pages** set-up for news more local to your community, such as East Bassetlaw Police: Retford, Harworth..... West Bassetlaw Police: Worksop, Blyth....Sherwood Police, Newark Police: Rural Villages, Mansfield Police, Ashfield Police, Rushcliffe South Police: Radcliffe, Bingham....(in addition to our Nottinghamshire Police main page and Nottinghamshire Police Horse Watch) to hear about **local Beat Surgeries where you can meet the team**

Call 999 to report an immediate threat to life or property. (Textphone: 18000)



Report by phone

Telephone: ☎101

Textphone: 📠18001 101

Calls to 101 are free of charge.

Report anonymously

Contact **Crimestoppers**.

www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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