



# Rural & Wildlife Crime Summer Newsletter

Specialist training remains a focus for Rural and Wildlife officers, often delivered by our partner organisations and charities in the community it offers an in-valuable education into a varied range of topics, giving officers the tools and knowledge they need to deal with reports swiftly and effectively

## Q2 TRAINING

### Historic England – Tackling Heritage Crime

6 more officers from across the county have embarked on Phase 1 of becoming a Heritage Crime Officer, due to complete Phase 2 by end of Q3, recognising when crimes can be classified as a Heritage Crime and how investigations can be supported

### Game Conservation & Shooting

Ahead of the coming Game shoot season, officers from Rural Beats and Firearms Licencing had the opportunity to learn Gamekeeper best practice, illegal trapping and how estates are managed, kindly arranged by the National Gamekeepers Organisation

### Angling Trust

Before the end of close season for coarse fishing 39 officers undertook a session kindly provided by the Angling Trust with support from the Voluntary Bailiff Service to further their knowledge on illegal fishing, theft of fishing rights and non-native invasive species

### RSPCA

Animal Welfare Act training was delivered at Lincolnshire Police HQ and attended by 12 officers from Bassetlaw & Mansfield, further training to be arranged in Nottinghamshire for Q3



### Joining Forces to tackle illegal Off-Roading in Bassetlaw

Off road support from South Yorkshire and Derbyshire Police Rural Crime Teams is now regularly utilized to support landowners in the fight against trespassing, poaching, burglary, agricultural theft and illegal off road bikes and 4x4's. With increased capability pro-active patrols can disperse wider countryside and seek out those individuals with no regard for the farmer, community or landowner affected.

**Please don't let these crimes go un-reported, we will take action**





## Our 4<sup>th</sup> Rural Crime Showcase was well attended

Over 500 visitors were recorded at Rufford Abbey Country Park and had the chance to meet PCC Gary Godden and CI Clive Collings, both pictured, to discuss and learn about how Rural Crime is tackled in Nottinghamshire. Stands such as the Police Drone Team, Dogs and Fire & Rescue had public attendance throughout the day, it was great to see so many people getting involved with Police but also the partners who support them each and every day

- New partnership working will become structured within force and will help maximise the opportunities to make Nottinghamshire a safe place to work, live and visit
- Officers from the Off Road Bike Team and Road Crime attended **Nottinghamshire County Show on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**
- Trailer training is now complete ensuring the force **Quad Bike** can be deployed across the County to add to the current off road team capability
- New Training packages are being designed for new PC's Special Constables and Call Handlers on Rural and Wildlife Crime, designed to be centered around the vulnerability of those living and working in the Countryside and our Rural villages, set for **delivery from Sept 2025**



In June, after the coarse fishing season opened officers joined forces with the **Environment Agency**

patrolling the banks of the river Trent by boat, checking rod licences and ensuring anglers were fishing legally as members of clubs or organisations



ENGAGING WITH YOU

## #Horsewatch

- Horsewatch officers have held their first two Public Meetings allowing horse owners to meet officers and partners such as the BHS and Bransby Horses
- Recent reports and concerns in and around Newark involving **ponies and traps** have been closely monitored and investigated by Newark Police. Thank You to those who have reported their concerns, whilst we cannot act where a crime has not been committed we are actively monitoring the situation and will continue to do so to ensure both public and animal safety
- The **Dashcam App** <https://dashcamupload.notts.police.uk/> remains open to riders with footage containing a VRM (number plate) of drivers passing too fast or too close on the roads. This data gives us target locations for signage
- Suitable street lamps have been approved by the local Councils for Close-Pass signage which is due to go up in the next month across the County as a result of reports to the Dashcam App and **BHS iApp**, it does make a difference!
- 'Police pull over at night' **Trailer vinyls** still available, contact your local Horsewatch Officer



- Headcollars in a '**Bucket Grab**' now introduced! In all rural and semi-rural stations for dealing with loose equines on roads and public areas, **kindly donated by Cobbs Country Stores near Refford** and supported by **Bransby Horses** with QR codes giving vital information attached to each headcollar for any attending officer

## #Ruralwatch

Due to be launched in Q3, the final amendments to the documents allowing rural communities to take the lead in **Crime Prevention** are due to be made imminently and more information on how you can get involved will be published soon. Volunteers will only be able to sign-up through Notts Alerts so ensure you are already receiving email updates





## Upcoming Events

14<sup>th</sup> August

**Horsewatch** Final locations for Close Pass signage to be submitted to local Councils for approval, signs should then go up late August 2025 for 6 months



4<sup>th</sup> September

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

8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**National Rural Crime Week of Action** in collaboration with the NFU officers will be visiting farms to discuss how rural crime affects them and their families as part of the National Rural Crime Unit's campaign to continue to raise awareness

20<sup>th</sup> September

Local Beat team to attend **Collingham Show**

27<sup>th</sup> September

Rural Officers & Special Constables to attend **Southwell Ploughing Match**


## Improved internal networks

Firearms licence holders will be used to members of the licencing teams getting in touch, now teams are working more collaboratively with neighbourhoods teams to address concerns. If a firearm is licenced to you or your address, be aware your local beat team will now be made aware when an incident is reported

## 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](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org) 

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