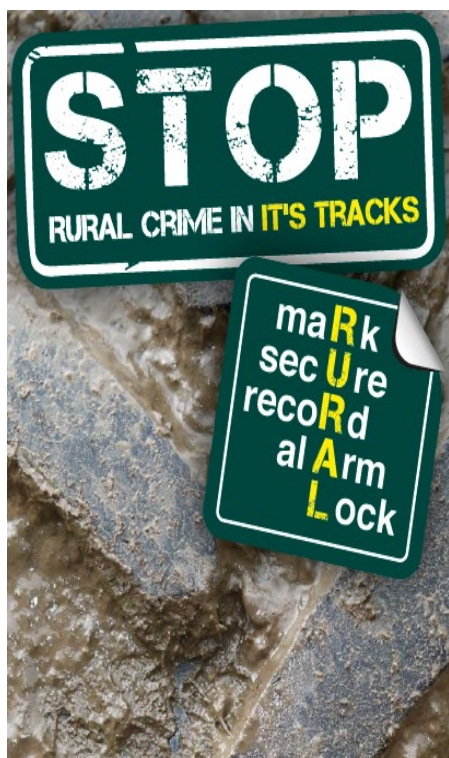
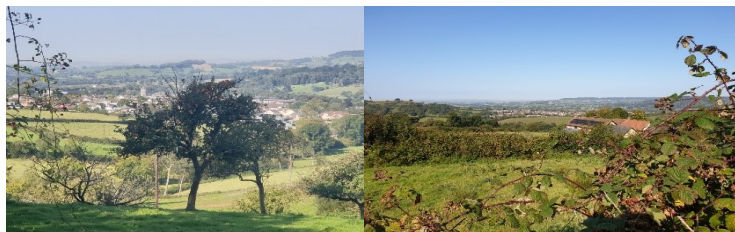


East Devon Neighbourhood Police Team Rural Affairs Newsletter – October 2021



MACHINERY, PLANT AND VEHICLE THEFT

Plant and vehicle theft cost the UK millions of pounds each year, and in some cases the stolen vehicles will be used to commit further offences. Thefts are often linked to organised crime groups and often equipment is taken out of the UK for sale.

BASIC PREVENTION ADVICE

- *Remove GPS systems when not in use and PIN enable StarFire Systems.
- *Record accurately your vehicle and machinery VIN, engine & chassis numbers.
- *Register your equipment and vehicles with the free national property register: Immobilise – <https://www.immobolise.com> and The Equipment Register which is Europe's largest database of plant and equipment.
- *Photograph your equipment and vehicles as well as property marking including CASAR (data tag).
- *Remove keys from the vehicles when not in use and if possible, keep vehicles and machinery in a lockable shed, garage or building.
- *Join Farm Watch and other local social media/ community groups to keep in touch with what is happening locally.
- *Join the Farm No Cold Caller Scheme.

FUEL THEFT – TANKS AND HEATING OIL

With the colder months approaching, tanks are likely to be full and with shorter days, it is more common for thefts to occur.

If you are able to, position the tank close to a house or somewhere it is overlooked. Switches that control the flow of oil should be turned off and electricity supplies isolated when the tank is not in use.

Consider installing an oil level gauge as they set off audible alarms if the level in the tank suddenly drops or falls below a quarter full. Try to protect tanks and cylinders where you can by installing cages and use 'defensive planting'.

Signage may act as a deterrent – please contact your local Police team who may be able to assist with this.



Over the summer months Devon & Cornwall Police were kindly loaned a CLAAS ATOS 350 by Hamblys as an engagement tool to raise awareness of rural crime. Members of the Rural East Devon neighbourhood team took the tractor to a number of shows and other local events in East & Mid Devon and were able to engage and provide prevention advice to both local residents and visitors to the area. A big thank you to Hamblys!

Need Support?

The Farm Community Network

0300 0111 999

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WATCH SCHEMES

Register with Farm Watch/Horse Watch.



Farm Watch look after property through the sharing of intelligence between the community and the police.

They provide a ring-round service, encourage neighbours to look out for each other and give officers an opportunity to get to know their local community. They also provide property marking and crime prevention advice.

Horse Watch members work together to reduce theft of horses, ponies and equestrian equipment. If you would like to join visit

www.devonandcornwall.police.uk

Report any suspicious vehicles, trespassers or anyone asking about scrap metal to the police. A bona fide dealer will have ID.

If you see vehicles or people loitering, or potentially looking for opportunities, call police.



If you would like a visit or advice regarding Farm Security or to discuss any other rural crime issues, please contact PCSO 30017 Darren ENGLAND: 30017@dc.police.uk

Rural Home Security Check

Is your house name or number clearly identifiable from the road?

This will help Police find you if called to your home address!

Have you got any prevention signage displayed?

Consider installing signage which tells you have CCTV, alarms or a dog.

Is the outside of your home, garden and driveway well lit?

Have you got visible alarms installed?

Are ladders and tools locked away?

Has your home and/ or business got adequate insurance cover?

Have you ensured your valuables, house and car keys out of sight?

Report any suspicious behaviour to Police, taking note of descriptions and vehicle VRM's if it is safe to do so.

Devon & Cornwall Police
Rural Crime Team





Working in partnership to protect rural communities


POACHING IS A **CRIME**


IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT POACHING? PLEASE REPORT IT.


- Let us know how you know this information?
- Did you see/hear it? Did someone else and they told you?
- Did the people poaching tell you?


 Where and when was this (please be as exact as you can especially with the location) Consider using the What 3 Words app


 Were there any vehicles? If so what type and colour? (If possible what Make, Model and registration number)

 Did they have firearms? If seen, describe, if heard describe noise? (Consider calling 999 at the time)

 Do you know where they are taking the carcass? Who they are selling the meat to?

 How many were there? Descriptions?

 Did they have dogs with them? How many, what breed and colour?

 Dead or wounded Deer? How many? Where were they? Have they been gutted? Is it just heads?



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