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North West Leicestershire Rural Crime Team

Welcome to the first edition of the North West Leicestershire Rural Crime Team newsletter.

From 6 January 2020, the North West Leicestershire Neighbourhood area formed a Rural Crime Team.

Rural crime has a significant impact on our area and we are aware that the rural community can feel that they are targeted and that sometimes confidence in the police can be low, alongside this, crime figures support that there is an issue in the community, therefore this will remain a priority for us.

We have previously held rural crime events that have been well attended and it is clear to see there is an appetite for working together with the rural community and partners.

The new team consists of PC 237 Emma Holmes (R) and PCSO 6517 Tony Gallagher (C), with line management from PS 4300 Lindsey Booth (L).

Our aim is to oversee all rural crime investigations, increase community confidence and develop intelligence working alongside our neighbouring counties.

Following a meeting with the East Midlands National Farmers Unit Manager, we will be taking more victim personal statements around the huge impact some of the crimes are having on farmers.

So far, we have visited a number of farms within our area, introducing ourselves and offering crime prevention advice. We plan to expand upon this and increase training awareness to other staff members around animal and machinery handling with the assistance of the NFU within Leicestershire.



Over the next few weeks, we have a number of meetings lined up with adjoining police forces where we will be looking to share ideas regarding tackling rural crime and looking to organise joint operations to target the areas where criminals are causing us most harm. We are also very excited to announce our next Rural Event which is going to be held on the Saturday 28 March 2020.



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Crime Prevention Advice – Boundaries

Take a good look around your property boundary for any potential places where it could be made more secure and consider the following:

- Planting thorny hedging to act as a natural barrier.
- Digging deep ditches to control and deter unwanted vehicle access.
- If possible, having a single-gated access point to the property.
- Using locking posts or temporary obstructions to control large openings.
- Invert and cap gate hinges.
- Making sure fixing bolts are secure and use covered padlocks.
- Installing warning signs.

**** SAVE THE DATE ****

INTERACTIVE RURAL EVENT

Date/Time – Saturday 28th March 2020

13:00 – 16:30hrs

Location – Hill Farm, Spring Lane, Packington,
Ashby-de-la-zouch, LE65 1WU

A chance for you to not only meet our team but also network with multiple organisations of interest including; NFU, BHS, Trading Standards, GRC, Land Rover Security, Selecta Mark, ATVTrac and others still to be confirmed.

● **Heated barn**

● **Locally produced hot food provided**

If you see something, say something!

Without information being fed from our communities, we don't know what is going on and when. By providing information on suspicious/criminal activity, we can utilise that information to target where the criminals are causing most harm. Please don't sit there in silence, report it by calling 101/999 in an emergency or online at the web address found in our useful contacts section.

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Other Useful Contacts

Online Reporting

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