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Welcome

Welcome to the December edition of the Norfolk Rural Communities Newsletter (previously the Op Randall newsletter).

We have held four rural engagement evenings in the last month which have been very popular with over 160 people attending; these events will continue in the new year.

These and similar events are just one way we are seeking to listen to your needs and work in partnership with you to address the issues that are most important to you. They also provide an opportunity for us to update you on our activities and for you to ask questions and hold us to account.

We continue to carry out rural patrols engaging with community members, farmers, land workers, rural business and representative bodies. If you or

your local community group would like to host a rural engagement evening we would be delighted to accommodate you, all you need to do is make contact with PC Dave Armstrong whose details are on page 4 of this newsletter and we will seek to make it happen.

Norfolk Constabulary and its rural policing team along with partner agencies took part in the National Rural Day of Action last month which saw two arrests for unfit to drive and GBH, two vehicles seized for no insurance, two hare coursing incidents responded to, a number of scrapyards, churches and boatyards visited, three drone deployments in support of ongoing incidents and a range of intelligence gathering and crime prevention activities carried out.



Crime Statistics

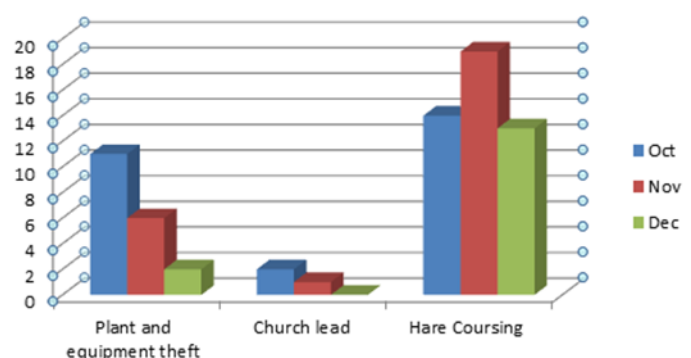
The following Chart shows the number of reported incidents or crimes of -

Plant /equipment theft.

Church lead theft.

Hare Coursing.

Please note that the December figures are to date not month end.



Hare Coursing (Op Galileo)



Hare continues to be a priority for Norfolk Constabulary and in the last month regular and Special Constabulary officers have deployed locally and regionally to tackle this type of criminality.

The number of incidents reported to police has reduced over the past 12 months; however, we remain vigilant and recognise the importance of targeting individuals involved in hare coursing.

Your help and support remains crucial so if you spot any of the following call the

police on 101 or if a crime is taking place 999. Remember, always keep yourself safe.

- Lurches' or similar dogs running loose
- Vehicle registration numbers, make and model if suspect involved in hare coursing
- How many people, dogs, were there, did you see any Hares, were the dogs chasing Hares.



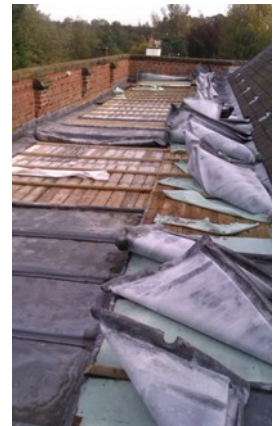
'men in fluorescent jackets purporting to be officials workers but in fact they were criminals trying to steal lead'

Church Lead Thefts











There has been a recent increase in our rural churches being targeted by criminals for their lead. We are continuing to work with the Diocese to protect these buildings, through various crime prevention methods including alarms and protective marking.

Up until recently this type of crime was only being carried out during the hours of darkness but in recent weeks we have seen a change in the criminal's tactics with reports of men in fluorescent jackets .

Your help and support remains crucial so if you spot anything unusual around or nearby any church please report it .



Most Wanted People– do not approach, report any sightings

 Matthew Sewell- wanted for recall to prison	 Alexander Hewitt - wanted for recall to prison	 Angela Davey-Fail to appear relating to Drug offences	 Arnas Kragauskas-wanted for Blackmail	 Charles Adcock-wanted breach of bail for Sex Offences
 Hannah Rice- wanted for recall to prison	 Karl Mark Giddings-wanted drug offences	 Florenc Xhaferrilari-wanted for sexual assault	 Keiron Watkins - wanted for Burglary	 Salah Hadi- wanted in connection to a serious assault

Support for Mental health

Living in a rural community can feel lonely and isolated, often enhanced by the fear of crime, either real or imaginary. This can enhance everyday worries and issues and can lead to a decline in mental health. There are charities out there that offer help and guidance, one such charity is YANA (You Are Not Alone).

YANA has successfully raised the profile of mental health, highlighting that it is 'ok not to feel ok'.

Yana is confidential and encourages those suffering from depression, stress or anxiety to visit their GP or contact the YANA helpline. YANA can fund up to 6 sessions of counselling and these can be put into place within days, compared to NHS waiting times of months.



Good News Stories

Four males were arrested for Hare Coursing in the West of the County, initially the males made off from the scene in a vehicle, but were located a short time later. All four males were subsequently arrested.

Following the arrest, officers seized the following, four dogs, the vehicle, three mobile phones and a camcorder, which when viewed was found to show in excess of 20 other Hare Coursing incidents and numerous other persons taking part in them. The investigation continues and we will be working closely with other forces in order to try and identify those involved.

Officers from Operation Randall, using Drones as air support have been assisting local officers in the execution of search warrants, which has led to stolen property being recovered, a Cannabis factory being discovered and seven persons being arrested.



“Your are under arrest”

On-line scams

Almost daily a new Scam comes to light. Remember do not give out passwords, do not give bank details and do not give out any form of Id.

The latest scam appears to be from someone alleging to be from TV Licensing in relation to setting up a direct debit for your TV Licence.

Police Connect have been sending out the most recent updated details of known scams, so please keep an eye out for Police Connect emails. However remember these are only some of the most recently, known scams. The below websites are worth visiting for a more comprehensive list of the latest scams.

www.gov.uk
www.nidirect.gov.uk



Citizen's in Policing

CRIME STOPPERS

0800 555 1111
0800 783 0137 (RURAL
DEDICATED)

Norfolk Constabulary
Falconers Chase
Wymondham
Norfolk
NR18 0WW

Crime in progress
dial 999

Non emergency
dial 101

www.norfolk.police.uk

Did you know that Norfolk Constabulary has over 200 Special Constabulary officers volunteers who have full police powers and deliver policing services in their local communities. Last month over 3200 hours were given by these officers in support of their regular colleagues. Do you have some free time to spare? Would you like more information about becoming a Special Constable? If so contact Susan Goode 01953 425699 ext 2372.

If being a Special Constable isn't for you but you would like to support policing by volunteering some of your time there are many other ways you can help.

- We have over 120 police volunteer staff who carry out a range of activities to support police to support communities.
- There are over 800 Community Speed Watch volunteers in Norfolk; would you like to set up a scheme in your area? If so contact Marion Pointer 01603 276936.
- Neighborhood Watch is well embedded in Norfolk but we are always keen to see new schemes set up; would you like to set up Neighborhood Watch in your area? If so contact Sergeant 241 Amanda Lewis 01953 425699 ext 4277.

Its your Newsletter

This Newsletter, as well as a method of informing you of what we are doing in our rural communities, is also your opportunity to ask questions of me. I will do my best to answer all questions either directly or indirectly and will reply to every question. Please email me directly on

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Please continue to report all criminal activity and all suspicious activity, we as a Force need to know what is happening on our farms, our villages, rural locations and what is impacting on our rural businesses. This not only allows us to target the right areas and people, using the most appropriate resources, but also to plan future operations, based on a greater understanding of the criminal picture in the county.

Information is vital and can be passed via 101, using either of the 2 crime stoppers numbers - 0800 555 1111 or 0800 783 0137.

Information can also be passed directly to any officer or emailed to myself.

All information that is received will be treated in total confidence.

