

# FARM *watch*



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Date: 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Firstly let me apologise for the lateness of the bulletin, however, I delayed sending this out because of OPERATION ECSTATIC. This was a proactive operation held over the month of October.

**Operation Ecstatic** targeted Hare Coursers. We utilised the intelligence from the previous 12 months to give us the best time frames to undertake the operation. Information was fed directly to the officers on the ground from the farming communities. Since the start of this operation, 26 persons have been arrested or reported for poaching related offences and three vehicles seized. We are also working with our neighbouring police forces who are conducting similar operations.

During these operations the officers have also seized a Subaru under the Salisbury Plain By-laws and seized an off road bike on Byway 12. The rider also received a £200.00 fine.

Possibly due to the success of Operation Ecstatic Hare Coursers changed tack, and turned Night Poaching. The Rural Crime Team have been working with Farmers and Game Keepers in the South of the County to address this problem, and there have been no further reported incidents at this time. I would personally like to thank all involved for giving up your time and resources to help the Rural Crime Team Officers with this issue.

**Landrover Defender 90's** would appear to be the vehicle of choice at this moment. There have been seven reported theft related incidents in the passed month of Landrover Defender 90. The incidents are spread throughout the South and West of the county and there does not appear to be a pattern to this, although I am lead to believe that the increase in Landrover thefts is a National trend and not just an issue for Wiltshire. Only one of these Landrover's has been recovered.



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**Quad bikes** - The other main target are quad bikes. In August 2009 there were two quads stolen, one with a trailer. In October 2009 there were three quads stolen and one attempt theft of a quad. One of the quad bikes stolen from the Amesbury area was fitted with a tracker system which led to it's recovery in Dorset. Another quad was recovered following a tip off from a member of the public. But the moral of the story is if you have a crime prevention system such as Tracker on you property ensure you utilise them. There was also a second quad stolen in 2008 recovered from the same location in Dorset and a third which had been stolen from Evesham, Worcs. When the Rural Crime Team Officer contacted the owner he didn't even know that it had been stolen.

**Priorities** – The Rural Crime Team was formed to work with Neighbourhood Policing Teams and rural communities to tackle the issues that blight your lives. I have attached a very basic form to this bulletin and would ask you to complete and return to: [ruralcrimeteam@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ruralcrimeteam@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk) listing the top three issues that you see would like the Rural Crime Team to address. If you receive your bulletin by post then please return it to:

PS 693 Andrea Faircloth  
Community Affairs Department  
Salisbury Police Station  
Wilton Road  
Salisbury  
SP2 7HR

This will be a rolling process and once established I will be asking you to respond once every three months.

**Request for help** – As you can imagine the administration for the Rural Crime Team can be very time consuming. I would like to canvass the farming and rural community to see if anyone



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would like to assist us as a volunteer to keep on top of the admin and clerical. This would allow the Rural Crime Team Officers more time to be out dealing with the incidents which blight your lives.

**Horsewatch** – PCSO John Bordiss has been working very hard to set up a Countywide Horsewatch scheme, this works like Farmwatch with text alerts and bulletins. If anyone would like to join the Horsewatch please send your details to:

[ruralcrimeteam@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ruralcrimeteam@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk) or

PCSO John Bordiss  
Marlborough Police Station  
George Lane  
Marlborough  
Wiltshire  
SN8 4BU

**Contacting the Rural Crime Team** – There seems to be some confusion about contacting the rural crime team and their contact details and how to contact them are as follows:

If you have someone on your land or in your yards etc, and they are committing a crime then telephone 999. This is the fastest way to get through to control room and get a response to you. If you discover a crime that has taken place but the offenders have left the scene then contact 0845 408 7000 and ask to be put through to crime desk to report the crime. The Rural Crime Team Officers research the crime recording system daily to see what is going on in the rural areas and also make contact with the aggrieved parties of those crimes.

If you would like to speak to the Rural Crime Team Officers direct their contact details are



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PC Tony Miles: 0845 408 7000 ext 730819 or mobile: 07817689640

PC Mark Randle: 0845 408 7000 ext 724515 or mobile: 07952989999

PCSO John Bordiss: 0845 408 7000 ext 739817 or mobile: 07968942116

PS Andrea Faircloth: 0845 408 7000 ext 723421 or mobile: 07855265975

Alternatively send an email to: [ruralcrimeteam@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ruralcrimeteam@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk) and the officers will be in touch.

There is also a virtual voice mail so the Rural Crime Team can pick up the messages from anywhere in the county.

To leave a message on the voice mail you need to phone: 0845 408 7000 ext 723548. Please bear in mind the Officers are not on duty 24/7 so when they are on duty they will respond to the messages left for them.

I hope you all have a peaceful run up to Christmas.

PS 693 Andrea Faircloth

