

Welcome to the second edition of the Rural Roundup to keep Nottinghamshire's rural communities better informed about what is going on to tackle various issues in their area.

Our rural teams have been busy taking part in cross border operations, visiting farms in relation to poaching, coursing and off road bike/quad use. They have also been working together with the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, local farmers and gamekeepers to tackle wildlife crime and rural crime.

I am pleased to see that since the launch of Operation Incalculability, reports of anti-social and illegal use of off road motorbikes and quad bikes in Ashfield have reduced by more than 50%. However, we need more residents to help clamp down on this issue by reporting incidents to the police - if you have any information about people using off-road bikes then please call 101.



Paddy Tipping
Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

SPECIAL CONSTABULARY RURAL PRO-ACTIVE TEAM

During September the team has carried out 290 hours serving the rural communities of Nottinghamshire.

They have also taken part in the following activities:

- Assisted with Operation Piscatorius (a regional Environment Agency led operation which moves from county to county and involves officers from different forces). Nottinghamshire Specialists travelled to Derbyshire to join with the EA and Derbyshire rural officers.
- Ongoing investigation into illegal fishing from boats.
- Joint working with the Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service to reduce farm arson and road casualties across the area.
- Badger sett visits, bat inspections, 16 vehicles seized and 24 Traffic Offence Reports. Also numerous farm visits in relation to poaching/lamping and off-road bike/quad use.
- Ongoing support for Operation Bifocal which addresses concerns and the impact that rural, wildlife and heritage crime have on rural communities.
- Provided assistance with multi-partnership Operation Traverse which includes Nottinghamshire Police, the Angling Trust and the Environment Agency and helps awareness of fish theft, wider related criminality and organised crime as well as encouraging response to poaching.
- Worked with Lincolnshire Police with Operation Galileo which is their cross-border poaching Op and where briefings are sometimes linked with Operation Bifocal days.





OPERATION INCALCULABILITY

During September an operation aiming to clamp down on the illegal and anti-social use of off-road motorbikes, quad bikes, and other nuisance vehicles was launched in the Ashfield area.



As part of the Operation the Force's Off Road Motorcycle Team, supported by uniformed officers, have been conducting high visibility patrols in the Ashfield area, stopping and checking vehicles and identifying any offences requiring action. Successes for the Operation have seen anti-social activities disrupted with enquiries ongoing, as well as Section 59 Orders and community protection warnings issued in the Annesley Woods, Skegby and Huthwaite areas in August. This operation will continue to run over the coming months and will be targeting multiple areas.

HORSE WATCH LAUNCHES IN NEWARK AND SHERWOOD



A new mounted initiative known as Horse Watch officially launched in August - designed to crack down on rural and equine-related crime. Horse Watch is a volunteer scheme, similar to Neighbourhood Watch, with

members (who will be provided with head-cams) sharing information about any suspicious activity or issues that concern them as well as alerting police and partners to issues such as fly tipping, fly grazing and illegal off-road biking.

Inspector for the Newark and Sherwood area,

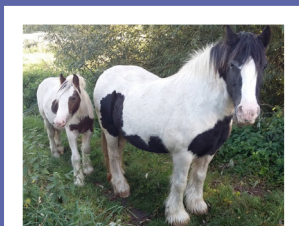
Louise Clarke, is leading the project and explained "Horse Watch members will not intervene in any incidents nor be asked to address any particular policing problem. In fact, they will not be doing anything beyond their normal riding behaviour and activities and reporting to the police if they see something that they feel is suspicious".

Once established it is hoped the scheme can be extended across the whole Nottinghamshire Police Force area.

Yards and stables interested in joining the scheme can find out more about membership on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/NottsPoliceHorseWatch

AND FINALLY



Just in a days work - these two were found wandering near Girton Village back in September. After a bit of investigation their owner was located!

REMEMBER

We can't do it without you. Please keep your eyes open for any suspicious activity - don't just tell your neighbour - **report it**.

#ReportIt



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