

Welcome to the fourth 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 dedicated Special Constabulary Rural Pro-active team are working as always alongside regular specialist officers, spending many hours on rurally focused crime prevention work and I am happy to see that their intelligence led patrols are having an impact.

It was exciting to see the new quad bike which we funded make an appearance at the County Show and it was great to hear that it is already making a difference to Operation Jericho in tackling the illegal use of off-road bikes and other nuisance vehicles .



Paddy Tipping **Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner**

SPECIAL CONSTABULARY RURAL PRO-ACTIVE TEAM

We have been kept busy since the last issue of Rural Roundup and the team have been out and about throughout the County:

- During May the rural pro-active team attended the Nottinghamshire County Show at Newark Showground with the emphasis on positive engagement and to offer crime prevention advice. We took our new quad bike (pictured) and a selection of police vehicles from high-powered cars to the riot van which was a firm favourite with the children!
- We have been working with our colleagues from the Fire & Rescue Service (FRS) in a joint operation to reduce arson, road deaths and serious injury.
- The team have also been assisting in a scenario with the FRS, the Highways Authority and Nottinghamshire County Council to put on a roadshow to highlight the dangers of excess speed using mobile phones. This is part of an overall strategy with the Special Constabulary who have been working on Op Highway and Op Transporter which are aimed at rural road use and unsafe vehicles.
- Illegal waste carriage and tipping were targeted with assistance from HMRC and also the Environment Agency. On one particular day up to 27 vehicles were seized and over 70 offenders dealt with across sites in rural Nottinghamshire.
- With increasing ANPR technology the rural specials have seized 44 illegal vehicles and assisted in the arrest of four criminals who were literally caught on camera.
- The farming community have been receptive to the increased presence and we are also ever vigilant to the problems of hare coursing and activities which impact on our wildlife. We have an excellent relationship with the local wildlife groups and their expertise has helped in increasing our own knowledge base.





JOINT OPERATION

At the end of April there were joint fire reduction patrols between Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service and our Special Constables across the County.

It was a two day fire prevention initiative which saw visits to remote, rural and farm locations in a bid to reduce the number of rural fires by providing safety advice, education awareness and



enforcement to those identified as being at risk from arson attack.



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY SHOW

The County Show saw Paddy Tipping and members of his office together with the Citizens in Policing Department (CiPD) and a team of specials ready to speak to those attending the show about crime and safety issues.

The sunny weather meant that lots of people were given advice on various subjects, including rural crime, ways to protect their business, keeping children safe online, protecting devices and fraudulent activity around online shopping and banking.

A brand new information pack was also launched which has been developed by Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service, Nottinghamshire Police and the East Midlands Ambulance Service. The pack contains a wide range of safety information, specifically tailored for farm owners and people living in the countryside from each agency. Topics include protecting farms from arson, what to do in case of an emergency, how to keep estates and boundaries safe and how to deliver CPR. You can download an online version of the pack from www.notts-fire.gov.uk.

AND FINALLY

Please welcome your new fully trained Nottinghamshire Wildlife Team - all full time officers who volunteered for a week long course due to their interest in wildlife. Topics covered the control of Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) animal welfare offences, Badger Act, Wildlife and

Countryside Act and poaching amongst many other subjects.

The team will deal with the more complex wildlife crime cases and will work with with the National Wildlife Crime Unit (NWCU), Department for Environment, Food and Rural affairs (DEFRA), Animal Health and other NGO's.

Picture Shows (L-R):

PC 2525 Gareth Nichols, PC 3063 Dave Blundell, PS 3043 Andy Hallsworth, PC 2765 Jules Meaney, PC 3180 Rob Archer.



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.**

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