

Welcome to the third 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.

The winter months have not stopped the rural teams who have kept themselves busy assisting our rural communities whether it be visiting local farmers, assisting our own and local forces with reports of illegal hare coursing, illegal fishing, poaching, plus locating stolen vehicles and even ensuring some of the county's badgers are receiving adequate protection.

On top of this some of them have been taking their first aid recertification and undergoing Quad Bike training together with regular visits and partnership working with Newark Anglers, Tolworth Lakes, Daneshill Ponds, Clayworth Angler, North muskham Fisheries, the Canal and River Trust, Big Cats Photography and Idle Valley Wildlife Centre.



Paddy Tipping
Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

SPECIAL CONSTABULARY RURAL PRO-ACTIVE TEAM

Since the last issue the team of 5 specials have worked a total of 1,700 hours policing the rural communities of Nottinghamshire. During that time we have been busy on the rural roads meaning that approximately 40 traffic offence reports have been generated, approximately 25 vehicles have been seized for having no tax and there have been approximately 12 Section 165 seizures (no insurance). As well as this we have also been taking part in the following activities:

- Covert patrols of remote and rural locations utilising unmarked vehicles. This is ongoing and the location of the patrols are based on intelligence and requests from the rural beat teams.
- Quad bike training to give the officers better access to rural locations.
- We have also received the use of night vision equipment to ensure officers are better equipped to deal with covert and overt operations during the hours of darkness.
- Again we have been assisting with cross-border Operation Piscatorius (illegal fishing) with Deryshire Constabulary and the Environment Agency as well as on-going enforcement with the Environment Agency.
- Farms are regularly visited in relation to complaints of poaching/lamping and off road bike/quad use.
- Targeted operations relating to fuel thefts, hare coursing and quad bike use.
- Targeted vehicle operations aimed at rural locations where criminals using the road network don't expect so see us!
- We are still providing ongoing support for Operations Bifocal, Traverse and Galileo.
- Joint working with the Nottingham Fire and Rescue Service to reduce farm arson and also road casualties across the area.



Report by Special Police Inspector Carl Taylor-Walster
Rural Proactive Team & Rural Parish Specials



OPERATION JERICHO

A multi-agency initiative in the Newark and Sherwood area targetting the illegal use of off-road bikes, quad bikes and other nuisance vehicles on private or public land. This is just one of the initiatives launched as

part of the Force's ongoing drive to tackle the issue which has blighted communities across the county. The force have created a video with details of Operation Jericho (click image above).



WORKING WITH THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BADGERS TRUST

The Special Constabulary Rural Proactive team have recently been involved with a small project to ensure some of the county's badgers are receiving adequate protection.



Special Constable Marwood led on this project and was pleased to report that "the badgers seem to be thriving well and we have had some trail cam footage to prove this. Barbara Meyer, from Big Cats Photography who works with us as one of our rural partners, came along to look at the site as she works tirelessly

with Nottinghamshire Badgers Trust and local nature groups to ensure that these creatures are protected and as partners Nottinghamshire Police provide that support by patrolling the rural areas and deterring interference.

"The area involved has an experience grounds man who makes sure that the badgers are kept safe and his local knowledge ensures that they are not interfered with and that any issues are resolved.

"We are also lucky to have the support of someone local who has provided trail cams, the footage from which has proved that the badger is flourishing in Nottinghamshire. Good partnership working has and will ensure that this continues."

AND FINALLY

Use of a defibrillator was included in the rural teams First Aid Recertification when they joined officers from Newark Police in November for the training.



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WITHOUT YOU.

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SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
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