



## Welcome to the Cleveland Police Rural Newsletter from our Rural Crime Team

The Rural Crime Team continues to crack down on rural crime. We are supported by officers within Neighbourhood Policing Teams, The Drone Unit, Special Constables, Intelligence officers & volunteers.

Our partnership approach alongside eight neighbouring police forces: Cumbria, Durham, Humberside, Lancashire, Northumbria & North/South Yorkshire has produced some excellent results under these initiatives...

- **Operation Hawkeye** – sharing of intelligence on those who commit rural crime
- Targeting nominals who travel into Cleveland
- Recently recovered quad bikes suspected stolen during separate burglaries in neighbouring forces
- **Operation Galileo** – sharing of intelligence on those who commit hare coursing
- Fifteen warning letters served to nominals suspected of hare coursing during 2022. Those who continue to hare coarse will eventually be served with:
  - Community Protection Warnings (CPW)
  - Community Protection Notices (CPN)

During the winter months, Cleveland Police received an increase in reported thefts and burglaries. To help reduce the risk from opportunist thieves, please see our crime prevention tips and for further information please read through the following tips & visit our Force website:

[www.cleveland.police.uk](http://www.cleveland.police.uk)

## Crime Prevention Tips...

- Ensure all buildings are securely locked
- Remove keys from vehicles/quad bikes (even when stored within buildings)
- Use anchor points & chains/locks
- Install trackers
- Install CCTV
- Install alarms to buildings



Cleveland Police have also received an influx of reports regarding antisocial riding of off-road motorcycles and quad bikes on private/farmland/public roads/parks.

PC Lee Mapplebeck has been reviewing the calls and neighbourhood officers have dealt with suspected riders, resulting in the seizure of over 40 off-road motorcycles and quad bikes.

During December, a mobile crushing facility was arranged and set up in Tesco Store car park, Trunk Road, Southbank, where the seized machines were crushed (see photo below)...



### **Future plans...**

The Special Constabulary will begin the recruitment process for recruiting a designated team of Special Constables to assist with rural crime.

- These will be attached to the Rural Crime Team
- If you are interested or know somebody that is, please read through the attached recruitment flyer

Neighbourhood Rural Officers will be visiting every farm/rural community within their ward area with the aim of...

- Familiarising themselves with the location
- Passing on point of contact details
- Issuing new Rural Watch signs

## **Keeping You Informed**

We aim to keep you up-to-date of our progress via this newsletter.

We will also hold a quarterly Tees Rural Crime Forum – email invitations will follow.

The next Tees Rural Crime Forum takes place on:

- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- 10.30am – 12.30pm
- Kirkleatham Police HQ  
Troisdorf Way  
Redcar  
TS10 5AP

## **How to Report Rural Crime**

Cleveland Police takes all reports seriously. Help us crack down on rural crime by reporting incidents as soon as they take place...

- Call 999 in an emergency
- Call 101 to report a crime which is not an emergency
- Report online at [www.cleveland.police.uk](http://www.cleveland.police.uk)
- Download the Cleveland Online Policing App (COPA) or scan the QR code below
- For general queries please email: [Lee.Mapplebeck@cleveland.police.uk](mailto:Lee.Mapplebeck@cleveland.police.uk)

