

# Warwickshire Police

## Rugby Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

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*April 2020 Newsletter*



### *Incorporating the villages, hamlets and communities of:*

Burton Hastings – Copston Magna – Wolvey – Wibtoft – Shilton – Barnacle – Withybrook – Willey – Monks Kirby – Ansty – Pailton – Stretton-under-Fosse – Brinklow – Combe Fields - Easenhall – Harborough Magna – Churchover – Coton Park – Clifton-upon-Dunsmore and Newton - Houlton

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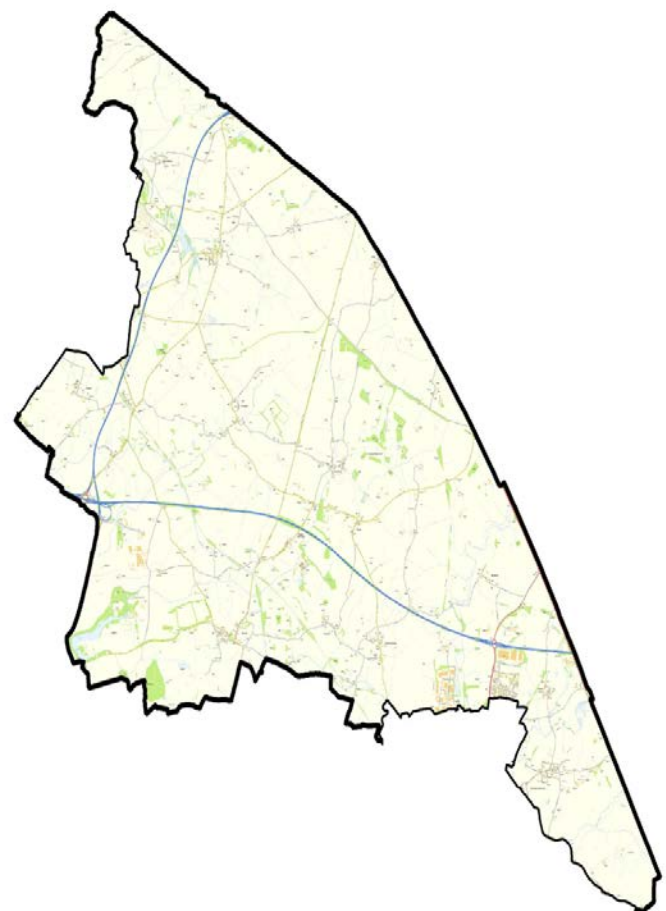
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Based at Rugby Police Station, the Rugby Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team focus on providing a dedicated support and resolution role, working with partner agencies and individuals within the community to identify and solve concerns that affect their locality.

Our policing area has strategic road links with the M6, A5 and M69 passing through. Local officers, with support tackle the criminals that travel those routes with a view to making communities safer from the threat of harm. The area is mostly made up of rural and village communities which bring their own unique demands.

We focus work around high risk and prolific offenders and our Neighbourhood Teams will:

- Engage with communities and partners to innovate, identify opportunities and create sustainable solutions to local problems.
- Work with partners and communities to tackle the harm caused by crime and anti-social behaviour.
  - Be visible, accessible and accountable to local communities.
  - Engage with the Community Forum process and address priority concerns.
- Seek to identify those at most risk of harm and support them through appropriate interventions.
- Engage with young people and deliver prevention and early intervention activities in partnership with local schools.



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## Your local policing team



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**Warwickshire Rural Watch**  
*Closing the gate on rural crime*

## Introduction

Welcome to the April issue of the Rugby Rural North Newsletter.

## Crime/Incident Overview

This section looks at the crimes/incidents of public interest that have occurred on the Rugby Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team policing area. Below is an overview of certain crime/incident-types that have been reported to us over the last month:

### Burglary Residential – 1 reported incident

#### **Inc 143 18/03/2020 – Aspen Road, Rugby**

At mid day unknown offenders have thrown a slab through a patio window to gain entry, the offenders have then been disturbed by the home owners.

### Burglary Business and Commercial – 1 reported incident

#### **Inc 34 07/03/2020 – Premier Stores, Central Park Drive, Rugby**

At 1.30pm offenders have entered a shop and stolen cigarettes and the till.

### Criminal Damage – 6 reported incident

#### **Inc 202 09/03/20 – Stonechat Road, Rugby**

Unknown offenders have smashed a plant pot and kicked a hole in the fencing.

#### **Inc 124 29/03/20 – Smit Close, Monks Kirby**

Overnight a rear small window on a vehicle has been smashed.

#### **Inc 109 30/03/20 – Spring Road, Barnacle**

Between 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> damage has been caused to a window, it looks like it has been done with some kind of firearms.

**Inc 268 18/0320 – Hollick Way, Wolvey**

Damage has been caused to a fence; the offender has been captured on CCTV.

**Theft – 07 reported incidents**

Theft from HGV's x 1  
Commercial x 3

**Inc 362 02/03/20 – Leicester Road, Rugby**

Over the weekend a hydraulic pump has been stolen.

**Inc 262 12/03/20 – Moors Lane, Rugby**

2,500 litres of red diesel have been stolen from a site.

**Inc 153 31/03//20 – Stonechat Road, Rugby**

Overnight the front and rear number plates have been stolen.

**Inc 278 28/03/20 – Parsons Close, Willey**

Offenders have tried to steal a trailer.

**Inc 262 30/03/20 – Main Road, Ansty**

Overnight 4 sheep have been stolen from a field opposite Ansty Hall Hotel.

**Inc 347 30/03/20 – Willey**

Offenders have tried to steal a caravan, but they have got stuck in a field.

**Inc 394 04/03//20 – Main Street, Withybrook**

Between 8.00am and 8.15am unknown offenders have stolen used oil from an unsecure outside location.

**Inc 391 10/03/20 – Bramcote Mains, Bulkington**

A Bailey Unicorn Saville Caravan has been stolen from a caravan storage compound.

**Vehicle Crime – 10 reported incidents**

**Inc 119 01/03/20 – Main Road, Ansty**

Overnight 2 wing mirrors have been stolen.

**Inc 383 05/03/20 – Coombe Abbey Hotel, Binley**

Between 8.50am and 5.45pm a wing mirror has been stolen.

**Inc 434 05/03//20 – Coombe Abbey Hotel, Binley**

A combi van has been broken into and tools and champagne have been stolen.

**Inc 88 10/03/20 – Main Road, Ansty**

Overnight offenders have tried to break into a company van, nothing has been taken.

**Inc 389 16/03/20 – Broad Street, Brinklow**

Overnight offenders have smashed a rear passenger window and stolen two bags.

**Inc 147 27/03/20 – Church Road, Shilton**

Registration plates have been stolen off a vehicle.

**Inc 279 28/03//20 – Main Street, Willey**

Offenders have tried to steal a horse box.

**Inc 150 02/03/20 – Watling Street, Wolvey**

A cat convertor has been stolen off a Toyota Prius.

**Inc 90 17/03/20 – Leicester Road, Wolvey**

Unknown offenders have drilled a hole in a rear door lock and stolen tools, drills, a radio and a Hoover.

## Mobile Police Visits

Due to Covid19 all Mobile Police Station Visits have been cancelled until further notice.

## Good News

### Three Men Jailed for Sheep Butchery



Three men have been jailed yesterday (27/3/20) after admitting carrying out a campaign of barbaric illegal sheep butchery across Northamptonshire.

Robert Jordan, Florin Nutu and Viorel Manu's attacks on sheep and lambs in the dead of night throughout last summer had the county's livestock farming community gripped in fear.

But they were hunted down by Northamptonshire Police's rural crime team, acting on key information from NFU members and farmers, and arrested.

All three eventually pleaded guilty and were sentenced at Northampton crown court today (Friday, 27th March).

Jordan, 23, and Nutu, 36, were both handed jail terms of four years and four months and Manu, 39, was ordered to serve two years and 11 months inside. The trio were all from Birmingham.

NFU county adviser for Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Rutland, Harriet Ranson, who was involved in the case from the beginning and liaised with police throughout, said she was delighted with the outcome.

"These crimes were horrific, barbaric and unprecedented and had the whole livestock farming community in Northamptonshire and neighbouring counties living in fear that they would be next for months," she said.

"It is fantastic to see the courts treating these appalling crimes with the seriousness they deserve and handing down suitably lengthy prison terms to these dangerous men.

"This case really highlights how important local information from farmers, the NFU and the public is in helping to bring offenders before the courts.



“We’d like to thank Northamptonshire Police, their rural crime team and the police and crime commissioner for their relentless pursuit of these criminals and we hope this case sends out a clear message to anyone planning to do something similar – you will get caught and you will get punished.”

Throughout the period the sheep incidents were taking place Warwickshire Police worked with Northamptonshire Police and Leicestershire Police to catch the offenders and bring them to justice and we thank all the officers involved.

## Warrant Executed Following Operation Hillman Investigations



A warrant was recently executed in Birmingham as part of our Operation Hillman investigations into the illegal slaughter and theft of sheep.

The warrant was executed at a residential property in Birmingham following our successful application at Coventry Magistrates’ Court.

With the help of PC Rachel Smith from Rugby Police, PS Robert Shaw, PC Andy King, PC Kate Taylor, PC Andy Timmins and PC Craig Purcell detained 3 males and 2 females with property seized as part of the investigation.

Our investigation involves offences in the Alcester and Rugby Policing areas and is ongoing. Further updates will be provided when appropriate.

These are difficult offences to investigate and we rely on information from the Rural Community to direct our efforts. Please continue to call Warwickshire Police with any information that may help and we will continue to follow up each lead.

You can call us on 101, 999 if a crime is in progress or anonymously on the Crimestoppers dedicated Rural Crime Hotline in partnership with the National Farmers’ Union on 0800 783 0137 or complete the online form at <https://forms.theilne.co.uk/ruralcrimehotline>

## **Appeal for Information**

### **Remains of Lamb found in Brinklow**

On the 31/3/20 a farmer found the remains of an 8 day old lamb in a field in Brinklow. It is not believed this was done by wildlife. If you saw anyone acting suspiciously in the area or have any information that could assist the police with their enquiries please call 101 and refer to inc 167 of 31/3/20 or email [NorthWarwickshireRuralAlerts@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:NorthWarwickshireRuralAlerts@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk).

### **Four Sheep have been taken near Ansty**

Some time between 10.00 hrs on the 29/3/20 and 16.00 hrs 30/3/20, possibly during the night/early hours of the morning, unknown offender(s) have entered a field next to the Main Road, Ansty and taken 4 young ewes. If you saw anyone or a vehicle acting suspiciously in the area or have any information that could help the police with their enquiries please call 101 and refer to inc 262 of 30/3/20 or email [NorthWarwickshireRuralAlerts@Warwickshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:NorthWarwickshireRuralAlerts@Warwickshire.pnn.police.uk).

Please be vigilant when passing or if you live by fields of livestock and report anything suspicious to the farmer, if you know them and the police.

If relating to sheep and someone that may be taking them please state 'Operation Hillman' to the call operator.

### **Attempted Theft from farms in the Willey area**

Inc 278 of 28/3/20

Two youths attempted to steal a trailer from a field near Willey using a quad bike. They were disturbed and made off leaving the quad bike in situ which has been recovered by the police. Investigations are ongoing.

Inc 347 of 30/3/20

Unknown offender(s) attempted to steal a caravan from a farm near Willey at around 22.00 hrs last night (30/3/20). The farmer heard a noise and called the police who responded with patrol, a dog unit and NPAS (helicopter). Unfortunately the offenders made off and were unable to be located. The vehicle used to take the caravan was recovered and later found to have been stolen from the West Midlands area. Investigations are ongoing.

Please be especially vigilant in rural locations, review your security (advice is available on our websites [www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk](http://www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk) and [www.warwickshire.police.uk](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk)) and report anyone acting suspiciously to 101 or call 999 if there is a crime in progress.

## Crime Prevention Advice

Warwickshire Police are warning everyone to apply heightened vigilance in the light of criminals who are using the coronavirus emergency to scam and trick people. There is growing evidence that criminals are prepared to trick their way into people's homes or access things like banking information using trick emails.

In the past couple of weeks people from different parts of the UK have seen the following:

- 'Phishing' emails from hackers claiming to provide a list of Covid-19 infected people in their area – but with a link that leads to a malicious website. - NEVER CLICK ON A LINK WITHIN AN EMAIL OR TRUST AN EMAIL WITHOUT PROPERLY CHECKING THE SENDERS ADDRESS
- Online sellers purporting to be offering face masks or hand sanitiser for sale – but pocketing money and never sending out goods.
- Heartless con artists knocking on the doors of elderly residents offering to run shopping trips – but taking the cash or bank cards and never returning.
- Thieves posing as police officers or health visitors making Covid-19 checks at homes in a bid to gain access and steal cash and valuables. - IF YOU ARE NOT EXPECTING A CALLER DO NOT LET IN PEOPLE TO YOUR HOME
- Never let unsolicited callers into your home or hand over bank cards or cash
- If someone claims to be from the police, NHS or other organisation ask to see their identification. If in doubt call the organisation they claim to represent to make checks; if they are genuine they won't mind waiting while you verify who they are. DON'T CALL A TELEPHONE NUMBER THEY GIVE YOU – USE THE NORMAL TELEPHONE NUMBER.
- Don't click on links or attachments in suspicious emails
- Do not respond to unsolicited messages asking for personal or financial information.
- If you are looking at making purchases on sites you don't know or trust then research the company beforehand.
- Keep in contact with your loved ones, especially if elderly

To report suspicious activity to us message on Live Chat via our website or go to the Action Fraud website: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

Since the outbreak of COVID-19 many investors large and small have seen a fall in the value of their investments caused by a hugely volatile stock market.

Fraudsters are seeking to take advantage of this situation by cold calling or emailing consumers offering people the opportunity to invest in schemes or products that appear to offer high returns in a difficult financial climate, sometimes by claiming that the investments are 'healthcare' related. In reality, fraudsters offer 'too good to be true' investments that are either worthless or don't even exist.

Advice for investors



- Beware of any unexpected approach offering you shares or investments. Remember, fraudsters may falsely claim to represent genuine businesses. Some fraudsters have even gone as far as cloning the websites of real investment companies. Others use glossy brochures to make them appear genuine and professional.
- If an investment opportunity seems 'too good to be true' it usually is!
- Never provide personal or financial information to a cold caller or buy goods or services.
- Be a 'ScamSmart' investor, follow the advice produced by the Financial Services Authority and check their warning list: <https://www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart>

### **Contact us!**

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☎ **999** – In an Emergency

☎ **101** – To report a Crime

☎ **(01788) 853851** – To contact the team directly (not for reporting Crime)