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Sir / Madam,

Introduction.

I would like to introduce myself as the Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) responsible for your area, I am based at Alnwick Police Station on the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) and work out of the Rothbury office (inside Church House) most days I am on Duty.

I have previously worked in other roles within Northumbria Police; most recently on the Rural Crime Team where I was instrumental in the launch of Operation Hawkeye in June 2020. During this time, I was responsible for instigating the recoveries of stolen Plant, Agricultural Equipment and a S1 Firearm worth approximately £900,000 - alongside targeting offenders responsible for Organised Acquisitive Crime from our rural community and linking crime series' in the region of £3,500,000.

I would like to set out below how you could target harden your Farm, protect your Property, keep up to date with Police community updates through Northumbria Connected - which are relevant to your area, and report incidents to the Police.

Crime prevention advice.

Good quality motion activated CCTV / ANPR cameras / LED flood lighting and building alarms are becoming more affordable and accessible, being fitted by local professional installers. Existing CCTV should be checked to make sure it is working (with no obstructions over the lenses) and that footage can be archived / copied from the hard drive. Consideration should be given to moving towards new security measures where possible.

The rear of the farm buildings should be included in any security provision where approach over open land is often overlooked, giving easy access to offenders to buildings storing high value vehicles and equipment.

Whilst I cannot endorse / promote companies; investment in tracking technology provided by the likes of CanTrack, Tracker UK, Scorpion Automotive and Hitachi UK on the most desirable items (to steal) on the Farm such as Quad bikes, Land Rover Defenders, Telehandlers, Tractors, Trailers and Implements assist in identification of a timeline and further lines of investigation.

<https://cantrack.com> - CanTrack

<https://www.tracker.co.uk> – Tracker UK

<https://www.scorpionauto.com> – Scorpion Automotive

<https://www.hitachicm.co.uk/support-service/fleet-management/> – Hitachi UK (based in Hebburn)

Datatag Ltd have long since provided marking systems for high value items. Datatag's Forensic marking kits alongside Transponder chips and Identification labels; including the CESAR Triangle, all make the return of high value stolen equipment to rightful owners easier – and in some instances, possible. <https://www.datatag.co.uk/consumer.php>



Reporting of crimes and suspicious incidents.

I realise the impact that Organised Acquisitive Crime has on the rural community and would stress that while you do live in a very safe area, all suspicious incidents where vehicles and persons are either sighted or encountered are reported to Police as soon as possible.

The ways you can report incidents or concerns to the Police is becoming more diverse

- 999 (always be used in an Emergency, or when you suspect an offence is taking place)
- 101 (non-emergency / general enquiries)
- Through the Northumbria Police website <https://beta.northumbria.police.uk/contact-us/> where you can report incidents online

Delays in reporting of incidents to Police limits the effectiveness of both the Police response and building of intelligence around vehicles and persons.

Reconnaissance by offenders to return at a later date to steal high value equipment maybe hidden in plain sight, cold callers asking for Scrap Metal, directions or selling Tarmac are good cover for this. Someone asking seemingly innocent questions, while taking a lot of interest in security or nearby high value items may be of concern – all of these should be reported to Police at the time should you have concerns.

Subscribing for community updates from Northumbria Police.

On Northumbria Connected you can register to be kept up to date with incidents that have occurred in your area, which will enable you to take further security precautions and be vigilant for suspicious persons and vehicles in your area.

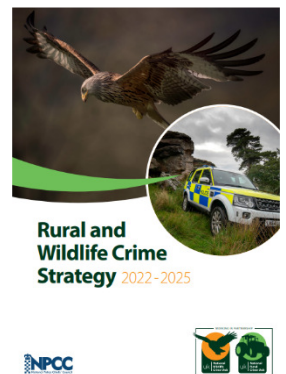
You can scan the QR code on your mobile phone and be taken direct to the Northumbria Connected web page.



Useful Documents

The national Rural and Wildlife Crime Strategy 2022-2025 is available to download from <https://www.nwcu.police.uk>.

NFU Mutual Rural Crime Report 2023 <https://www.nfumutual.co.uk/farming/rural-crime/>



Summary.

I hope the above goes someway to both inform and reassure you that I will do my best to respond to concerns and issues that may arise that effect the rural community, by working together I hope to keep momentum on information and intelligence coming in from the rural community and make representations on their behalf.

If you would like to speak directly with myself, my work mobile number and email address is below

Regards

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DO NOT USE ADJACENT CONTACT DETAILS TO REPORT CRIME OR LIVE INCIDENTS