

Welcome to the fifth 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.

I'm pleased to say that we are launching a new initiative to tackle rural crime, in partnership with Crimestoppers and local councils. It will encourage people to report rural criminality anonymously if they wish through the Crimestoppers channels and provide a number of different ways to both receive and give information.

As you can see there has been a lot of activity to try and combat rural crime, but it's clear to me that this is always better done in partnership with local communities. Over the next few months we will be upping the work to include you and tell you what is happening where you live.

**Paddy Tipping**

**Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner**



## SPECIAL CONSTABULARY RURAL PRO-ACTIVE TEAM

The team have had a very busy Summer with the glorious weather we have attended various rural events and even helped out at the Test Match!

- Together the team have contributed over 130 hours and have dealt with various incidents relating to rural issues including bats and, of all things, crayfish.
- We have worked with the Fire & Rescue Service to support the reduction in serious accidents on rural roads and these operations now form part of our proactive calendar.
- We have also been recently approached to support policing teams to get to grips with off-road bike problems and theft from building sites where plant hire kit has been stolen.
- A productive meeting was held with the Environment Agency and we aim to work with our partners to enforce fishing licence compliance and this has led to working with angling groups to give reassurance along with being a visible presence within rural communities.
- Illegal hare coursing is a continuing problem and recently we seized a vehicle under the Hunting Act 2004 which had been driven across land near Winkburn, destroying crops and causing aggravation to the farmers who were delighted that we had seized it. We will be engaging with neighbouring forces shortly to provide a presence to prevent this activity and hopefully deter the persistent offenders.
- Eight illegal vehicles have been seized by our team for various serious traffic offences and the respective drivers reported.

As Autumn approaches we intend to embrace it by keeping Nottinghamshire's rural communities safe even on the dark, wet nights when Summer is a distant memory.





## RURAL CRIME REPORTING LINE

The NFU has recently partnered with the charity Crimestoppers to launch the Rural Crime Reporting Line, a service through which you can anonymously give information about four rural crimes (large-scale, industrial fly tipping, hare coursing, livestock theft and machinery theft).

You can either call the dedicated Rural Crime Reporting Line on **0800 783 0137** or visit



[www.ruralcrimereportingline.uk](http://www.ruralcrimereportingline.uk) to give information anonymously. Read more [here](#).

## RURAL AFFAIRS SUMMIT 2018

Since the last newsletter officers attended the Rural Affairs Summit in Harrogate.

Police and partners came together from across the UK with the common thread being recognising and understanding the impact of rural crime on family farms and rural businesses.

It was agreed that hare coursing and poaching were bad enough but that they could lead to further serious organised crime where criminals could use their activities to then identify opportunities to steal high value machinery and equipment from farms.



## AND FINALLY ....

August marked 48 years of service for Special Constable Alan Marwood making him the force's longest serving volunteer police officer - we couldn't let this edition go by without celebrating this fact!

From being shot at by armed robbers, to detaining and arresting multiple murderers during his service, his journey with the force is inspiring and incredible in many ways when you learn about his



lifesaving successes along the way - saving the lives of at least 6 people, including a six-year old boy who was choking near to where he was on patrol.

He has served under more than ten Chief Constables, been awarded the Queens Gallantry Medal and received countless awards and recognition for his efforts. We are lucky that Alan continues to be a familiar face across North Nottinghamshire with his time being spent tackling wildlife and rural crime.

In typical Alan style you can see him pictured having joined a local cricket match after assisting the traffic units with a series of holiday related collisions. As he says "cold lemonade and positive engagement was the order of the day".

## 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.**

# #ReportIt



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