



**August 2012**

Of the 79 rural crimes we have recorded in August, 48 offences were on farms. There were 17 Metal thefts reported, 9 of these from farms. Electric fence batteries being the main items stolen.

Report these vehicles that are poking around on farms, on either 101 or ourselves as below. We will put out text alerts, and in many cases, the intelligence value is useful for future occasions. At the end of August a male was arrested in the Calne area for stealing water troughs, and another male arrested for stealing power tools from a farm in the Bradford On Avon area. These arrests were only made as you had passed us the registration numbers of involved vehicles.

There were 10 recorded burglaries or thefts in which tools and power tools were taken. 4 of these were on farms. A reminder that you can record serial numbers of these items onto "Immobilise". This database is checked by police forces nationally, against items that we come across when dealing with the sort of person who steal them.

<http://www.immobilise.com>

We have a further 4 incidents which have damage only, be it fences cut, gates smashed, or padlocks cut and nothing believed stolen. Please report these offences to us, as in many cases it can be a precursor to a burglary. In most cases where a quadbike or landrover is stolen, there has usually been a suspicious event in the days prior, be it fences cut, visits or whatever.

For July and August, we have had twelve Quadbikes/ATV's, ten 4x4's (6 of them Landrovers), and one piece of plant (manitou) stolen. Thirteen of these were from farms.

These are the "high value" items for which you really need to consider your security. Wiltshire Police has two Crime Prevention Officers who will come out to your farms/premises and provide free security advice should you so wish. You can contact;

North Wilts-Robert Walton, 01793507866, [robert.walton@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:robert.walton@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)  
South Wilts-Amanda Clarke, 01722435318, [amanda.clarke@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:amanda.clarke@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

Please consider purchasing GPS Tracking devices for these vehicles. They are no longer as expensive as they were several years ago (the GPS device that is!) and offset against the cost of the item you are looking to protect....

Red Diesel theft is a growing issue at the moment, particularly central to NE wilts. In some cases the fuel is being taken from combines as they are left overnight in the fields.

We also had some game bird thefts down the east of the county. In our case it was pheasants, but speaking with surrounding forces it has been English Partridge this year.

Over the last two months, now that the crops are coming down, we have had 40 calls relating to hare coursing and poaching. This is occurring all over County at the moment. Ten of these incidents have been at night. We have made eleven arrests in relation to this type of offence in this time. A few registration numbers to look out for;

**S8\*\*AEC      White Subaru Forrester**  
**S6\*\*FTA      Silver Subaru Forrester**  
**M\*\*6CLW     Green Suzuki Vitara**  
**V1\*\*DCU     Maroon Subaru Forester**  
**P\*\*3TDG     Black Landrover Discovery**  
**Y\*\*7XBN     Yellow Subaru Forrester**

We now have over 2000 on our Farmwatch and Horsewatch schemes across the county, but still have areas where we could do with more – so if you know of neighbours who are not yet on, please have them get in touch with us and we will add them to the schemes.

#### **RURAL CRIME TEAM CONTACT DETAILS**

**Wiltshire Police      Non Emergency Number   101**

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Royal Wootton Bassett      Mobile number: **07817689640**

**PC 962 MARK RANDLE**      Telephone: 101 ext 724515  
Amesbury      Mobile number: **07952989999**

**PCSO 6017 JOHN BORDISS**      Telephone: 101 ext 739817  
Marlborough      Mobile number **07968942116**



