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I am going to take a slightly different approach to this month's newsletter, and rather than give a month by month account of crime numbers, try and give a comparison of where we are this year against the same time last year.

These figures are till the end of September, ie the first 9 months of the year. And they have been searched against the word "farm".

"Non Dwelling Burglaries" are where outbuildings or structures, are entered, and items within are stolen. This can be anything from a horse rug in a stable block, to a JCB in a barn. We have had 141 offences reported this year, as against 171 in the same time period last year.

"Theft Other" is where any item is stolen from property, but was not in any building or structure. We have had 134 offences reported this year against 210 in the same time period last year.

"Theft from Vehicles" stands at 41 offences this year, against 54 in the same time period last year.

A nice downward trend, which with the hare coursing which I will mention later, is good news all round.

In relation to Quads/ATV's, Plant, and 4x4's, these figures are for the first 9 months of this year only, and are from anywhere in the County. There have been 41 quadbikes or ATV's stolen, 26 of which have gone from farms. There were 17 pieces of Plant stolen, 7 of which went from farms. And 36 4x4's, 13 of which went from farms. Of these 4x4's, 15 were Landrover Defenders, 7 of which went 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
South Wilts-Amanda Clarke, 01722435318, 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....

There is also CESAR which is a protective marking scheme, The CESAR scheme boasts five unique ways to identify a piece of machinery through state-of-the art technology. PANUI (Plant & Agricultural National Intelligence Unit) have reported that, with CESAR, machinery is four times less likely to be stolen and six times more likely to be recovered. Machinery manufacturers have begun to include CESAR with all new construction and agricultural equipment. For more information, the CESAR website is www.cesarscheme.org.

With the crops down, the Hare Coursing is picking up again. Going back to the number of reports in the first 9 months of the year, this year there were 164 reports, compared with 223 in the same period last year. A late harvest may have pushed these figures down. But so has your reporting of these incidents, and the Farmwatch text alerts letting you know they are out. A few registration numbers to look out for;

W6**AKN	Silver Subaru Legacy
T4**AES	Silver Subaru Forrester
P4**RSX	Blue Nissan Terrano
V1**DCU	Maroon Subaru Forester
EY**UFZ	Blue Vauxhall Vectra
OU**ZBO	Grey Volvo S60

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.

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