

This bulletin has been created to update our rural communities on the work taking place to keep people and property safe. People told me that they wanted written information, so here it is. This follows my promise to keep Nottinghamshire's rural communities better informed about safety work in their area.

We are trying to find new ways to keep you informed, but if you have any networks that you feel would be interested in our information, please let us know.

We're working very hard to deliver a more robust response to the needs of our rural residents, that matches resources to demand. But everyone has a responsibility when it comes to community safety and if you have any suspicions, or see something strange, please report it.

Paddy Tipping
Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner



SPECIAL CONSTABULARY RURAL PRO-ACTIVE TEAM

During the past three months, the Special Constabulary Rural Pro-active Team has carried out 538 hours of rurally-focused crime prevention work.

Among their activities was:

- An arson prevention operation with Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service targeting hotspots
- Intelligence-led patrols of rural communities based on the results of incident reporting (inaccessible areas were visited using the 4X4 vehicle)
- Rural crime training
- Attendance at the Nottinghamshire County Show
- Operation Bifocal patrols (an operation targeting illegal poaching). Farmers and landowners across Nottinghamshire regularly work alongside the police by prompting officers to the locations of offenders which ensures a swift and positive outcome)



OPERATION JERICHO

Neighbourhood policing officers continue to work alongside council partners to identify individuals riding/driving motor vehicles illegally and in an antisocial manner following complaints by residents. In addition to off-road patrols, local officers respond to calls of antisocial behaviour from residents and take action against the perpetrators.

Between March and May this year, officers:

- Seized six bikes
- Issued eight Section 59 orders (these are warnings issued to those considered to be using their vehicles in a manner which causes 'alarm, distress or annoyance')
- Issued five 'Direction to Leave' notices (these give police powers to order someone out of an area).



ILLEGAL FISHING



Nottinghamshire Police officers teamed up with the Environment Agency, the Angling Trust and voluntary bailiffs in an operation aimed at clamping down on illegal fishing.

More than 174 licence checks were carried out along stretches of the county's waterways and two people were reported for angling-related offences.

Nottinghamshire works closely with other forces and the Environment Agency and Angling Trust to combat illegal fishing.

The aim is to raise awareness of fish theft, wider related criminality and organised crime as well as encouraging a coordinated response to poaching.

Since the operation began six people have been summoned to court with a fine of 600 pounds being levied against one persistent offender. Police, bailiffs and other agencies ensure fishing legislation is complied with and ensure all aspects of rural crime are addressed and policed effectively.

FUNDING TO TACKLE WILDLIFE CRIME

My office recently awarded a number of grants to organisations who bid for money under my Community Safety fund. One of those was Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust.

They will be given £5,000 to help the Police and local communities tackle wildlife crime through increased knowledge and skills.

