



Reflecting on Her Majesty The Queen's passing - a message from the Chief Constable

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# Waverley Rural Newsletter

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## Rural Crime Police Community Support Officer Dave Boxall



A sad month with the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II who I have been privileged to see at several events over the years that I have been a PCSO. A time of reflection on how her Majesty and our new King Charles III have been advocates of the countryside and rural issues.

This month we are featuring another part of the Rural Crime role, that of heritage crime.

As mentioned later in this newsletter, this is any crime involving ancient monuments or historic sites. Waverley has a great many historic buildings, from churches through to lime kilns and pill-boxes. So far, albeit not recently, we have followed up reports of illegal metal detecting at heritage sites. This is often known as "Nighthawking" as it is invariably done overnight. It involves the perpetrators trying to find valuable items which might still be buried at historic sites where they don't have permission to detect and they don't declare any items they may find. Tell tale signs of Nighthawking are usually numerous scrapes or holes dug in the ground at various intervals.

We have also received reports of theft of two All Terrain Vehicles (ATV), one from Dunsfold, and one from Churt. Fortunately the ATV from Churt was located locally and was recovered by the owner. Can we please remind everyone to take steps to secure these valuable vehicles as they are a common target for thieves.

Regards, Dave Boxall

## Waverley Rural Crime July & August 2022

During the months of July and August there were 7 recorded reports of rural crime\* in Waverley as follows :-

- 3 x Tools & Equipment thefts
- 2 x Quad / ATV thefts
- 1 x Livestock worrying
- 1 x Wildlife

Please continue to report crimes to Surrey Police or CrimeStoppers as we still believe rural crime is under reported. Reports help us build a picture of what is happening in the community.

\*As a reminder rural crime tends to fall into one of four categories described below. It is related to the type of crime rather than simply the location. **Only Incidents that are recorded as crimes are included in this report and not all incidents reported to Surrey Police.**

Regardless of knowing these categories we encourage all crimes to be reported either directly to the police or via another charity or organization such as CrimeStoppers.

- **Agricultural** - Agricultural crime covers working farms, farm machinery, farm buildings and smallholdings. Offences include theft of equipment or, damage to property and livestock worrying.
- **Equine** - Equine crime covers working stables and equestrian centres and includes offences like tack theft and livestock worrying.
- **Wildlife** - Wildlife crime includes hare coursing, poaching and interfering with protected species. You can find out more about wildlife crime here :- <https://www.surrey.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rc/rural-crime/>
- **Heritage** - Heritage crime is defined as 'any offence which harms the value of England's heritage assets and their settings to this and future generations'. That can include offences like lead theft from churches, damage to ancient monuments and illegal metal detecting.

Often **environmental crime** takes place in rural locations, which covers illegal waste dumping, fly tipping, polluting watercourses and land.



## Heritage Crime

Heritage crime is defined as 'any offence which harms the value of Britain's heritage assets and their settings to this and future generations'.

Heritage crime can include offences such as lead theft from churches, damage to ancient monuments and illegal metal detecting. Heritage crime may also include breach of planning rules related to listed buildings, but this is dealt with by the council planning control and not the police.



Graeme Wall - NHLE List



Historic England is responsible to maintain the list of heritage buildings, structures, sites, battlefields and certain parks and gardens. This is known as the National Heritage List for England (NHLE). You can search this list here → [Search the List - Find listed buildings, monuments, battlefields and more | Historic England](#)

You will see that there are over just over 1,700 entries in the list for Waverley. The vast majority are grade II listed buildings. However nearly 40 entries in the list for Waverley include some historic bridges, barrows, as well as Farnham Castle and Waverley Abbey.

If you have concern about damage or alterations to listed buildings or structures then please discuss this with Waverley Council planning control.

If you see anti social behavior causing damage or metal detecting at any of the historic sites in Waverley then please report to the Police. Via 999 if you are witnessing it in action or via 101/online otherwise.

## The Waverley Wallaby

Some may remember the historic sightings of the so called Surrey Puma, well we are aware that there are now repeated sightings of a Wallaby at large in Waverley. Our very own PCSO Chloe Adam spotted this and added it to another strange thing seen on a late shift! As far as is known the Wallaby (or maybe Wallabies) are not reported missing and seem to be happily living wild, or at least semi wild, in the Waverley countryside so no need to report sightings to the Police unless in the road and causing a danger to traffic.







## ATV and UTV theft prevention



All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) and Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTVs) are popular on farms and smallholdings and also for recreational use. Unfortunately their popularity has also seen them become a target for thieves.

**The main advice is please don't think you are immune from such thefts and assume all ATV's and UTV's are a target.**

We know it is difficult on a busy farm with several users but the key point is to use multiple layers of security including:

- Keep your vehicle in a lockable garage or building out of view and make sure you remove the keys and keep them in a secure location.
- Physically secure the machine using suitable locking devices such as cages and fixed ground anchors secured to the floor using heavy duty security bolts, chains, padlocks etc.
- Record machinery serial numbers and take photographs for reference.



- Use wheel clamps or brake locks that prevent it being moved.
- Consider fitting fuel or battery isolators or for units with hydraulic clutch or steering then hydraulic isolators.
- Consider installing security lighting and CCTV with sensors and PIR Alarms on the perimeter of the building or premises.
- Get your machine marked with security marking scheme such as Datatag or CESAR. Most dealers will offer this when you purchase a new or second hand quad as an extra if it's not already fitted at the factory as standard. It helps prevent theft and improves recovery and may also get you a discount on your insurance.
- Consider fitting VHF and GPS Tracking / immobilizer devices.



# HOW SECURE IS YOUR PLANT MACHINERY?



**REMOVE KEYS FROM VEHICLE WHEN NOT IN USE**



**INSTALL CCTV AROUND YOUR PROPERTY**



**KEEP VALUABLE VEHICLES AND MACHINERY IN A SECURELY LOCKED BUILDING OR COMPOUND AT NIGHT**



**MARK PROPERTY AND MACHINERY WITH YOUR POSTCODE AND FARM/COMPANY NAME**



**INSTALL MOTION SENSOR LIGHTING AROUND YOUR PROPERTY**



**FIT FUEL THEFT ALARMS**



**WATCH OUT FOR UNFAMILIAR VEHICLES AROUND YOUR PROPERTY**



**INSTALL A VEHICLE TRACKER SYSTEM**







## Engagement Events

In July's newsletter we highlighted the education day on a byway at Frensham Common where there has been reports of anti social behavior. I am happy to say the message we were giving to all users during the day has now been produced into a video with our very own specialist rural PCSO Dave Boxall. Please watch and share the video here :-

<https://youtu.be/O13lhGJVNo0>



We attended the Surrey Hills Wood Fair again this year where we provided rural and general crime prevention advice throughout the day while the kids (and a few adults) had their photos taken sitting in our marked 4x4 and also looking like officers of the future as they tried on some uniform items. The finger print book marks are always popular with the kids who are fascinated to see their own fingerprints. We also got a chance to speak to some of the rural business represented at the show. Many thanks to Surrey Hills Enterprises for supporting us again at this event.

Have a query or need to report something to us? There are many ways to get in touch.

In an **emergency** only, if:

- a serious offence is in progress or has just been committed
- someone is in immediate danger or harm
- property is in danger of being damaged
- a serious disruption to the public is likely

 **Please call 999**

**Query or non-emergency matter to report? You can:**


 **Call 101**

 **Report online** via our website:

<https://www.surrey.police.uk/> and click on 'Report'

 Use the **online live chat** facility on our website

<https://www.surrey.police.uk/>

 **Private message** us on social media - Look for Waverley Beat (Surrey Police) on Facebook or @WaverleyBeat on Twitter

**Accessible methods of reporting** <https://www.surrey.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/us/contact-us/sur/accessible-contact/>

All the above contact methods are monitored by our contact centre staff 24/7.

You can also give information, 100% anonymously, to the independent charity **CrimeStoppers** on 0800 555 111; or through their anonymous online form:-

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

To contact your local team (not for reporting purposes)  
email : [Waverley@surrey.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Waverley@surrey.pnn.police.uk)

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