



Kent Police

██████████ states this period has been a busy one for the RLT. The snow presented its own challenges to the force but also the rural community. Sadly as the lambing season gets into full swing there have been several reports of livestock worrying across the county. These incidents have not only been against sheep but also other stock including Alpacas. The RLT are assisting local officers with investigations into these offences. ██████████ has now retired from the force and has been replaced by ██████████ on the North RLT. ██████████ joins the team with wide range of experience and a proven track record of policing the rural community; he will be a great asset to the team.

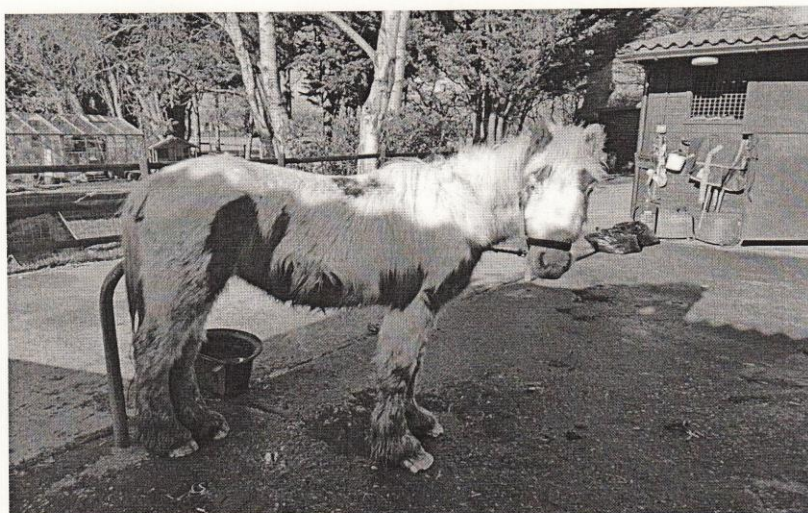


Here is a snapshot of the work undertaken by the team since the last report.

Rural Liaison Team (RLT) officers met with other units to actively target our patrolling around the borders of all three divisions on the A20, Charing, Ashford border. Whilst on patrol a vehicle was the subject of a stop check at storage container yard located on Chillmington Green. When approaching, officers could smell cannabis coming from this vehicle. The driver admitted to a personal amount of possession. A second vehicle was then located within the yard and again smelt of cannabis. This driver also admitted to drugs possession. The males, their vehicles and the respective storage units were searched and located inside both vehicles was herbal cannabis of a personal amount. Both males were interviewed at the roadside and were reported for the offences.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] provided assistance to the police dog unit in Dartford with a vehicle which had failed to stop and the driver and passenger had decamped from. The dog unit located the believed driver who was arrested for Taking a Vehicle Without Consent.

Officers pursued a vehicle in the Woodchurch area that was directly linked to rural crime. The vehicle failed to stop for the Gypsy Liaison Team (GLT). After exiting his vehicle the male was swiftly detained with assistance from RLT Officers and taken into custody.



[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] attended to a horse wandering on Lower Road. An owner could not be identified so the officers seized the horse. Efforts will be made to identify the owner.

RLT officers assisted the GLT in Ashford with a vehicle failing to stop near Shadoxhurst. Officers prepared a stinger deployment and the vehicle took action to avoid this, heading towards a no through road. The vehicle came to a stop at the end of this road and tactical contact was made when the driver attempted to reverse. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] assisted with restraining the male. A quantity of cannabis was located in the vehicle and the male was arrested for Possession with Intent to Supply and Dangerous Driving.

RLT officers worked alongside Maidstone and Ashford Community Policing Team's (CPT) combatting rural criminality along the border lines of North, West and East Divisions. An insecure vehicle was located as a result which was then sighted on the move and stopped by Maidstone CPT. Inside was a male occupant, two lurchers and a spaniel X lurcher along with a large lamping torch. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] spoke with the driver and occupant at length about poaching and hare coursing and Kent Police potential action which could take place if caught or suspected to have been involved in such activity.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] carried out a stop check in Chatham of a vehicle containing two males that came to the officer's attention. A drugs search was conducted and herbal cannabis was found within the vehicle. The passenger was dealt with for drugs offences and the driver for driving offences.

RLT officers carried out a patrol in partnership with Environment Agencies Fisheries Team, Angling Trust Enforcement and Angling Trust voluntary bailiffs on the River Medway, Tonbridge. This was in response to reports of Anti-Social Behaviour including drugs misuse and fish poaching that was reported to the Environmental Agencies. Several sites were identified that appear to be being used for illegal drug taking activity.



Partnership working

Officers were deployed to a vehicle which had activated a camera and was linked to intelligence that the occupant was involved in a serious assault. The vehicle was stopped on the A20 and the occupants details were forwarded onto the Metropolitan Police for their investigation.

██████████ and ██████████ responded to a call from the RSPCA regarding an abandoned animal in Canterbury. The officers attended the location and forced entry via the rear door. Two cats and two fish were seized and removed from the property.

Officers received information regarding a vehicle that had been involved in hare coursing incidents and criminal damage to farmers fencing in Cambridgeshire and attended the area between Charing and Ashford. The vehicle was sighted travelling in the opposite direction and appeared to try and avoid ██████████ by turning into a hotel car park and parking in a bay. The driver claimed that the vehicle belonged to his employer's wife and that his employer was in the hotel. A male appeared from the hotel and insurance confirmed the vehicle belonged to his wife. The driver had no driving license and the other male was disqualified from driving. The vehicle was seized as a result of these offences and information will be passed on to Cambridgeshire Police. Both males were found to have numerous warning markers and convictions, mainly in London area.



Following an incident where suspected poachers were verbally aggressive to a farmer in Ashford, PC Perry sent out an appeal on Farm Watch for a vehicle fitting the description that had been seen in the area. The appeal was responded to and the vehicle identified to be involved had numerous coursing reports and was linked to a well-known poacher from Dover. RLT officers attended his home where the vehicle was seen parked outside and issued a Community Protection Warning to this male.

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COMMUNITY PROTECTION NOTICE
(ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014)

04th February 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Warning Letter – Community Protection Notice (Pursuant to s43 of the ASB Crime and Policing Act 2014)

It is considered that you, being a person aged 16 or over, or an organisation are responsible for behaviour which is having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality and is persistent or continuing in nature and is unreasonable.

The unacceptable behaviour is described below:

Kent Police have received numerous reports of you with others trespassing on land with dogs and driving on land not owned by you. The behaviour described is causing harassment, alarm and distress to the persons in the locality. Below is a summary of recent reports.

29/10/2017 10:15 at Donkey Street, Burmarsh seen on land with dogs.
15/11/2017 13:55 hours on land at Trafalgar Rd, Woodchurch, Birchington with dogs.
17/11/2017 21:39 hrs, Pond Hill Addiscombe seen driving on land.
25/11/2017 15:35 hrs at Court Hill, Slurry seen on land with dogs.
02/01/2018 13:55 at Deerson Lane, Wingham, Canterbury, Kent seen on land with dogs.
14/01/2018 12:30 at Moor Lane, Woodchurch seen on land with dogs.

If this behaviour does not stop immediately or within the deadlines identified below, you could be issued with a Community Protection Notice.

Behaviour that must change or stop	Time/Date this must change or stop by
Not to trespass on any land with dogs or any other persons with dogs.	Immediately
Not to drive any motor vehicle elsewhere other than a road unless permitted.	Immediately

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Keep proper control of your dog at all times and do not allow them to run on private land. Immediately

If you fail to comply with the above requirements within the timescales, you may be issued with a Community Protection Notice either immediately or in the near future. Failure to comply with a Community Protection Notice may result in further action being taken against you, namely:

- You may be issued with a fixed penalty notice.
- You may be prosecuted. If you are prosecuted and convicted the maximum penalty is a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.
- If you are convicted of an offence under section 46 Anti-social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act, the court may make whatever order they think is appropriate to ensure the requirements of the Notice are completed.
- An order under this section may in particular require you:
 - to carry out specified work, or
 - to allow specified work to be carried out by or on behalf of a specified local authority.
- The court may require you to surrender possession of any item used in your failure to comply with the Notice, to a constable or to a person representing the local authority. The court may require this item to be destroyed or disposed of by the police force. A justice of the peace may issue a warrant, authorising a constable or authorised person to enter your premises to seize the item.

We will also consider what other action may be required to stop the problems which may include criminal action, if a criminal offence has been committed, another form of civil action, such as applying for an ASB Injunction, or notifying your landlord (where relevant) if we feel that breaches of your tenancy agreement have occurred.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter or believe that the things that are being asked of you are unreasonable, please contact PC 13581 Perry.

Yours sincerely
[Signature] 13581
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Rural Task Force

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Officers also served a Community Protection Warning to another individual, in the Wingham area. [REDACTED] outlined the behaviour that must stop immediately. They were advised that if the conduct continues, officers will be serving them with a Community Protection Notice. Failure to comply with a Community Protection Notice is a criminal offence and upon summary conviction a person may be liable to pay a fine of up to £2,500.

These are the first Community Protection Warnings that the team have been able to issue. It has only been possible because the rural community have been calling incidents into our control room with suspect and vehicle descriptions and officers have been deploying to incidents and stopping the same persons near the locations. We will continue to collate evidence of offenders and look to take action where possible and would encourage the rural community to please keep reporting these incidents to us.

The whole RLT was engaged in a joint investigation into a puppy farm and fraud investigation with the RSPCA Special Investigation Team. The officers executed two search warrants at Brenzett, one under the Fraud Act and one under the Animal Welfare Act.

On entering the site two cannabis cultivations were located. The team also found several kennels containing various breeds of dogs, some with young puppies. Due to the poor conditions presented, a number of dogs and puppies were seized along with two cats and three kittens. .

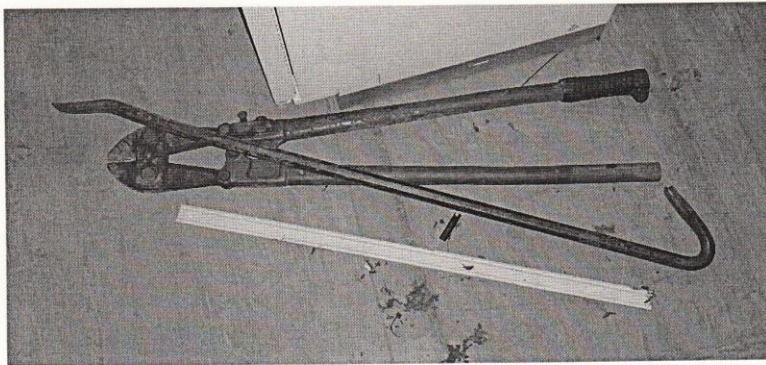
A stolen ride on lawn mower was also discovered on the site which had been stolen from High Halden in December 2017. A gas powered air rifle was seized and checked by firearms officers, suspected to be over the legal power. A total of eighty exhibits were located by the team.

Four people were arrested; two for Fraud and Animal Welfare, one for Fraud, Animal Welfare and Cultivation of Cannabis and one for Fraud, Animal Welfare, Cultivation of Cannabis and Theft in relation to the lawn mower.



Stolen lawn mower at puppy farm

Officers received a telephone call from a farmer in Hothfield where people had been driving over his crops causing criminal damage. PC [redacted] has organised for the vehicle, which was seen to park up nearby, to be seized.



Battery theft

In relation to an operation dedicated to the theft of batteries from mobile phone masts, PCs [redacted] and [redacted] responded to reports of a burglary in progress in Fawkham. On attendance at the location, the officers located two males in the process of stealing twenty four back-up batteries. These males were detained and arrested for Burglary. Both were found to be in possession of gloves and mobile phones with various tools including allen keys, bolt croppers and crow bars found inside the building. All twenty four batteries had been disconnected and stacked in a pile in front of the entrance/exit door ready to be conveyed to their vehicle parked nearby. This vehicle was located and seized.

PC's [redacted], [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted] assisted Maidstone Borough Council Waste Enforcement in a joint operation. As a result a vehicle was located and seized as part of a pre-planned seizure. Two vehicles were found carrying waste and were issued with a £300 fine each due to being unable to produce waste transfer notices. One of these drivers was also reported to the Environment Agency for offences regarding the storage of waste on private land without a permit.



PCs ~~Kingham~~ and ~~Pennick~~ responded to reports of a stolen caravan in Maidstone. The location was attended and the stolen caravan was located and recovered.



incidents of Poaching and Anti-Social Behaviour. I have carried out proactive work in the district targeting the Organised Crime groups and other connected criminals and within eighteen months I recovered somewhere in the region of £100,000 worth of stolen property.

I am confident policing in rural areas and have a good understanding of how things work in the rural community. I enjoy building a good working relationship with farmers, game keepers and land owners and aim to work with them to combat a wide range of issues. I am totally committed to supporting victims and those whose lives are affected by crime in rural areas.

I am passionate about rural policing and am positive that I can make a difference together with my Rural Task Force colleagues. I know with continued efforts we can continue to deliver effective rural policing in Kent.'



Kind regards, [REDACTED] w

[REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

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PC [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has recently
joined the Rural Task
Force covering the North
Division.

Mobile: [REDACTED]

'I have joined the team with a good working knowledge of Rural Policing having covered the Dover and Canterbury rural areas for the past eight years.

I was born and raised in the Village of Goodnestone near Canterbury and come from a farming background. My father was and still is involved in the Agricultural Trade dealing in grain handling equipment and my early life started on a farm, where I experienced country life working for the local estate at a young age.

I have been a serving Kent Police Officer on the Dover and Deal district since June 1999 and began my career in Dover, before transferring to Deal in 2001. I remained there before taking a Beat Officers role in Aylesham and Elvington in 2010. This role expanded to cover the Dover and Canterbury rural areas and through various different guises I remained as a Rural Beat Officer until late 2017.

Throughout my career working in the rural areas I have managed to concentrate on a number of rural issues, including Organised Crime groups targeting farm and vulnerable rural locations and