

Sussex Farm Watch

Bulletin

10 March 2016

Sussex Farm Watch Co-ordinator's Message

This week there have again been a number of loose animals on the highway including one goat and seven horses.

Land Rovers are still rich pickings; this applies right across the country. These thieves have no fear; we had one stolen from outside a Police Station in Sussex the other day. Try boxing them in overnight and fitting a good quality security lock to them as well as an immobiliser.

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116 sheep killed in UK's worst ever sheep attack near Chichester

More than one hundred sheep have died in the UK's worst sheep attack in living memory in West Dean, near Chichester.

The horrific discovery was made by farmer Gordon Wyeth at the West Dean Estate early on Monday afternoon (March 7). The sheep, many of them pregnant, had been herded into a tight group against a fence and gate bordering woodland where they had panicked and had either died from shock or by being crushed in the flock. A total of 116 sheep, worth about £17,000, died in the field just north of the A286, near the old railway bridge at the eastern end of the village.

Sergeant Tom Carter from Sussex Police said: "I have never seen or heard of sheep-worrying on this scale before and this was a terrible sight. While there are no signs of any of the animals being savaged, we are all but 100 per cent certain that their deaths were brought about by dogs.

"The flock was last checked around lunchtime on Sunday, so the incident could have occurred at any time over the next 24 hours. However, if as we suspect it was a dog attack, it may well have happened in daylight and we want to hear from anyone with information about it.

"This is not just about the Mr Wyeth's livelihood - and it will cost him at least another £2000 to dispose of the carcasses - but also his emotional attachment to the animals that he has raised and nurtured."

James Osman, the National Farmers' Union adviser for Sussex, said: "This is the worst incident of its kind in living memory and talking to colleagues around the country, the number of deaths is double what we have come across in the past.

"We are in full support of the police's efforts to discover whose dog or dogs were responsible and urge anyone with information to get in touch with them."

Sgt Carter continued: "We have seen a rise in sheep-worrying incidents and as Spring approaches more dog owners will be heading for the countryside to exercise their pets. We urge people to keep their dogs on a lead while they are walking in rural areas and around livestock. So often in these incidents the owners are horrified by what their dogs have done, but they have to accept that even the most docile of pets can quickly turn into a killer given the opportunity."

"A farmer can legally shoot a dog that is chasing livestock and seek compensation from the person responsible for the animal, so please don't take the risk."

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to email 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call 101 quoting serial 862 of 07/03.

Crime and Incident Update

If you have seen or heard anything related to these incidents please contact Sussex Police online, via email 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk, by calling 101 or contact Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Area	Ref	Date	Details
Adur & Worthing		/02/2016	Nothing reported
Arun	1496	03/03/2016	Between 1730 (2 nd) and 0800 (3 rd), 150 litres was stolen from a tank in Park Lane, Aldingbourne.
Brighton & Hove			Nothing reported
Chichester	0600	01/03/2016	
	1452	05/03/2016	
Crawley			Nothing reported
Eastbourne			Nothing reported
Gatwick			Nothing reported
Hastings			Nothing reported
Horsham	0329	29/02/2016	A Kawasaki quad bike was stolen from a barn at a property in Crawley Road, Faygate at approximately 8pm on Sunday 28 February. The bike had been secured by a lock and chain.
	0295	05/03/2016	A JCB fast Track 3155, colour yellow and black has been stolen from a farm in Pease Pottage.
			Nothing reported
Lewes	0596	01/03/2016	A rider was thrown from her horse in Tilgate Forest due to it being chased by an out of control dog, it is described as very large, black with a silver collar. The dog owner left the scene without checking on the rider.
Mid Sussex	1451	05/03/2016	A Land Rover with a white roof was spotted in Horsted Keynes. One of the occupants was seen shining a red lamp into a farm, it is believed that they were poaching as the informant saw a rifle with a Moderator (silencer) fitted.
	0338	06/03/2016	An outbuilding on a farm in Hastings Road, Telham has been broken into and various tools were stolen. These include a Backpack strimmer and a strimmer.
Rother	0703	29/02/2016	Three barns on a farm in Marle Green were broken into and two bicycles were stolen.
Wealden	1566	29/02/2016	Poachers were seen on land in the Shepherds Grove Road, Hammerwood/ Dormansland; this is on the Sussex-Surrey-Kent borders.
	0218	02/03/2016	An outbuilding on a farm in Horam was broken into but because it was alarmed the intruders ran off.
	0305	04/03/2016	A farm in Five Ash Down was entered by grinding away the chain and a Daihatsu 4X4 was pushed off a trailer to enable the intruders to steal and load two Quad bikes.
	0424	06/03/2016	East Sussex Fire & Rescue attended a fire on a farm in Loughton.
	1383	06/03/2016	A Canadian Great Horndale, a Harris Hawk and a Ferrgrious Hawk have been stolen from a farm in the Hailsham area.

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Sussex Police Farm Watch Page

Farm Watch Officers

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Area	Officer	Email
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Brighton & Hove	PC Andrea Leahy	andrea.leahy@sussex.pnn.police.uk
Chichester	PCSO Craig Dunlop	robert.dunlop@sussex.pnn.police.uk
Crawley	PS Chris Glasspool	christopher.glasspool@sussex.pnn.police.uk
Eastbourne	PEO Louis Thompson	louis.thompson@sussex.pnn.police.uk
Gatwick		
Hastings	PC Nick Bellhouse	nicholas.bellhouse@sussex.pnn.police.uk
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