

Sussex Farm Watch

Bulletin

25 February 2016

Sussex Farm Watch Co-ordinator's Message

This week the number of animals reported loose on the highway included 14 horses and 35 sheep.

As you can see, that's far too many. In the last two weeks there have been two separate cases of fully tacked horses being found riderless on public roads. When police find a riderless horse, the first thought is that there could be an injured rider laying in a ditch or in woods etc. The problem then is who is the rider/owner of this horse; if all riders/owners put a dog tag on the saddle of the horse with a phone number on (but not your own) so police can at least find out who was riding and where they may have been riding. This would save many hours of police work. The cost of a dog tag could save a life when someone could be laying injured.

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Practical Advice on protecting your equipment and your business

Farm property is normally spread over many acres with most stock and equipment portable and therefore easy to steal. Most farms are easy to enter, making total security almost impossible. However much can still be done to reduce the risks:

- Unless you are going through them, gates should be kept shut at all times.
- If your gates are not automatic, then consider having them automated. It is not as expensive as you may think.
- Automatic gates and barrier systems can be installed even if there is no mains power. This is achieved using solar charged systems.
- Gate hinges should be of the capped or inverted type to prevent easy removal.
- Make regular checks to see if they have been tampered with.
- Mark all your gates to make them unique to your farm.
- Use good quality chains and padlocks on your field gates.
- When possible, lock tools and small items of machinery inside a secure building. Install locks on all the doors as this will confuse the intruder as to which building contains the valuable items.
- To prevent the theft of diesel, batteries, tools and accessories, avoid leaving tractors and other farm implements in fields.
- Do not leave tractors and other equipment with GPS systems out in the field.
- Keep valuable machinery away from public roads when not in use.
- Consider making a secure cage or structure for smaller items, which should be sited within a secure and alarmed building.
- Record the make and serial number of power tools. Also photograph them – an up-to-date inventory is vital.
- Mark or stamp easily removed items with your postcode, followed by the first two letters of your farm's name, or other identifying marks.
- Try to keep fuel storage tanks out of view of public areas.
- Consider installing an alarm system to monitor your buildings and machinery and fuel storage tanks. Wireless alarm systems can be installed to monitor a large area without cables etc. alarm systems can report straight to a landline or mobile phone. Mains power is not essential; systems can be powered from batteries with solar charging. Reporting is via GSM communicators.
- Consider CCTV, ideally to identify offenders but also to allow you to monitor the farm remotely. Pictures can be sent direct to your mobile phone or PC. A phone line is not required; systems can be viewed remotely using GSM technology.

Always report any suspicious activity to the police on 101.

Crime and Incident Update

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

Monday 15 February 2016 to Sunday 21 February 2016			
Area	Ref	Date	Details
Adur & Worthing			Nothing reported
Arun	0808	17/02/2016	At 04:45am an alarm was activated at a workshop in Langbury Lane, Ferring. The locks to the workshop had been tampered with however no entry was gained.
	0312	19/02/2016	Between 23:30 on 18 February and 08:00 on 19 February, a garage to a property in Findon Road, Clapham was broken into and various power tools stolen.
	0274	20/02/2016	Between 23:30 on 18 February and 08:00 on 19 February, a garage to a property in Findon Road, Clapham was broken into and various power tools stolen.
	0433	20/02/2016	Between 17:00 on 19 February and 08:00 on 20 February, there was a break to a stable yard in Yapton Lane, Walberton. An untidy search was made of items in the office but items were stolen from a workshop, these include: - Karcher K2 compact presser washer and a Stihl, Easy Start petrol chainsaw.
Brighton & Hove			Nothing reported
Chichester			Nothing reported
Crawley			Nothing reported
Eastbourne			Nothing reported
Gatwick			Nothing reported
Hastings			Nothing reported
Horsham	0414	14/02/2016	Overnight between Saturday 13 February and Sunday 14 February a farm shop at the Hornbrook Nurseries site in Brighton Road, Horsham was broken into. A rear door at the premises was forced open and some stock stolen.
	1514	18/02/2016	Diesel has been stolen from vehicles parked at the waterworks site in Hurston Lane, Storrington. The suspects gained entry to the site by cutting off a padlock securing the gates to the site. Damage has also been caused to a fence.
	0258	19/02/2016	A Vauxhall Vivaro van parked in Church Close, Lower Beeding was broken into. An electrical tool bag and tools were stolen. The suspects gained entry via the driver's door and side door.
	0525	19/02/2016	A Makita leaf blower and chainsaw were stolen from a garage at a property in Brighton Road, Monks Gate sometime between 11pm on Thursday 18 February and 6:30am on Friday 19 February. A Peugeot Van parked at the property was also entered but nothing was taken.
Lewes	1102	15/02/2016	A farmer from Brighton Road, Lewes confronted a pair of walkers who were walking a Bull Terrier of some kind off the footpath on his land, their response was abusive, he then found that they had parked their car, a silver 02 Volkswagen Polo, across the farm track blocking the movement of farm machinery, again when he spoke with them and asked them to move it they were abusive.
Mid Sussex	1251	18/02/2016	A farmer from Mill Lane, Balcombe has noticed that haylage seemed to have been going missing recently; a neighbour spotted a white flatbed Ford Transit van going in a taking two bales, the van bears a Reg number similar to KY51!!!
Rother	0066	19/02/2016	A green Land Rover Defender with a white roof has stolen from outside Stonegate railway station.
Wealden			Nothing reported

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Farm Watch Officers

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Gatwick		
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