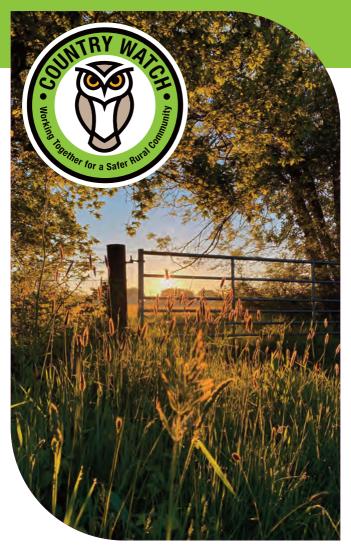
RURAL CRIME PREVENTION TIPS



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SECURING FARM VEHICLES & MACHINERY

- At the end of your working day:
 - Remove all GPS guidance, receivers, aerials or antenna globes from each vehicle or machine.
 - Remove the keys from all the vehicle ignitions, and store them in a secure place away from the vehicles.
 - Reverse any trailers up to a solid object, such as a wall, and place a bucket or something heavy over the hitch to prevent removal.
- Mark your vehicles and machinery with UV pen, engrave your postcode and/or use DNA property marking.
- Record your machinery serial numbers, this could be by taking photos.
- Register your vehicles with a security marking scheme and fit trackers where possible.
- Consider fitting isolating systems to all farm vehicles to prevent theft e.g. fuel and battery isolators.
- Consider fitting a battery-operated alarm to vehicles.
- Remove trailer wheels if the trailer is not in use. Store the wheels in a lockable container or shed.
- Secure vehicles by using locking devices, fixed ground anchors and/or security posts.



SECURING FARM BUILDINGS

- Consider installing security lighting, CCTV with sensors and/or Passive Infrared (PIR) sensor alarms on the perimeter and fit alarms inside the building or premises.
- Keep vehicles and equipment hidden from view by covering windows.
- Lock all buildings where possible using locks designed to secure outbuilding doors on the outside, e.g. hasp and staple locks.



RESTRICTING ACCESS TO YOUR PROPERTY & LAND

- Fix gates to as many entrances as possible alternatively, use concrete posts or tree stumps as access deterrents.
- Keep boundaries and entrances such as gates and fencing in good working order.
- Lock all gates where possible. If you have a public right of way, gates can be closed but not locked.
- Display security/alarm warning notices and replace when worn to discourage theft.
- Consider installing motion detection systems to alert through text and/or video clips.

KEEPING YOUR EQUIPMENT SAFE

- Store tools and equipment in a locked and, ideally, alarmed building.
- Take photos of any power tools and record their serial numbers.
- Use property marking on equipment such as DNA microdots, ultraviolet markers, or etch your property with your postcode and house/flat number or the first three letters of your address.

CHEMICAL & FUEL STORAGE

- Surround your fuel tanks with a locked metal cage and fit wheel clamps or hitch locks to fuel bowsers.
- Ensure chemical storage areas are always locked.

SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBOURS

- Consider setting up your own WhatsApp or social media group with other neighbours/ farmers to share local intelligence.
- Join your local Neighbourhood Alert System to receive free live information about incidents happening in your area via Dorset Alert: **www.dorsetalert.co.uk**
- Join your local Watch Scheme to be aware of what is happening on and around your land, helping to reduce and deter rural crime: www.dorset.police.uk

SECURING LAND & PROTECTING LIVESTOCK

- Install solar/battery powered cameras and gate alarms that will alert you to unauthorised access on your land.
- Invert and cap your gate hinges to stop gates being removed and/or weld any gate nuts and threads to secure fixings.
- Ensure hedges, fences and gates around the fields are well maintained and in a good state of repair.
- Tag your livestock and take photos of any particularly valuable animals. Additional methods of marking livestock are:
 - Horn brands
 - Freeze marking
 - Tattooing
- Install signage reminding owners to keep their dogs under control in fields containing livestock.
- Public Rights of Way guidance, such as whether footpaths can be separated from livestock, is available at the following website:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/publicrights-of-way-landowner-responsibilities







REPORTING AN INCIDENT OR CRIME

999 IF LIFE IS IN DANGER OR A CRIME IS IN PROGRESS CALL 999

ONLINE

www.dorset.police.uk/contact-us If a crime has already happened or to give information about a crime.



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Click the 'Report Your Intelligence' button on the homepage at **www.dorset.police.uk**

BY PHONE 101 NON-EMERGENCY

FIND OUT MORE

Find more information about reporting different rural crimes on the Country Watch website: www.countrywatchdorset.co.uk





