

The following is a Police Connect message.

RURAL CRIME

Emerging Crime pattern

In the Broadland and North Norfolk area's, tractors, Horse trailers and Quod Bikes and agricultural machinery have been targeted by thieves. We believe these are not opportunistic crimes but rather pre-planned with a known buyer or end destination already agreed. Please be vigilant, take number plates of vehicles seen and report any suspicious activity.

Livestock thefts

Over the last couple of months there has been an increase in livestock thefts in the county with sheep and fattening lambs being stolen. The thefts have occurred in plain sight. As yet no animals have been recovered but we continue to try to identify the offenders and work with Trading Standards, Defra, sheep farmers and the National Sheep Association in relation to these offences.

Theft of poultry remains an issue. We believe the offenders are local to the locations of the crime, and we continue to investigate.

Crime prevention

Please remember to take all possible precautions to ensure your property does not become an easy target for criminals. Lock windows and doors, remove keys from vehicles and ensure your property is marked so in the event it is stolen and recovered, it can be returned.

Consider placing tracking devices into valuable movable property and taking photographs of items of value. For more advice please contact me and I will arrange for one of our crime prevention officers to provide further advice.

How to contact us

Information is vital and can be shared with us on 101 or by telephoning Crimestoppers on 0800 555 1111 or 0800 783 0137. Information can also be passed directly to any officer or emailed to me at baileyv@norfolk.pnn.police.uk or operationrandall@norfolk.pnn.police.uk All information received will be treated in the strictest confidence.