

# Rural Crime Newsletter



April 2017

Rural crime Newsletter.

## Hare Coursing

Month on Month: - April 2016 – 53 reported incidents.

April 2017 – 38 reported incidents.

Immediate 20, Prompt 4, No response 13 (3 being other force reports, many others being duplicate calls), 1 Schedule contact.

East Cambs 17

South Cambs 9

P'Boro 4

Hunts 0

Fens 5

Other Force 3

These figures show a significant drop on last month's figures. Our thanks go out to the crops which are showing a nice healthy growth. Even though the figures are significantly lower RCAT officers continue to monitor all areas of the county.

## Machinery & Equipment Thefts.

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**Tilbrook** – Attempt theft tack from stables.

**Arrington** – Theft YARAN-SENER imaging unit, screen Hardi & Rinex control boxes.

**Westley Waterless** – Theft of batteries, offenders made off on foot leaving behind their vehicle, which was seized by officers.

**Swavesey** – JCB tele handler stolen and used in a ram raid in Longstanton.

**Lode** – Theft Ifor Williams horse trailer, quad bike, tools, tack & polo saddles.

**Gt Gransden** – Theft of aluminium water bowser & 12 foot harrow.

**Waterbeach** – Theft scrap metal & batteries.

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**Dry Drayton** – Theft John Deere X140 sit on mower and a petrol lawnmower.

**Ramsey St Marys** – Theft Wolf generator, tools & batteries.

**Newton-In-The-Isle** – Theft copper cable.

**Manea** – valve blocks stolen from irrigation machine.

**Linton** – Theft of John Deere Greenstar GPS receiver from top of a tractor.

**Oakington and Westwick** – Theft of an Ifor Williams trailer.

**Bluntisham** – Theft of John Deere ride on mower & 2 petrol hedge trimmers. The mower was found a short distance away.

**Bassingbourn Cum Kneesworth** – Theft 2 rotavators and a water pump.

**Manea** – Theft of John Deere telly handler this was used in the attempted theft of an ATM machine in Chatteris.

**Yaxley** – Theft of a 14ft flatbed Ifor Williams trailer containing a Bob Cat mini digger.

**Hemingford Grey** – Theft of copper piping.

**Barton** – Burglary at a farm shop, till, safe and a number of tools have been stolen

**Cottenham** – Timberwolf 150 wood chipper stolen. – RECOVERED BY RCAT OFFICERS.

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**Toseland** – Honda Quad bike stolen from a container.

**Farcet** – fencing damaged and batteries and energisers stolen.

## **Fuel/Oil Theft.**

**Upware** – Theft of red diesel from a tractor and fuel bowser.

**Swaffham Bulbeck** – Theft fuel from plant machinery.

**Balsham** – Theft red diesel from a tank stored in a secure barn.

**Chatteris** – Alarm removed from oil tanker 1000ltrs heating oil stolen.

**Upware** – Theft red diesel and tools.

## **Fire.**

**Spaldwick** – Deliberate ignition of 2 hay bales- children seen running away.

**Doddington** – Deliberate ignition of 100 tons of bailed straw, suspects identified.

**Murrow** – 2 sugar beet harvesters destroyed by fire.

**Sutton** – believed deliberate ignition of a pile of tyre linings used to weigh down maize crops

We have had 2 incidents of tele handlers being stolen and used in ram raids. Can I please ask everyone to revisit their security especially for this sort of machinery? If you have to leave the

machines out in the open please, where ever possible, immobilise the bit of equipment by either fitting an immobiliser system or removing the battery or an engine part.

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We are still suffering a number of metal and battery thefts. As highlighted in last month's newsletter please look at your storage of batteries and scrap. If you have any think about weighing it in yourself.

On Tuesday 25/4/17 RCAT officers ran an operation supported by HMRC officers. The aim was to catch vehicles using red diesel. The team tested 35 vehicles, one was found to be running on red diesel the driver was hit with a £500 on the spot fine by HMRC. Officers also issued a number of tickets for use of mobile phones, no MOT's & no road tax. A number of trailers were also checked and as the picture below shows, one has been seized believed stolen.



## Additional updates

On the 25<sup>th</sup> April I attended Peterborough Magistrates Court and gave a presentation to about 40 Magistrates and a District Judge on the subject of hare coursing. I was also video linked to Magistrates in Cambridge. My presentation focussed not on the law necessarily

but more importantly the affects hare coursing offences and offenders have on individuals and communities. The financial cost, the welfare costs and simply how victims have had to change their lifestyle and even routines because of hare coursing. There was a lot of head shaking and I think genuine interest coming back from the audience which I hope will pay

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dividend. Following me Stefan Gidlow from Cambridgeshire Countryside Watch added his view on the impact hare coursing has had on his members. The session was wrapped up by a CSW member giving her personal account when she met a group of hare coursers – very impactive.

Our neighbours across the border in Northants advise they have been suffering a number of stock fences and pens being stolen from fields. Please ensure if you have such equipment its secured or removed before someone else does.

Kind regards

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