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Op Randall Rural Crime Newsletter

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The following is a Police Connect message.



Welcome to the **April 2020** edition of the Norfolk Rural Communities Newsletter.

Introduction

Welcome back everyone. I hope you are all well and coping as best you can with the current situation. Over the next few months my plan is to increase the frequency of the Newsletter to twice monthly to keep you all updated with the rapidly changing situation and provide crime prevention advice.

I'm still currently looking to increase numbers on the police rural crime **WhatsApp** group, so if you are interested feel free to drop me an email james.wonnacott@norfolk.pnn.police.uk providing your name, dob, address and a brief outline of what you could bring to the group by way of your job, expertise or anything else you think may be relevant.

COVID19 Stay at Home

People should only leave their homes for one of the following four reasons;

- **Shopping for basic necessities**, such as food or medicine and infrequent as possible
- **One for form of exercise a day**, for example a walk, run, or cycle, alone of with members of your household
- **Any medical need**, or to provide care or help to a vulnerable person
- **Travelling to and from work**, but only where this absolutely cannot be done from home

What does this mean for me?

- Police will need to engage and encourage compliance and may disperse groups of more than two people who do not live with one another. Those who refuse may face a fine.

- New powers will come into effect on Thursday (26 March) in the meantime officers will approach groups and stress the importance of following these rules.
- Non-essential shops will be closed by Trading Standards – officers will support them if necessary.
- Play parks and churches will be closed by local authorities.
- Day-to-day policing continues

Chief urges people to follow 'stay at home' measures <http://www.norfolk.police.uk/news/latest-news/16-03-2020/covid19-chief-urges-people-follow-stay-home-measures>

During these tough times YANA can help with rural mental health support 0300 323 0400 www.yanahelp.org

Rural Engagement

On 11th March we attended the last in this year's rural crime surgery events at Holkham Hall along with our Chief Constable Simon Bailey. I'd like to thank all those who attended and contributed to the event.

Obviously with the current situation, there will be no further engagement events until further notice. This is a sad but necessary step, and I look forward to getting back out to see you all once this is all over. Stay Safe.

Crime Prevention

We have some very useful hints, tips and advice around crime prevention on the Norfolk Constabulary website. Please follow the link below. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to drop me a message.

<http://www.norfolk.police.uk/advice/crime-prevention-z>

- **Heating Oil Security Top Tips**
 - Keep your tank visible (an overlooked position will ensure thieves are more likely to be seen)
 - Provide lighting around your tank (security lights can help deter potential thieves)
 - If your tank is fenced in make sure the fence and gates are secure
 - Check your oil gauges regularly (this will help make you aware at earliest possible time that a theft has occurred an increase evidential opportunities)
 - Invest in an approved alarm (visit www.securedbydesign.com)

Arson

Last month we were subjected to a number of straw stack fires in the North Norfolk area causing significant damage and financial loss to farmers in our community. As a result of this patrols in the area were stepped up and 3 persons located and arrested on suspicion of arson. Enquiries are ongoing.

Norfolk Fire and Rescue (Derek Sim)

As high-end nitrogen fertiliser stocks move out of barns and onto the fields, the risks posed by them reduce, but it's no time for complacency. Make sure that barns/chemical stores are locked at night and any unauthorised activities reported through the usual channels. Have you signed up to the What3words app giving emergency services an accurate location if you have difficulties?

Farming can be an isolated activity, but has a resilient community who are able adapt quickly. Over the coming weeks we may need to stretch out a helping hand to those affected by Covid-19. You are already part of a newsletter group, some may even be in WhatsApp, chat rooms or simply using the old-fashioned phone. Many communities have set up local help groups where help can be delivered, Norfolk County Council is trying to coordinate through the district councils some activities. It may be a good idea to find out where your nearest is.

Stay safe and stay connected

Next Issue

If anyone has any suggestions as to what they would like to see more of or less of in the Newsletter, please get in touch, I appreciate any feedback.
james.wonnacott@norfolk.pnn.police.uk

I'd also love to hear from anyone who has any useful ideas around rural crime prevention, or anything they've implemented that has been particularly successful in deterring criminal activity in our rural communities.

Stay safe everyone

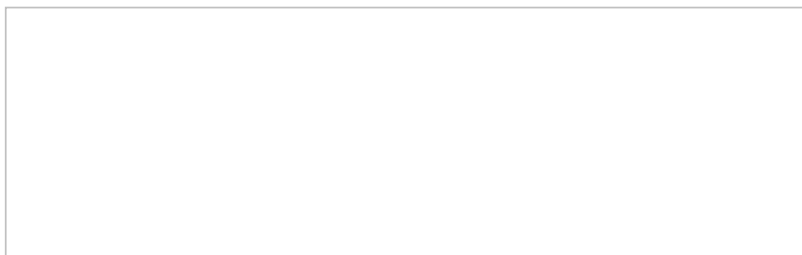
Useful link

What3words - <https://what3words.com/>

NFU's reporting line - <https://www.nfonline.com/cross-sector/rural-affairs/rural-crime/rural-crime-must-read/stamp-out-rural-crime-call-the-dedicated-crimestoppers-hotline/>

<https://www.nfonline.com/cross-sector/rural-affairs/rural-crime/>

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