



# COUNTRY WATCH

## WELCOME TO THE FEBRUARY EDITION



## SUMMARY OF REPORTED INCIDENTS MADE TO POLICE BETWEEN 17/01/2019 – 15/02/2019

Unfortunately we have received another report of sheep dying as a result of another dog attack. The owner of the flock has reported that one sheep has definitely been mauled by a dog and 10 other sheep have died from shock. The small holding is close to Carisbrooke Castle which is a very popular dog walking area. Obviously this caused a lot of distress and financial loss to the owner. Dog owners again are reminded to keep your dogs on leads especially when you are near to livestock. If you have any information in regards to this incident please contact the islands Country Watch team on 101 quoting **44190048324** or you can call anonymously Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.



# **ATTENTION ALL DOG OWNERS!**

We would like to remind all dog owners of the importance of being in full control of their dog when in the countryside and around livestock and wild animals.

Owners often voice surprise when their dog chases animals, but this is an innate part of a dog's behaviour and they will instinctively chase and injure animals given the chance.

## **Dogs worrying livestock is a criminal offence contrary to the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953.**

In such incidents, livestock can be seriously injured or killed. It is also common for other animals witnessing this to die from shock.

Dog owners should be aware that in such instances, the owner/ person in control of the dog can be prosecuted, and the dog can be shot by the farmer to end an attack.

Our advice to dog owners is:

- Keep your dog on a lead when in a field with livestock, if there is no livestock in the field, keep the dog in sight at all times.
- Be aware of what your dog is doing, and be confident it will return to you promptly on command. If you cannot be confident of this, the dog should not be off the lead.
- Ensure the dog does not stray off the path or area where you have right of access.

# Stolen Turkeys!!!

2 fully grown turkeys have been stolen from a small holding in Chale during daylight hours. The owners went out for an hour during the day. When they returned they noticed that the Turkeys were missing. Local enquiries have been made in the area, unfortunately these were negative. If you have any information in regards to this incident please contact the Islands Country Watch team on 101 quoting 44190032787.

## Rural Burglaries

Rural Burglaries are still ongoing on the island. Expensive push bikes, chainsaws, leaf blowers, industrial radios & other garden equipment are still being stolen from properties overnight. Residents are reminded to take necessary steps to protect their belongings. In some incidents the items stolen have been left in unsecured sheds or garages.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

If you need to report a crime, please ring 101 for all non-emergency calls or 999 for all emergency calls. Whilst we are happy to hear from you via our personal emails and mobiles.

Please **DO NOT** use these to report a crime. This is in case we are off duty or unable to answer your call or reply to your email. We are happy to take routine calls and enquiries by mobile phone.

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## Shed and barn security



Many people take a great deal of trouble securing their home and property while at the same time leaving valuable equipment in a shed or barn that is either unlocked or not maintained.

Items stored in external premises are often expensive to replace and can also be an open invitation for thieves to use accessible equipment to break into your home or car.

**Follow the advice on the reverse of this leaflet and take action to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime.**

**Hampshire Constabulary – cutting crime in rural communities.**





## Shed and barn theft crime prevention advice:

- Place all tools and garden equipment in locked sheds, barns and garages.
- Secure more expensive items to an anchor point within the shed, barn or garage.
- Record serial numbers and mark all items with a postcode, e.g. UV pens or forensic marking kits. Register the details for free on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com).
- Take photographs of items if they are unusual or unique for easy identification at a later date.
- Fit an alarm.
- Keep the structure in good repair.
- Consider covering windows with curtains to obscure the view of contents.
- Consider external lighting.
- Ensure fences and boundaries are in good repair to prevent unlawful access.



Call Hampshire Constabulary Country Watch and Hampshire Horsewatch on **101**.  
In an emergency call **999**.  
[www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk)

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**101**  
WHEN IT'S LESS URGENT THAN 999

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### **Q923: What are drones and are they legal?**

Drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) are essentially flying robots. The aircraft can be remotely controlled or can fly autonomously using inbuilt software controlled flight plans. Designed for designated purposes by the military, they are becoming increasingly popular among members of the public.

If you are considering using a drone for recreational purposes, we would advise that you consider the guidance below:

- If your drone weighs more than 7kg, additional rules apply when flying in certain type of airspace and you must not fly above 400ft above the surface.
- If you wish to fly one that exceeds the limits above, you will need to seek permission from the CAA - see [Q543](#).
- Avoid flying it within 150 metres of a congested area or 50 metres of a person or vehicle.
- Use your common sense and fly safely - making sure you can see the drone at all times.
- If you are using one with a camera, make sure you inform people before you start recording and be aware of your surroundings.

Misuse of a drone can lead to a criminal offence being committed. For any further help on how to use a drone safely and legally, please see the websites in the related links section.



## Kitchen fire safety

More than half of accidental **fires** at home are started by **cooking** ... A few simple measures will keep you and your loved ones **safe**.

### **Cookers and microwaves**

- Keep electrical leads, tea towels and cloths away from the cooker.
- Keep the oven, hob and grill clean. A build-up of fat and grease can easily catch fire.
- Don't put anything metallic inside the microwave.
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### **Cooking safely**

- Don't leave pans unattended. Take them off the heat if you have to leave the room.
- Use spark devices to light gas cookers instead of matches or lighters.
- Keep the oven door shut and when you've finished cooking, make sure the cooker or oven is turned off.
- Avoid cooking when you are tired or under the influence of alcohol – get a takeout instead!!







As spring is approaching, IWASP (Isle of Wight Against Scams Partnership) is warning Island consumers and businesses of rogue trader's cold calling offering to carry out various home improvement work including gardening, home improvements, cleaning roofs and driveways to name a few.

These rogue traders often call on vulnerable and elderly residents and are generally unqualified conmen who charge extortionate amounts of money for little or no work done at all along with the prices being very misleading and demanding immediate payment.

IWASP is warning residents to be aware that these businesses will be operating on the Island, and to be extremely careful before even discussing any work that the trader may suggest requires doing.

NEVER pay upfront to cold callers, and if you require work doing to your home always try to obtain at least two written quotes. If you have family or friends that you can talk to please do so before engaging in any work, they may be able to recommend somebody or the Isle of Wight Council Trading Standards Service run a trader approval scheme where local traders are vetted to ensure they comply with legislation. We would recommend getting a quote from one of these trusted traders before having any work done. For further information on the scheme, please contact 823000 or check out our website [www.iow.gov.uk/tas](http://www.iow.gov.uk/tas)

Legislation protecting consumers requires cold callers to give consumers a 'Cancellation Notice' giving them 14 days to cancel contracts made for over £42. Failure to issue a cancellation notice in the correct manner is a criminal offence and we are committed, with the support of the Police, to protecting Island residents and will take enforcement action, including prosecution, against rogue traders.

Please be vigilant if you have elderly or vulnerable neighbours and report your concerns to the Police 101 or the Trading Standards Service hotline on 823371.

#### Top Tips for protecting yourself from Doorstep Crime

- NEVER open the door to a stranger
- USE a door chain if you have one (you can obtain a free home safety check from the Blue Lamp Trust 0300 777 0157)
- DON'T trade on the Doorstep
- DISPLAY a "No Cold Calling" Sticker on your door (available from [trading.standards@iow.gov.uk](mailto:trading.standards@iow.gov.uk))

#### Reporting a Scam

- For advice on scams call - **Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline: 03454 04 05 06**
- To report a scam call - **Action Fraud: 0300 123 2040**

For more information on scams go to our Trading Standards Scams web page at [www.iwight.com](http://www.iwight.com) or visit [www.iwasp.org](http://www.iwasp.org)

# Equine Beat Surgery



**WHERE:** Froghill Tack, Sandford, Isle of Wight.

**TIME:** 12.00 - 13.00hrs.

**WHEN:** The 3rd Wednesday of the month.

PCSO Karen ALLEN will be at **Froghill Tack** on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. If you have any equine concerns, Karen will try to help. If you would like your tack marked, PCSO ALLEN can take your details and come to your yard at a convenient time and date. Please note I can only mark leather saddles. If she cannot make it due to operational reasons please leave your contact detail with a member of staff there and I will get back to you.

For attention of the Country Watch members who receive a paper copy of the newsletter, if you now have access to internet and email please keep in mind the I.O.W alerts website. Please let us know if you wish to join IOW alerts. It will be much appreciated if you are in the position to do this, as it will save our paper!!



## Isle of Wight Alert Community Messaging system

The communities of the Isle of Wight play a key role in helping us to prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour. Improving the flow of information between the community and the police is vital to achieving our aim to work together to deter criminals and keep communities safe.

This site provides an invitation for you to participate in the exchange of information with Hampshire Constabulary and Neighbourhood Watch. You do not need to join a specific watch scheme but you may find that there are like minded residents or businesses in your area who would welcome your support.

If you live or work in the Isle of Wight, you are invited to register now to become a recipient of messages of information, crime alerts and witness appeals local to the area in which you live or work in a way that suits your needs and lifestyle by email, text or telephone.

As a registered recipient you will not only benefit from two way messaging but may also hear about positive police action in your community, help identify suspected or wanted criminals or learn about community groups, events or meetings in your area.

Please use the link <http://www.iowalert.co.uk> to access IOW alerts.

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS SERVICE IS NOT FOR REPORTING CRIMES OR INCIDENTS - TO REPORT THESE PLEASE CONTACT HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY ON 101.**



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