



COUNTRY WATCH

WELCOME TO THE JUNE EDITION



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SUMMARY OF REPORTED INCIDENTS MADE TO POLICE BETWEEN 18/05/2018 – 17/06/2018

Nuisance Motorbikes

During last month we received a report of youths riding around Borthwood Copse on trial bikes. In a nearby field several horses were spooked due to the noise of the bikes. If you have any information in regards to the identity of the youths please contact the Islands Country Watch Team via 101 and quote 44180206398.

Sheep worrying

We have received several reports of dog attacks on sheep across the island. Unfortunately in two incidents sheep have had to be destroyed due to their serious injuries. It's not just about attacking sheep, at this time of year there are many pregnant sheep around. If the sheep are stressed they will lose the lambs. Obviously this is great concern that still continues across the island. Dog owners are reminded to be more responsible and take control of their dogs.....

Burglaries

There has been several burglaries reported this month. A **Stihl** strimmer has been stolen from a farm on the outskirts of Ventnor. Unknown person has entered into a shed and taken the strimmer. If you have any information in regards to this incident please quote 44180216817.

A property in East Cowes has been targeted several times during the last month. Offenders have broken into a property and taken and damaged several items. Investigations are still ongoing.

General Enquiries

The Islands Country Watch team have carried out several visits to various locations on the island in regards to concerns over the disturbance of Badger setts and damage to protected trees. We are very fortunate on the Island that we have two experienced Wild life Crime officers who have knowledge of the Countryside Act and can advise you if you need help, .

Tumble Dryer Safety



Tumble dryers and washing machines contain powerful motors with fast moving parts that get very hot. If you do not clean and maintain your machine, excess fluff or lint can build up over time and catch fire.

Remember to:

- Always read and follow the manufacturer's instructions before using your dryer
- Never leave your appliance unattended or running overnight
- Let the tumble dryer run for as long as you have set it and then open the door and empty it
- Turning off the tumble dryer before the cycle has completed and leaving the door closed can spark a fire
- Never overload your washing machine or dryer or put items in that have been used to soak up flammable liquids
- Keep your dryer well ventilated ensuring the vent pipe is kink free, not blocked or crushed in any way
- Clean the filter in your dryer after every use
- Have your dryer serviced regularly by a qualified engineer
- **DON'T** ignore the warning signs – Does your tumble dryer smell of burning? Are your clothes taking longer to dry? Do the clothes feel hotter at the end of the cycle? Does the external vent flap stay shut when the dryer is on?

If you notice any of the above, clean the filter and check the vent pipe immediately.



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.

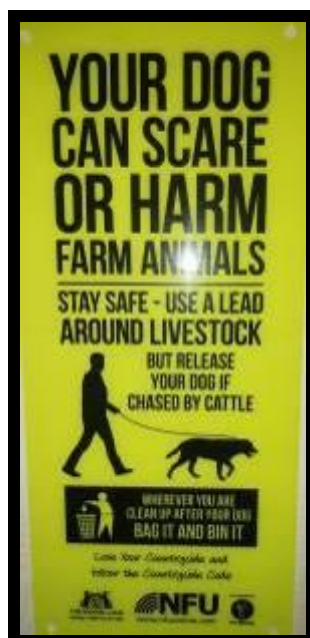
Dogs worrying livestock is a criminal offence contrary to the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953.

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.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH QUICK GUIDE



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- There is a danger to life or a risk of injury being caused imminently. Examples include serious road accidents, assaults or serious disorders
- A crime is in progress. Examples include assault, burglary and theft, or if an offender is still on scene, or has just left the scene
- Police attendance is required immediately such as to prevent a breach of peace, someone acting suspiciously or someone who is about to commit an offence
- If you are concerned for someone:
 - call when it's an emergency
 - a crime is in progress
 - someone suspected of a crime is nearby
 - when there is danger to life
 - when violence is being used or threatened

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This number should be used for:

- All other enquiries
- Advice on police matters
- Reporting crimes which have already happened, where there is no sign of an offender – for example a stolen car, burglary, or damaged property
- Give information to the police about crime in your area
- Speak to the police about a general enquiry
- Contact a specific police officer or member of staff

Action Fraud

Contact to report fraud and cybercrime. You can report to Action Fraud any time of the day or night using our [online fraud reporting tool](#).

You can also report and get advice about fraud or cyber crime by calling 0300 123 2040

Types of fraud include:

- Identity fraud and identity theft
- Individual fraud
- Online fraud
- Advance fee fraud – paying for something that never materializes
- Corporate – targeting businesses

For more information and to report a fraud online go to www.actionfraud.police.uk

Report online

There are three types of crime that you can report online to us:

- Criminal damage
- Theft
- Theft from a vehicle

To report these crimes please visit www.hampshire.police.uk

Any other questions?

Go to www.askthe.police.uk

COURIER FRAUD.

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau has identified an increasing number of reports submitted to Action Fraud from the public concerning courier fraud.

Fraudsters are contacting victims by telephone and purporting to be a police officer or bank official. To substantiate this claim, the caller might be able to confirm some easily obtainable basic details about the victim such as their full name and address. They may also offer a telephone number for the victim to call to check that they are genuine; this number is not genuine and simply redirects to the fraudster who pretends to be a different person. After some trust has been established, the fraudster will then, for example, suggest;

- Some money has been removed from a victim's bank account and staff at their local bank branch are responsible.
- Suspects have already been arrested but the "police" need money for evidence.
- A business such as a jewellers or currency exchange is operating fraudulently and they require assistance to help secure evidence.

Victims are then asked to cooperate in an investigation by attending their bank and withdrawing money, withdrawing foreign currency from an exchange or purchasing an expensive item to hand over to a courier for examination who will also be a fraudster. Again, to reassure the victim, a safe word might be communicated to the victim so the courier appears genuine.

At the time of handover, unsuspecting victims are promised the money they've handed over or spent will be reimbursed but in reality there is no further contact and the money is never seen again.

Protect Yourself:

Your bank or the police will never:

- Phone and ask you for your PIN or full banking password.
- Ask you to withdraw money to hand over to them for safe-keeping, or send someone to your home to collect cash, PIN, cards or cheque books if you are a victim of fraud.

Don't assume an email or phone call is authentic

Just because someone knows your basic details (such as your name and address or even your mother's maiden name), it doesn't mean they are genuine. Be mindful of who you trust – criminals may try and trick you into their confidence by telling you that you've been a victim of fraud

Stay in control

If something feels wrong then it is usually right to question it. Have the confidence to refuse unusual requests for personal or financial information.

For more information about how to protect yourself online visit www.cyberaware.gov.uk and www.takefive.stopfraud.org.uk





Please click on the link to access the latest edition of Rural Times:

<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/about-us/publications-and-documents/rural-times/>.



The Country Watch team want to hear from you. Have your say on what you think the rural policing priorities should be, and what you would like us to be focusing on. For example, shed breaks/barn breaks/fly tipping/wildlife related incidents.

You can send your answers to us using the email:

countrywatch@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Please type I.O.W – priorities in the subject line.

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.

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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