

**Subject: Farm Watch Bulletin 16 November 2017**

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## **Farm Watch Coordinator's Update**

The total number of animals reported as loose on the highway this week is 11. This was made up of 10 horses and one sheep. Please carry on checking your roadside hedges and fences daily, this includes those where a railway lines passes by.

Police in Hastings and Rother are working with partner agencies to tackle the theft of fish from private waters across the district.

Recently reported incidents have pointed to fishing lakes being targeted by poachers who, it is claimed, are also mistreating fish once landed.

Local Heritage and Wildlife Crime Officer Daryl Holter said the issue was also of concern to the Environment Agency and The Angling Trust, and both organisations were supporting steps to deter and detect offences. The National Wildlife Crime Unit and the RSPCA are similarly involved.

PCSO Holter said: "We are working together to combat angling related crimes, to raise the profile of lawful fishing and to support the angling community in general. We will be carrying out regular patrols and looking at enforcement, education and prevention as appropriate."

Further information concerning rules around fishing can be found [here](#) and also at The Angling Trust [here](#).

### **Van breaks**

We've had a large number of tools stolen from work vans over the past few weeks and are again encouraging owners to remove their tools overnight, where possible. Always make sure the vehicle is locked and secured, even when working close by. The majority of this type of crime is opportunistic, and occurs because tools have been left on view or the vehicle left insecure. It only takes 10 seconds for your valuable items to be stolen.

Consider parking works vehicles with the rear doors positioned tightly up against a building, wall or fence, and in a well-lit area. If parking your vehicle at home, it's worth considering installing security lighting or even a CCTV system. For further advice on vehicle crimes, or other crime prevention, visit the 'Advice' section on the Sussex Police website. Anyone with information concerning offences and those committing them is asked to contact police [online](#) or phone 101 with details. If an offence is in progress or believed to be imminent, call 999.

Kindest regards

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## Crime and incident update

Monday 06 October 2017 to Sunday 12 October 2017			
Area	Ref	Date	Details
Adur & Worthing			Nothing reported
Arun	0160	10/11/2017	Premises in Binsted Lane, Binsted, were broken into by ripping a gate post out of the ground. The intruders then broke into a storage container and stole two Kutota mini tractors. CCTV clearly shows four men ramming the gate post and entering the property.
Brighton & Hove			Nothing reported
Chichester	0563	05/11/2017	Over the last month 15 large round bales of hay have been stolen from farm premises in the Petworth area.
	1250	07/11/2017	We have reports that a badger sett in the Bignor area of Pulborough has been interfered with.
	0937	08/11/2017	A retired farmer reports seeing two men walking along a Bridle Path in East Wittering carrying shot guns. He suspects that they were attempting to shoot rabbits
	0629	09/11/2017	A farm in Pipers Lane, Northchapel, has been entered and 15 batteries were stolen.
Crawley			Nothing reported
Eastbourne	0405	08/11/2017	<b>Heritage</b> Intruders have removed and stolen a quantity of lead from the roof of St. Mary's Church, Decoy Drive, Eastbourne. As a result, water has ingressed the church causing further damage.
Gatwick			Nothing reported
Hastings			Nothing reported
Horsham	0593	08/11/2017	CCTV captured a group of men with dogs illegally hunting on land in Gay Street, Pulborough.
Lewes	0111	09/11/2017	Three sheep in a field in Ranscombe Lane, Lewes, have been attacked been by a dog. One lamb had bite marks to its face the other two were found dead.
Mid Sussex	0659	08/11/2017	Two sheds to the rear of a farm cottage in Sharpthorne were broken into, a leaf blower was stolen. The rear window to a works van was smashed but nothing was stolen as the van was empty.
Rother	1022	06/11/2017	A 4x4 vehicle has been spotted on land in Ewehurst Green with its headlights full on. A man in his mid-50s, dressed in a camouflage jacket was seen crouched down in the hedge. This same vehicle and man have been seen before in the area.
	0513	07/11/2017	Dogs have attacked and killed at least one sheep on land in Powder Mill Lane, Battle.
	0272	10/11/2017	Six sheds on a farm in Ticehurst have been broken into, it is not believed that anything has been taken.

	0553	11/11/2017	The workshop to a farm in Farm Lane, Camber, was broken into and various items were stolen. These included a Stihl hedge cutter, a Stihl chainsaw and a Makita power drill.
	0973	11/11/2017	A farm in Vicarage Lane, Burwash Common, has been entered and an air conditioner was forcefully removed and stolen.
Wealden	0884	06/11/2017	East Sussex Fire & Rescue attended a fire at a remote farm house in Lake Street, Mayfield, with eight appliances.
	0645	07/11/2017	A Vauxhall Combo van has been stolen from farm premises in Fletching. The owner had left the keys in the unattended vehicle.
	0975	07/11/2017	A workshop in Trolliloes Lane, Cowbeech, has been forcefully entered and a blue Fiat Cinquecento car, reg T19! !DY was stolen. This vehicle had been crushed by a fallen tree.
	0936	08/11/2017	A Transit van was driven onto a farm in Burwash Road, Broad Oak, Heathfield. It drove round the farm and then left. The owner later discovered that several old batteries had been stolen.
	0976	08/11/2017	A lady who keeps sheep in Magreed Lane, Heathfield, has had one of them attacked by a dog. Fortunately the sheep was saved after receiving medical attention.
	0405	09/11/2017	Between 4pm on Wednesday, 8 November and 8am on Thursday, 9 November, a silver Ifor Williams HB 511 double horse trailer was stolen from Hackhurst Lane in <b>Lower Dicker</b> . <b>The Data Tag number is SCKD00000F121507.</b>
	0648	12/11/2017	A farm in Wadhurst Road, Mark Cross, was entered overnight and the battery was ripped out of a camper van parked there. In the process severe damage was caused to the electrics.

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## Wildlife Officers

Please only contact your local Wildlife Officers for any general enquiries or questions, not to report a crime. Report all crimes and incidents to Sussex Police [online](#), email us at 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call **101**.

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