

## Subject: Farm Watch Bulletin 09 November 2017

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### Farm Watch Coordinator's Update

The number of reports of loose animals on the highway this week has hit an all-time high; it's up from 24 last week to 162 this week. This number is made up by 101 sheep, 53 cows, 7 horses and 1 pig. Please carry on checking your roadside hedges and fences daily, this includes those where a railway line passes by.

### Poachers beware as Christmas approaches

Game dealers, restaurateurs, hotels and public houses are being advised to check that they are not buying illegally-killed game.

The warning is being made by Sussex Police as Autumn heralds a potential seasonal rise in poaching across the county, especially for deer, both shot and coursing and hares, again coursed illegally by poachers with dogs.

The force's Wildlife Crime Officer PCSO Daryl Holter said: "The cosy, traditional image of a local countryman taking 'one for the pot' is far removed from the gruesome reality of modern day poaching which can be carried out on an all but commercial basis, often by gangs travelling into the countryside from towns and cities, sometimes from quite a distance.

"We have worked closely with rural communities and partner agencies to tackle the problem in the county for a number of years. We are preparing for an increase in reports due to the time of year and would like to raise awareness around poaching and associated activities early on."

To prevent purchasing illegal meat, people are advised not to buy from people who they do not know, report suspicious gatherings in car parks around vans or 4x4s and dealers in game should show legal documentation for the sale of meat.

Daryl said; "Commercial poaching is a serious problem on various levels. It is not a faceless crime. There is a real risk to public health as meat is introduced illegally into the system and in the case of deer poaching, the animals are shot at night using high-powered weapons with an obvious risk to public safety.

"There is also concern for deer not being killed in a clinical and professional manner as many are shot with weapons not suitable for the size of the animal. Those not shot cleanly can often escape into the undergrowth to die a cruel lingering and painful death.

"I would urge anyone to contact police with any information that would help in catching poachers, especially if they have been offered meat from sources other than bona fide dealers.

"I'd also like to send a warning to poachers themselves that we are working very closely with farm and land owners and in some cases even installing CCTV to catch poachers. It will not be tolerated, and we will do all we can to support anyone that this crime affects. When we catch you, we will put you in front of a court and we have the power to seize all of the 'tools of your trade', including weapons, vehicles and even your dogs."

If you suspect illegal poaching is taking place, please report [online](#) or call 101 - but if it's happening there and then dial 999 immediately. Alternatively, you can call the independent charity [Crimestoppers](#) anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Kindest regards

Phillip

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## Crime and incident update

Monday 30 October 2017 to Sunday 05 October 2017			
Area	Ref	Date	Details
Adur & Worthing	0685	03/11/2017	<a href="#">Heritage</a> Sadly I must report yet another crime involving criminal damage at Shoreham Fort. Some of the stone steps were lifted, then they were placed on the roof. If you live in the area please keep an eye out for any unusual activity, if you see any taking place please contact Sussex Police as we must preserve our heritage for future generations.
	0549	05/11/2017	<a href="#">Heritage</a> Overnight further extensive damage was caused to the internal ditch on the west side of Shoreham Fort. A very large area has been dug up.
	1077	06/11/2017	<a href="#">Heritage</a> The ancient monument of Highdown Hill off Littlehampton Road, Goring by Sea, has had criminal damage caused by a person or persons unknown digging holes in the quarry pit and lighting fires.
Arun			Nothing reported
Brighton & Hove			Nothing reported
Chichester	0803	30/10/2017	A generator has been stolen from a location in Clappers Lane, Chichester. At this moment we do not have details as to the make or model.
	0422	04/11/2017	West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service attended a lorry fire on a farm in Chichester Road, Chichester.
Crawley			Nothing reported
Eastbourne			Nothing reported
Gatwick			Nothing reported
Hastings			Nothing reported
Horsham	0026	08/11/2017	<a href="#">Heritage</a> St Peters United Reformed Church in The Street, Slinfold, has been entered during the day, (the church is usually open during the day so that people can visit). When it was time to lock up it was discovered that two keys had been stolen from a bunch that had been left in the church that day. The first key was to a cupboard but the second was a very old key that fits the Belfry door. As it is so old the only way is to have one hand made, this will be a very expensive exercise.
Lewes	1390	04/11/2017	A farm shop in Ridge Road, Falmer, was the victim of an unsuccessful break in. Intruders removed part of the roof to gain access but were unable to open the doors from the inside. Nothing was stolen.
Mid Sussex	0640	04/11/2017	There has been a spate of shed/house breaks in the East Grinstead area. Although the thefts are not from farms all three properties back onto farm land. The shed to a property in Leybourne Place, Felbridge, was broken into and several items of garden tools were stolen. In addition a chainsaw, hedge cutter and an electric dill went missing.

	1360	04/11/2017	A house in Maypole Road, Ashurst Wood, was broken into and a chainsaw and a hedge cutter were stolen.
	0014	05/11/2017	The shed to a Property in Hill Top Road, West Hoathly, was broken into and a petrol chainsaw was stolen.
Rother	0842	05/11/2017	A Land Rover was stolen from premises in Crowhurst but was later recovered by Sussex Police.
Wealden	0369	01/11/2017	A unit adjacent to farm land near Weir Woods reservoir was entered by lifting a field gate off its hinges. Two batteries valued at over £100 each were stolen.
	0501	01/11/2017	A farm in Warren A property in Warren Road, Crowborough, has been entered and various items were stolen. These include a Mercedes Axor Whittingham six horse lorry, two Segways, a six-tonne Hitachi ZX 60 USB digger and a John Deere Gator.
	0759	01/11/2017	An outbuilding on a farm in Ketches Lane, Fletching, was broken into and a green Yamaha Grizzly 450 quad bike was stolen.
	0915	01/11/2017	A member of the public stopped in a lay-by on the A267, heading North, just past the Danegate turning when he spotted the head of a fallow deer along with 6 limbs and a lot of blood. This no doubt would be the work of poachers.

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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.

Area	Officer	Email
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