



Kent Police

Weekly Rural Policing Update

Game Keepers have been reporting hare coursing and have become upset at not getting immediate attention from the police. Unfortunately, some times of the day the police get a high volume of incidents which need police to attend. It is at that point where decisions are made to prioritise those incidents and respond appropriately. If incidents are not attended the police still try and gather as much information as possible to do follow up enquiries. It is important that these reports are still made as it builds up an accurate picture of the problem which will enable a targeted approach.

A report of suspected fox hunting on the Romney Marsh has been investigated by the Rural Liaison Team (RLT). Whilst there were no offences disclosed, advice was given to the keepers of the beagles. Reports that hunt saboteur's had been acting intimidating at Denge Wood near Canterbury. A thorough search was made but they were not found.

Two officers from the RLT attended a training course this week. It involved 3 case scenario workshops on dealing with wildlife crime. Both officers found the training invaluable and will share their knowledge with other officers.

PC Reed from the RLT was tasked on Operation Unity. This is an operation to arrest suspects who have been involved in domestic abuse. One suspect was particularly hard to track down, but by using his skill, Knowledge and practical experience the suspect was tricked to leave his home where he drove off in his car. His vehicle was stopped and the suspect was arrested. He will be dealt with by the courts.

Operation Farm. The RLT deployed to the Stone Street area near Lyminge with three police vehicles. An unmarked ANPR van, and two 4x4 vehicles. Information identified that a person was driving a 4x4 vehicle with only a provisional licence. There were over 500 hits on the ANPR when the suspect's vehicle was spotted. The vehicle was stopped and the driver tried to give false details. This was soon rectified on threat to be arrested. He gave correct details and he will be reported to the courts. His vehicle was seized. On resuming minutes later a further vehicle was identified as the driver having been disqualified from driving. A pursuit took place and the vehicle was stopped without damage. The driver was arrested and the vehicle was also seized.