

**Welcome to the sixth edition of the Rural Roundup to keep Nottinghamshire's rural communities better informed about what is going on to tackle various issues in their area.**

Rural crime is a priority for Nottinghamshire Police because everyone appreciates the wider impact offences such as trespass, theft and poaching can have on our rural communities.

I was pleased to learn that, following reports of trespassing on farmland in the north of the county, two men had their vehicle and dogs seized before being released on bail with orders not to return to Nottinghamshire.

This response shows just how seriously this type of incident is taken. I know that Nottinghamshire Police will respond swiftly to both identify and pursue anyone suspected of being responsible for this type of illegal behaviour. So, don't hesitate. Get in touch with any information that might help.

**Paddy Tipping**  
**Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner**



## SPECIAL CONSTABULARY RURAL PRO-ACTIVE TEAM

We have plenty going on to keep the team busy.

- It is the fishing season and most anglers fish lawfully, however there is always the minority who fish illegally without an Environment Agency Licence. Early June saw us mounting an operation with colleagues from Lincolnshire, the Environment Agency, and voluntary bailiffs to detect those fishing without a licence. This resulted in 173 licences being checked, with 9 offenders being reported for prosecution where the fines are around £400 plus costs. Our advice is to get a licence, it is easy, it can be done online - there is no excuse.
- Following partnership working with local angling clubs we visited two potential offenders whose behaviour led bailiffs to have concerns for their safety. Our visit and the evidence we already had led to a resolution and the promise of joining a club, fishing legally and showing respect to those that manage the waters involved.
- Our patrols regularly embrace farms and remote locations and the message is always to keep valuables locked up and if necessary make sure they are marked or even tracked - especially expensive machinery.
- We have run two successful operations with ANPR devices with over 2,700 vehicles checked per day which has led to seizures, arrests and dangerous/illegal vehicles being stopped, searched and if appropriate, seized. Two results on travelling criminals led to intelligence on drugs and a serial abuse perpetrator.

We continue to support our response and neighbourhood teams especially when demand is high. At this time some calls can be filtered out to our team which then means the other teams are able to concentrate on their core roles.





## WHAT3WORDS APP THAT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

The Force have rolled out 'What3Words' app location technology in a revolutionary move to improve response times.

The app has divided the world into a grid of 3mx3m squares and each square has a unique 3 word address.

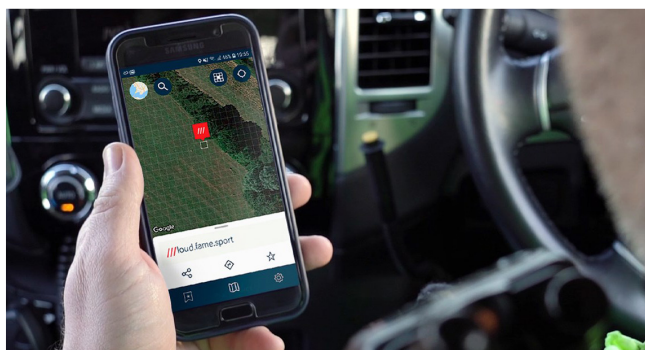
This technology is ideal for those in rural areas trying to describe where an incident is located - it is free to

download for both iOS and Android or via your internet browser.

It works offline, and therefore is ideal for use in areas where there is an unreliable data connection as well as



WHAT3WORDS



farmland, wooded areas where there is no address or point of reference nearby.

The Control Room staff are asking if callers have a What3Words location and when available it has saved valuable time locating incidents.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U63jWiRok0U>

**DOWNLOAD THE APP NOW AND GET YOUR 3 WORD ADDRESS**  
**#AlwaysKnowWhere**

## KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED

If you see any items of plant or machinery parked in a strange place or being driven or transported late at night or in the early hours which seems suspicious please **#ReportIt**.



Thanks to a call from a member of the public the rural crime team were able to locate and recover the vehicle on the left and get in touch with the owner.

**#YourCallCounts**

## RESULT!

The Rural Proactive Team have just been informed that as a result of their ANPR operations a scrap dealer who had been dumping and trading in waste without a licence had been court and was fined over £4,000 for environmental offences.

He was also dealt with for no licence, no insurance and other serious vehicle offences and received a driving ban and another large fine.

This highlights the excellent co-operation between the Force, the Environment Agency and the Fire and Rescue Service. The vehicle was flagged on an ANPR and then stopped and seized by the team.



## REMEMBER

We can't do it without you. Please keep your eyes open for any suspicious activity - don't just tell your neighbour - **report it**.

**#ReportIt**

