

Rural Task Force round-up

SINCE 01/01/2023



61

ARRESTS



96

STOP
SEARCHES

120

COMPLETED
INVESTIGATIONS



98

NUMBER OF
OFFENCES
ARRESTED



1746

FARMWATCH
MEMBERS



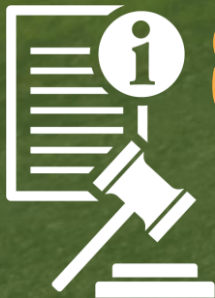
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STOP CHECKS



50

INVESTIGATION
POSITIVE
OUTCOMES



87

REPORTED
FOR SUMMONS

1991

CRIME PREVENTION
ADVICE



1534

INTELLIGENCE
REPORTS



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VEHICLES
SEIZED

125



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LIVESTOCK
WORRYING
INCIDENTS



41

NO
TAX SEIZURES



TRAFFIC
OFFENCE
REPORTS

165



ALL
POACHING
INCIDENTS

344



HORSE
SEIZURES

14



NO
INSURANCE
SEIZURES

36



WILDLIFE
INCIDENTS

422



DRUG
SEIZURES

27



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STOLEN RECOVERED
PROPERTY

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CARS & VANS
MOTORBIKES



LIVESTOCK
TRAILER



OTHER
TRAILER



HORSEBOX



FARM/PLANT
MACHINERY



QUAD/ATV



CARAVAN



TOOLS

TOTAL VALUE RECOVERED
SINCE 01/01/2023

£742,700



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A Black Ford Focus hatchback was the subject of a police stop check and search after its driver was seen in Stangage Road, Birling shining a high-powered lamp into the tree line. (An activity associated with poaching) The vehicle contained 3 occupants, when questioned about their presence in the area and what they were doing one stated that they were only shooting Pigeon, all three admitted to possession of ball bearings and catapults.

All three were detained and a search under the poaching prevention act was conducted

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Theft Related Offences

Please ensure you check and review all your security is appropriate and in full working order. Remember **SECURE, MARK, RECORD and RETAIN** records of your property, so they can be provided if do become a victim of crime. The team are able to mark your property for you, with our property marking machine.

Anyone interested in having their property marked free of charge please email the using the below email.

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All three had a quantity of metal ball bearings in their immediate possession and a catapult each.

Inside the rear nearside passenger footwell was a deceased Pigeon. The person responsible for killing the bird was formally interviewed and was then the subject of a community resolution process at the roadside.

All three were also issued a CPW and they all relinquished ownership of their catapults, ball bearings and the lamp.

They were then dispersed from the immediate area

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Rural Matters

Rural Matters is a quarterly publication from the Rural Task Force that give a snapshot of Police activity and other information and crime prevention advice to the Kent Rural Community. Rural Matters can be accessed by following this link

www.kent.police.uk/rural-matters

Please feel free to share the link



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Livestock Worrying Court Result

The RTF have investigated a Livestock Worrying that was reported on 22nd April 2023, in Canterbury. This incident has had a significant effect on the farm, farm owner and farm manager both emotionally and financially.

In total 1 ewe and 27 Lambs were either killed in the attack or had to be euthanised by attending Vets due to the severe extent of their injuries.

On the 23rd November the dog owner appeared at Folkestone Magistrates Court where he pleaded Guilty to the offence of being the person in charge of a dog worrying livestock. He was ordered to pay the victim £5000 in compensation for the damages and loss they experienced.