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Sussex Countrywatch foreword:

This week the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne joined the Police, the Environment Agency and the Angling Trust Voluntary Bailiffs on patrols of two fisheries in East Sussex. Katy has prepared the below for this newsletter:

Unlicensed anglers; invasive foreign species and international organised crime were the subject of my rural crime patrol this weekend with Sergeant Tom Carter, with colleagues from the Environment Agency and volunteers from the Angling Trust Volunteer bailiff scheme.

Tom is Sussex Police's Operational Lead for Rural, Wildlife, Heritage and Environmental Crime and is the national lead for poaching prevention.

Our morning patrol started with a briefing at Battle Police Station with PCSO Daryl Holter; Sgt Tom Carter, Charles Bacchus, Basil Dean from the Environment Agency and David Pennington and Colin Stirling from the SE Region Angling Trust Voluntary Bailiff Scheme.

Collaboration, awareness and education are key to environmental protection and wildlife preservation, but enforcement is also necessary.

Ensuring that anglers are licensed and acting responsibly is at one end of the spectrum, with multi-million pound smuggling of rare and endangered species at the other.

I learnt that an appetite for elvers in Asia- and English ones in particular- was leading to gangs dredging waterways here and in other European countries and passing them off as English.

Criminal and irresponsible behaviour is threatening to bring invasive, non-native species into the UK and wipe out endangered indigenous species.

Whilst deer poaching has risen, the availability of farmed venison has lowered prices, meaning that callous poachers are taking only the most valuable part of the carcass, often after maiming deer at night.

Having just this week observed some large fresh water mussels in ponds near me, I heard that some can grow as big as dinner plates, and that we should report any sightings of zebra mussels which can overtake our native species and block up waterways.

When we spoke to anglers at Wylands in Battle and Brickfarm Lakes in Herstmonceux, it was clear that they supported the education and enforcement approach to ensure responsible and sustainable use of our water systems.

Local businesses and residents also shared their concerns about other aspects of rural crime, including fly tipping and speeding and anti-social behaviour and low level crime.

I assured them that we will be meeting with communities around Battle to discuss their concerns in forthcoming focus groups, but I was also able to give them the great news that I have secured £890k from the Home Office Early Intervention Youth Fund

to support targeted work with children and young people who may be being drawn into crime for the first time or on to more serious crime.

Katy Bourne

Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner



## What's been happening?

Due to popular demand I have re-instated the crime table once more here. I have attached a PDF of the table with additional information should any of you wish to forward this via other means. Please let me know if this is a more useful way of displaying the information.

Monday 05 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 to Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2018			
Area	Ref	Date	Details
Adur &	0514	08/11/2018	A lorry driver witnessed a dog attacking sheep in a field off Steyning Road Shoreham by Sea. The dog

Worthing			is described as being like a Collie cross. The witness says he has chased the dog off twice. When Police arrived, the dog had been removed by its owner and gone. Two sheep were found trapped in electric fencing and released by police, fortunately it was switched off. No sheep were injured.
Arun			Nothing reported
Brighton & Hove			Nothing reported
Chichester	1400	06/11/2018	A member of the public called in after witnessing people in a field off Hoe Lane Chichester, the witness believed that they were Hare coursing.
Crawley			Nothing reported
Eastbourne			Nothing reported
Gatwick			Nothing reported
Hastings			Nothing reported
Horsham	0207	06/10/2018	A farm in Crawley Road Faygate, Horsham was broken into and a shipping container was forcefully entered, various items were stolen, these include 1 x paintball gun, 2 x wheelbarrows. A garage was also broken into and power tools, chainsaws and trimmers were taken.
	0263	08/11/2018	A member of the public was walking his dog in woods in the Billingshurst when he came across a lone calf lying down. As he had the dog with him, he did not go too close. The calf is described as reddish brown in colour. Have you lost one.
	0803	11/11/2018	A farm in Trout Lane, Brooks Green, Horsham was entered, and a shipping container was forcefully entered. Many items were stolen, these include 7 x chainsaws, 1 x hedge cutter and 1 x leaf blower.
Lewes			Nothing reported
Mid Sussex	0656	05/11/2018	A single axled ATV trailer and a red Honda quadbike, chassis number 278TE22U744502859 and engine number TE22E8863333 has been stolen from an outbuilding in Imberhorne Lane East Grinstead.
	0944	05/11/2018	Premises in Cansiron Lane East Grinstead were entered, and a quantity of armoured copper cable was stolen.
Rother	0768	05/11/2018	An outbuilding to premises in Mountfield, Robertsbridge, was entered and an orange coloured wood chipper, worth £6,000.00 was stolen.
	0673	09/11/2018	<a href="#">HERITAGE</a> . St Barnabas Church in Sea Road, Bexhill on Sea has had 2 stained glass windows broken. The cost of repairs is likely to be very high. Did you see or hear anything.

	0378	11/11/2018	A green Land Rover 110 has been stolen from the driveway of a property in Hooe Battle.
Wealden	0839	09/11/2018	An opportunist burglary took place in Colman's Hatch, Hartfield, whilst the gardener was going about his business two white males, said to be in their 20's were seen running away from the garage of the property. It was soon realised that they had taken 2 Stihl chain saws, one was a model MS200 and the other a 441. Always shut and lock garages or sheds when you are not in them.

## Help us keep Sussex Safe

As the eyes and ears of our rural community, if you have any information about an incident in this message please [contact us online](#) or call 101, quoting the reference number provided.

Alternatively you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on their dedicated rural crime reporting number 0800 783 0137 or [online here](#)

## Wildlife Officers can be contacted via local email addresses

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](#) or call 101.

**Adur and Worthing:** [adurandworthing@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:adurandworthing@sussex.pnn.police.uk)

**Arun:** [arun@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:arun@sussex.pnn.police.uk)

**Brighton and Hove:** [brightonandhove@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:brightonandhove@sussex.pnn.police.uk)

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**Hastings:** [hastings@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:hastings@sussex.pnn.police.uk)

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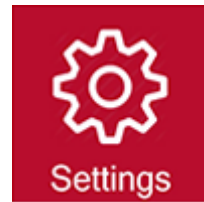
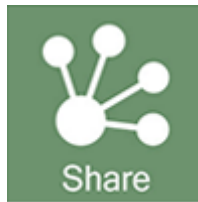
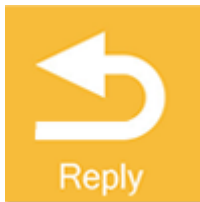
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