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Seven arrests made and more than 1,000 suspected stolen items seized in Cranbrook

Officers from the Rural Task Force executed a warrant in Cranbrook on 26th April 2024, alongside colleagues from Thames Valley Police, after developing intelligence regarding potential stolen items being stored at the location.

On arrival, they discovered 6 stolen caravans, a stolen quad bike and approximately 1,000 suspected stolen power tools.

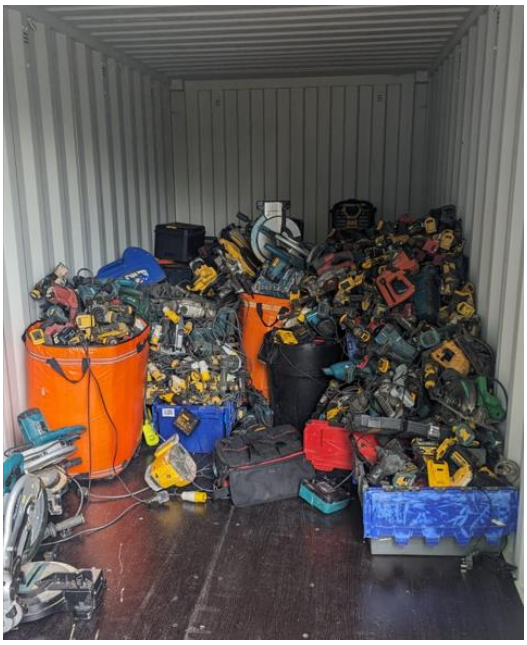
These items were all seized and 7 people were arrested on suspicion of theft offences.

All suspects have been interviewed and subsequently bailed pending further enquiries.

Rural Task Force officers are in the process of cataloguing the suspected stolen items and a comprehensive list will be released to the public in due course.

Anyone wishing to claim items listed will need to provide proof of ownership or proof of purchase.

We anticipate this to take a considerable amount of time and thank the public in advance for their patience while we undertake this.



Any tradespeople or those in possession of power tools are advised to mark their property, take photographs, and record serial numbers so that, in the event of theft officers have more chance of returning property.

We also advise reporting any thefts in a timely manner, providing as much detail as possible.

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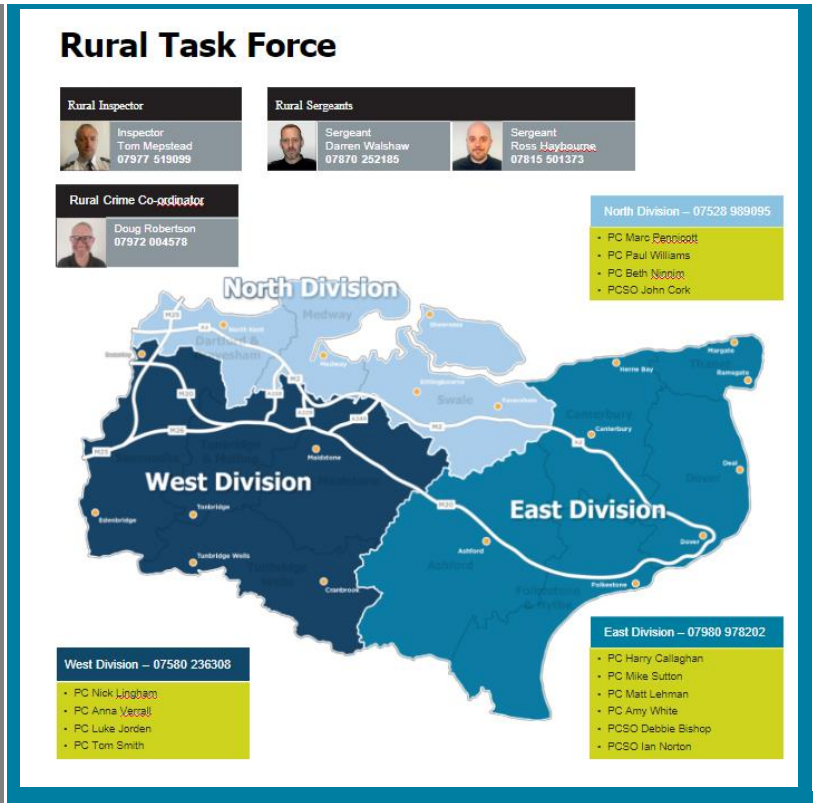
If you wish to meet some of the team to discuss rural issues, we will be attending the following locations over the next month:

25/05/24 - 10:00hrs to 16:00hrs Medway Water sport, community open day

26/05/24 - West Malling - Farmers market

28/05/2024 – 10:00 hrs to 16:00hrs Aylsham community event, Health Centre car park, Queens Road, CT3 3BB

31/05/2024 – 09:00 hrs-16:00 hrs Over 55's advice and information fair, The Victory Academy Chatham.



Rural Crime teams working together.

Kent Police Rural Task Force joined forces with Sussex Rural Crime Team, investigating a theft of a Quad. Officers from both teams attended an address in Tunbridge Wells where a confirmed stolen Quad bike was recovered. 2 males were arrested at the location and 3 suspected stolen push bikes were also seized.

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'Chop shop' located in Teynham

Rural Task Force officers worked alongside local beat officers from Sittingbourne on an operation to locate and dismantle a suspected 'chop shop' which had been operating in Teynham. On 12th April 2024, officers from both the Community Safety Unit in Swale and the Rural Task Force executed a warrant at an industrial unit.
During the warrant, a second unit was discovered which contained a Ford Fiesta which had been stolen in Essex, and hundreds of car parts that had been taken from other vehicles. Two males were arrested during the warrant, and a third male was arrested the following day. Enquiries are currently ongoing.

Rural Task Force arrest three suspects, after locating stolen excavators and trailers across Kent.

The Rural Task Force are currently investigating offences of theft, after reports were received for four excavators and trailers being stolen from a quarry in Wrotham, between December 2023 and March 2024.

The team have subsequently located three stolen trailers and excavators from Sheppey and Marden as well as multiple suspected stolen power tools.

This has led to the team arresting three males on suspicion of theft, they have all been interviewed and released on bail while the investigation continues.

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PCSO FIELDS and PCSO CORK attended the Ashford Young Farmers Lambing day event at Wittersham today and represented the RTF , also MCV sign ups, and security marking three off road vehicles for the farm involved, engagement with the general public and local farming community.

RTF PCSO's continue to work closely with our partners around the ongoing issues of wildlife and sea life disturbance around Pegwell Bay by the inconsiderate use of Jet Skis. Officers from the RTF met with the National Coast Watch.

RTF PCSO's attended the first Community Engagement event at Dover Castle.

We had a very good attendance, varying from foreign students to more local families, their children really enjoyed sitting in the police vehicle.

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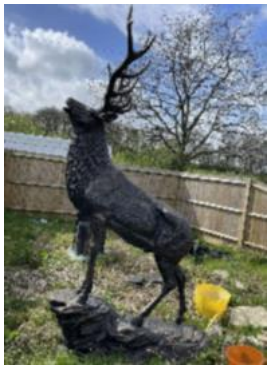
Theft of Statues

Rural Task Force officers are investigating the report of Theft of three statues on the 04/04/2024 in the Sellindge area. Anyone with any information please contact Kent Police quoting **46/55577/24**



Rural Task Force seize suspected stolen trailers.

The Rural Task Force followed up on some local information, as a result 2 suspected trailers were recovered from a stable yard in Horton Kirby. Enquires are ongoing.

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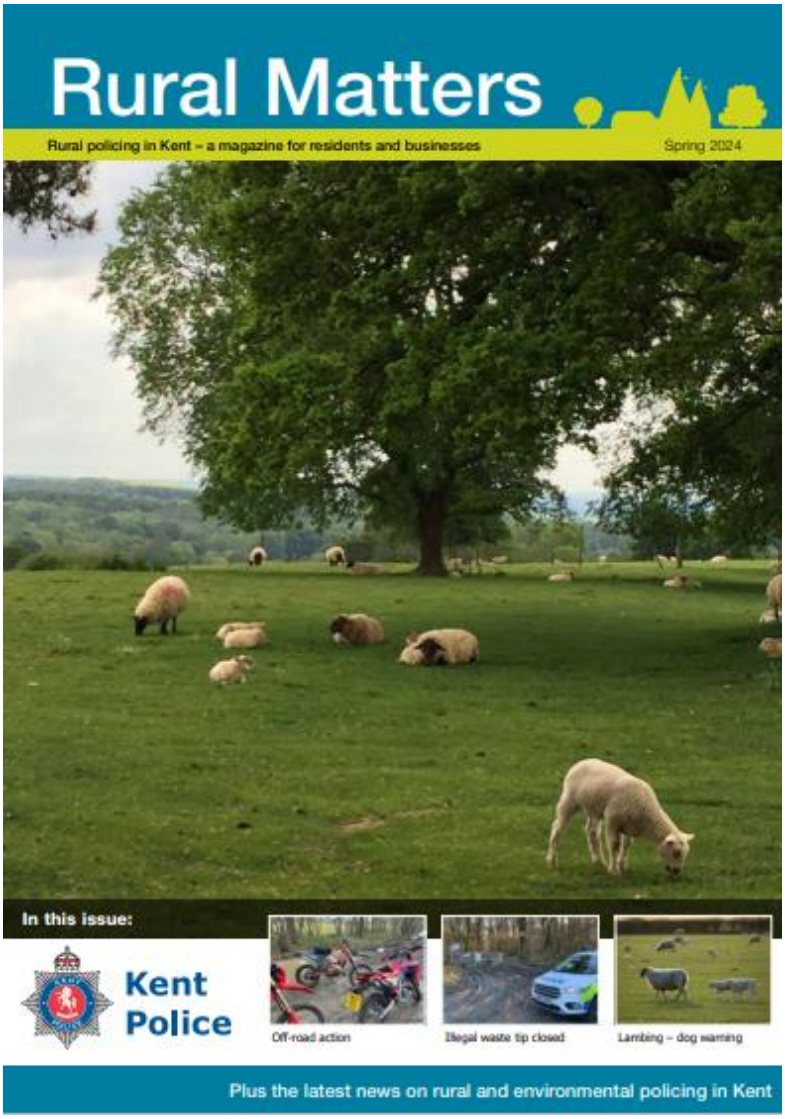

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