

RURAL AFFAIRS: EAST DEVON POLICING NEWSLETTER



Devon and Cornwall Alert

Is a **free** two-way community messaging system that helps us to connect with our communities. It tells you what is happening in your area and allows you to respond directly with any information. Messages can be sent either through recorded voice message, email or text message. You can register at alerts.dc.police.uk

You can choose what information you receive, e.g. crime, anti-social behaviour, witness appeals, missing person appeals, community events, local good news.

You can also choose when, how and who from:

- Specify what time of day messages will arrive
- By email, text or telephone
- Police, Action Fraud, Crimestoppers, Neighbourhood Watch
- It is **free**: there is no cost, contract or obligation
- Covers Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

D&C Alert plays a significant role in our rural crime prevention activity. We utilise the platform to circulate key prevention messages and crime appeals. Messages will be tailored to your specific business location and interests, so you can ensure the information you receive is always relevant.



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The Farm Community Network: 0300 0111 999

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RESPECT EVERYONE
PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT
ENJOY THE OUTDOORS
FOLLOW ADVICE AND LOCAL SIGNS

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CRIME STATS:

(**October 2022: the latest month data is available for**)

HONITON TOWN:

Violence & sexual offences: 26

Anti-social behaviour: 9

Vehicle crime: 7

Criminal damage & arson: 6

Public order: 5

Shoplifting: 3

Drugs: 1

Other theft: 1

Theft from the person: 1

TOTAL: 59

HONITON RURAL:

Violence & sexual offences: 4

Anti-social behaviour: 2

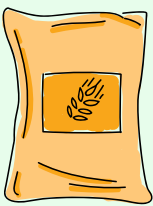
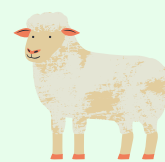
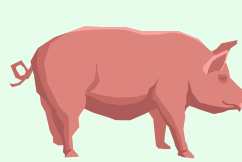
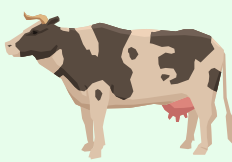
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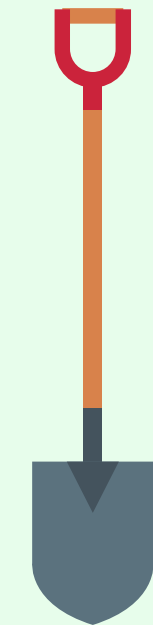
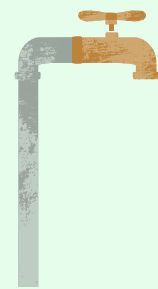
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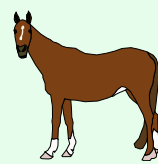


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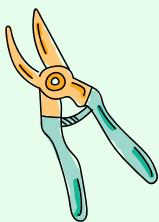


Forcewide: as outlined by new Chief Constable Will Kerr

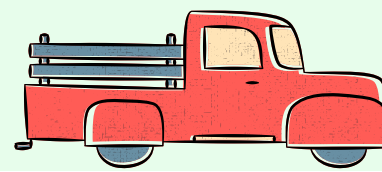
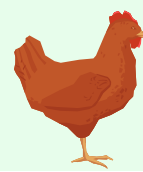
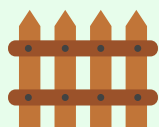
CONNECTIVITY: improving our access to and visibility within our communities. This will involve investing in Neighbourhood teams, making improvements in how the public can contact us and access our services.

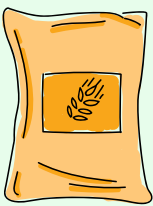
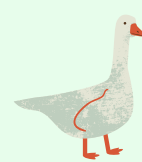
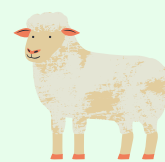
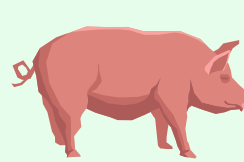
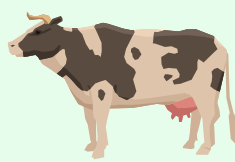


LOOKING AFTER THE WORKFORCE: investing in officer and staff wellbeing, creating a supportive environment where delegation and innovation is encouraged. This will include investing in leadership skills.

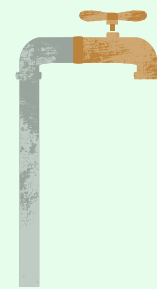


GETTING OUR STANDARDS RIGHT: continuing to invest in and improve our investigative standards. This will also include tackling internal unacceptable behaviour. Respect and civility - both within the Force and outside it - are professional requirements and lie at the heart of the policing by consent model of British policing.





Forcewide: as outlined by the Police & Crime Commissioner Alison Hernandez



TACKLING VIOLENCE:

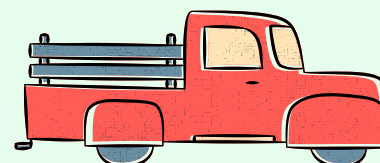
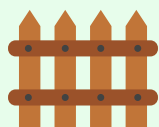
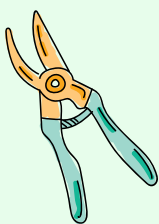
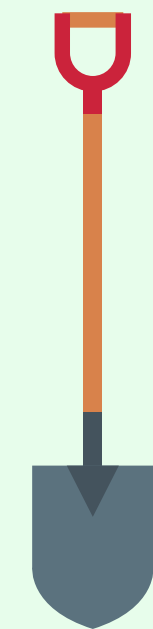
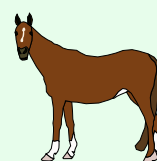
we are aiming to break the cycles of violent crime, and support families and young people affected by violence. This will include actively tackling violence against women and girls, continuing to address the causes and consequences of domestic and sexual violence. Approaches will focus on prevention and early intervention, by supporting local authorities and partners to share accountability, data, and expertise.

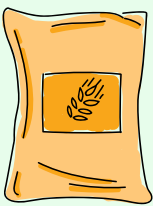
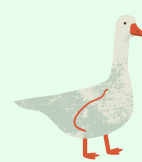
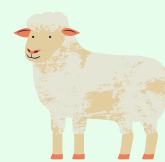
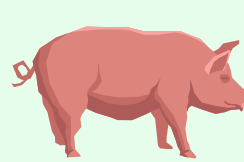
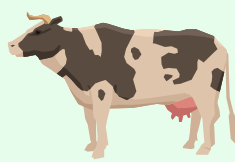


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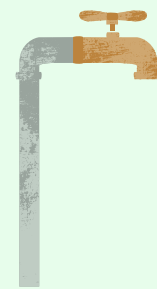
the Commissioner has pledged to:

- reclaim town centres for the general public from those undertaking ASB, and rebuild public confidence in the public realm and make our cities, towns and village centres more resilient to ASB.
- ensure that victims of persistent and severe ASB in our communities are heard and know how to get help.
- increase visible foot patrols to deter ASB in our communities.
- work with police and partners to deliver a robust and targeted partnership approach, using the range of powers available to all partners.





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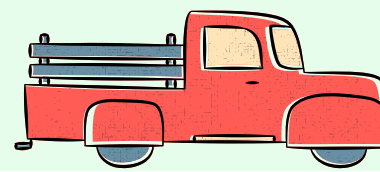
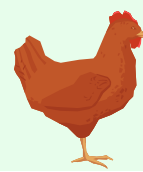
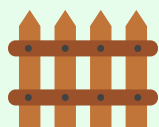
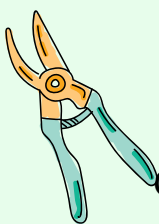
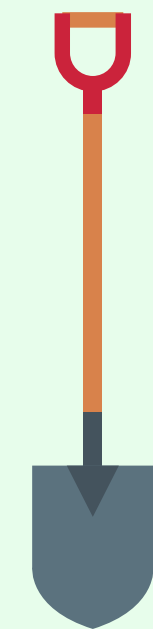
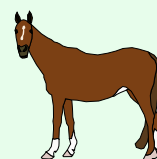
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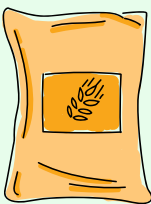
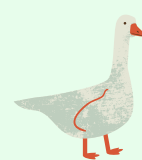
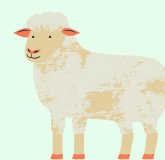
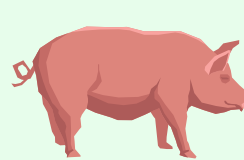
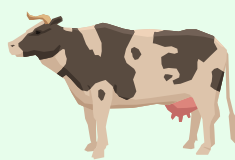
the Commissioner has partnered with the Vision Zero South West Road Safety Partnership. This is a collaboration of all the organisations in Devon and Cornwall who deal with road safety. They have set the target of halving all fatal and serious collisions by 2030, and eventually eradicating them completely.



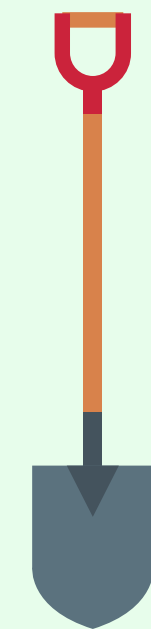
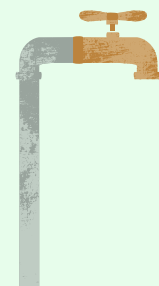
DRUGS:

the Commissioner outlines that to tackle drugs effectively, both the supply of drugs into our communities and the level of demand for those drugs must be addressed. She wants to help and encourage people to report drug dealing occurring in their communities - either to the Police or to Crimestoppers, making the South West a hostile environment for drug dealing. She wants to raise awareness of the threat of county lines, and support collaborative and multi-agency approaches to the sharing of intelligence and best practice.

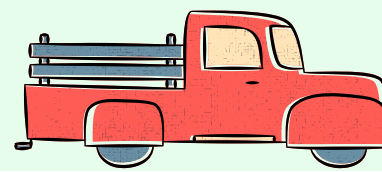
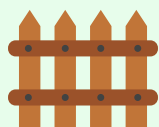
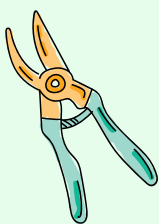
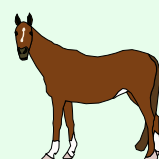


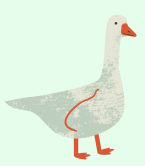
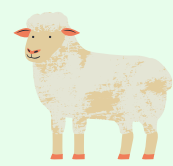
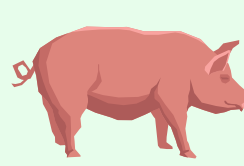
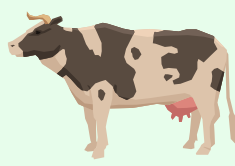


Rural Focus Calendar: 2023

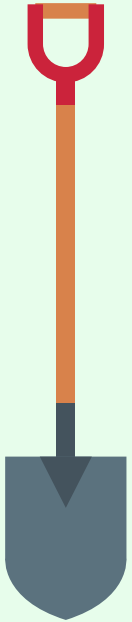
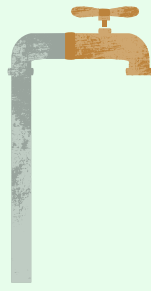


2023	THEMES
JANUARY	Rural road safety
FEBRUARY	Illegal off-roading
MARCH	Livestock worrying
APRIL	Agricultural plant vehicle & machinery theft
MAY	Equine crime
JUNE	Heritage crime
JULY	Agricultural plant vehicle & machinery theft
AUGUST	Trespass & rights of way
SEPTEMBER	Livestock theft
OCTOBER	Fly tipping
NOVEMBER	Poaching
DECEMBER	Fuel and battery theft

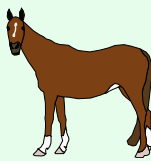
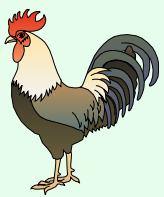




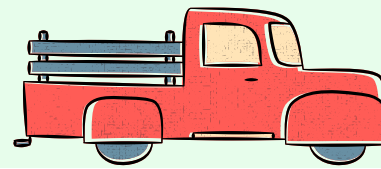
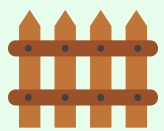
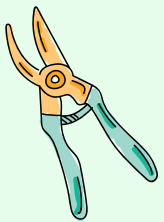
Monthly Focus: Illegal Off-Roading

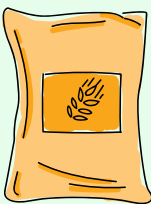
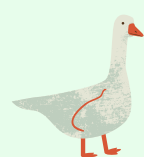
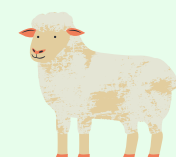
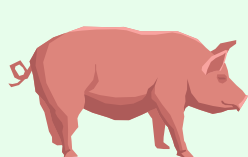


Illegal off-road riding and driving causes real damage to the landscape and heritage sites, and can harm livestock. The use of off-road vehicles without authority is an offence. It causes anti-social issues, and in some cases the vehicles are uninsured and illegal for use on the road.

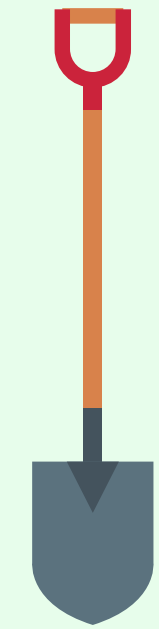
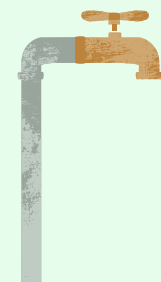


Under the Road Traffic Act, using a mechanically propelled vehicle without lawful authority on common land, moorland, or on any footpath or bridleway is an offence. Ensure that you have permission to carry out the activity.



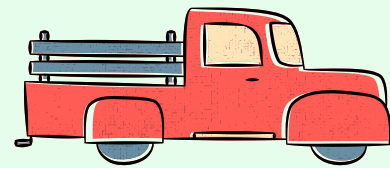
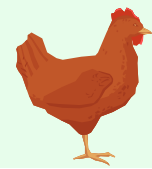
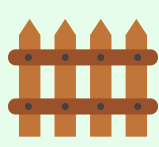
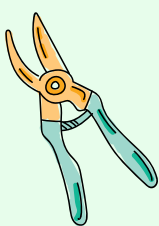
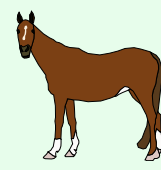
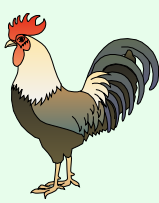


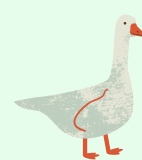
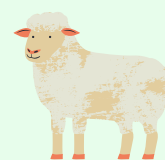
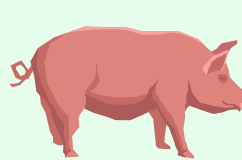
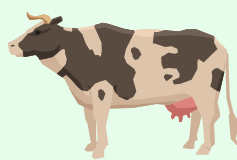
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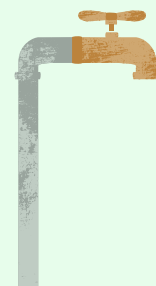
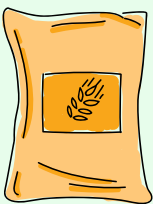
HOW TO PREVENT THIS:

- Be aware of where you are riding and ensure you have permission. Your vehicle could be seized.
- Drive responsibly, anticipate hazards, and ensure your vehicle is roadworthy.
- Landowners can consider securing entrances and the use of appropriate signage.
- Notify the police using 999 if you suspect an offence is being committed.
- If you have any information about off-roading or driving that has already occurred, please email **101@dc.police.uk** or call **Crimestoppers** anonymously on **0800 555 111**.
- Join the Devon and Cornwall Alert system, Watch schemes, and local social media groups so that you can find out what is happening in your area.





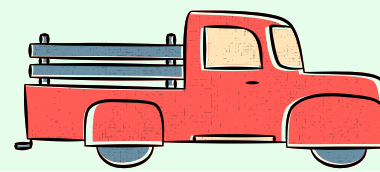
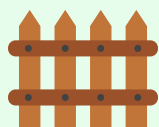
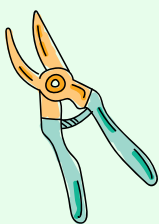
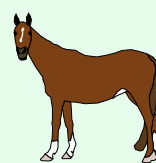
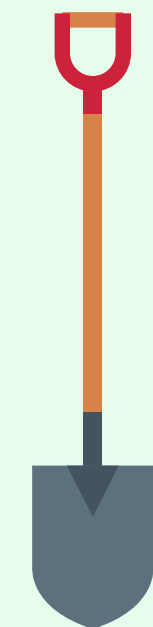
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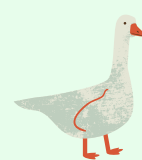
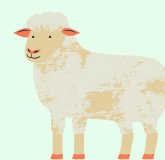
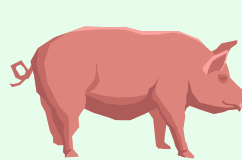


Livestock are frequently killed on rural roads in Devon and Cornwall. There is a risk of injury to drivers and passengers, as well as damage to vehicles; and unnecessary suffering for animals. These incidents can have a financial and emotional impact on farmers and livestock owners.

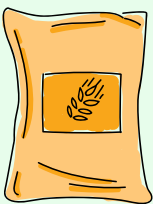
Collisions with livestock can be reduced using simple preventative measures.

Working together, landowners, rural businesses, and members of the public should be vigilant in reporting collisions or incidents to the police. It is important to note vehicle details, descriptions, and an accurate location. There is a legal requirement to report road traffic collisions involving livestock to the police.



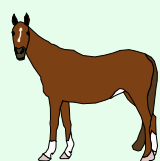
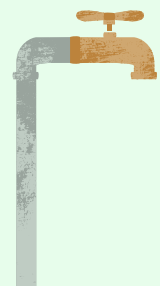
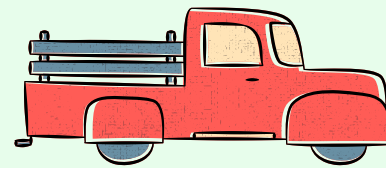
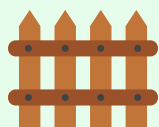
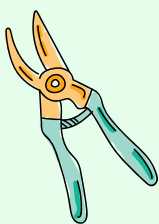
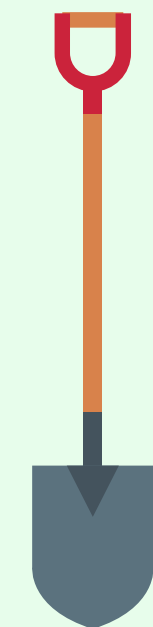


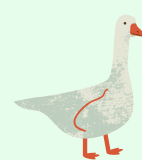
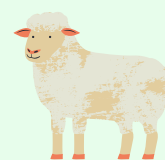
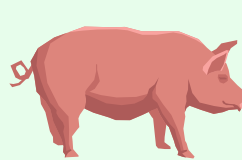
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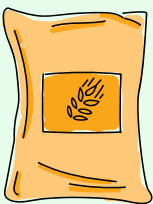
HOW TO PREVENT THIS:

- If you see livestock or other vulnerable road users, reduce speed, be patient, and ensure to pass slow and wide.
- Drive responsibly: anticipate hazards, take note of road signs, and ensure your vehicle is roadworthy.
- Where possible, livestock owners can consider feeding away from roads. Check fencing and ensure gates are secured.
- Farmers or the public can consider the use of dash cams, and upload certain offences to Op Snap - <https://operationsnap.devon-cornwall.police.uk/>
- Notify the police using **999** if you suspect an offence is being committed.
- If you have any information about livestock road safety, please email **101@dc.police.uk** or call **Crimestoppers** anonymously on **0800 555 111**.
- Join the Devon and Cornwall Alert system, Watch schemes, and local social media groups so that you can find out what is happening in your area.

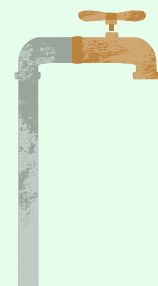




Fuel & Oil Theft

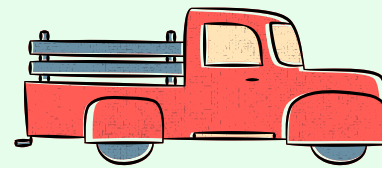
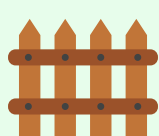
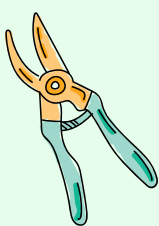
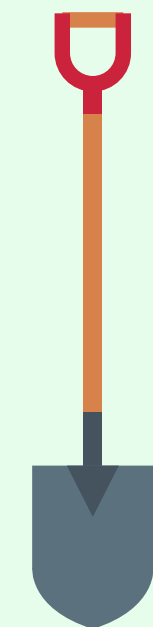
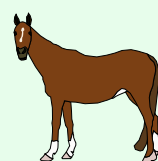


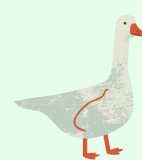
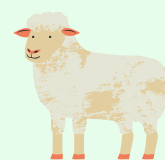
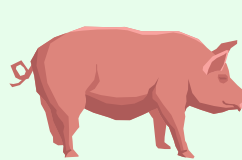
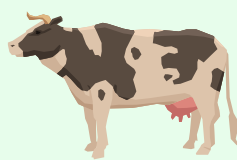
Theft of fuel is a concern for the police and rural communities. Fuel can be stolen from vehicles and storage tanks using siphoning equipment that can vary from basic tubes to more sophisticated arrangements involving pumps and the cutting of fuel lines. Batteries can also be stolen from farm machinery and electric fences.



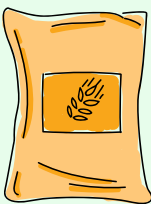
HOW CAN THIS BE PREVENTED?

- Wherever possible, keep vehicles and machinery in a secure area
- Consider the use of locking fuel caps
- Re-fuel vehicles just before the planned journey rather than leaving a vehicle fully fuelled overnight
- Park vehicles in areas that are well-lit so they can be observed easily
- Improve lighting and focus on vulnerable areas
- Fit anti-siphoning devices
- Install or confirm that existing CCTV is fit for purpose, and that it covers tanks and vulnerable vehicles
- Consider using fuel dyes, or 'PAINT IT PINK' for batteries
- Install cages and/or improve security that surrounds fuel storage tanks
- Consider using 'bundled' fuel tanks if your existing storage facility is not of that type

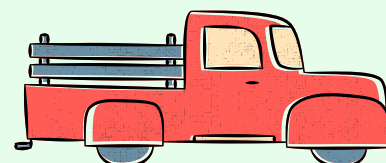
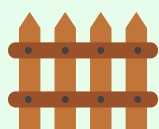
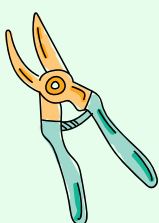
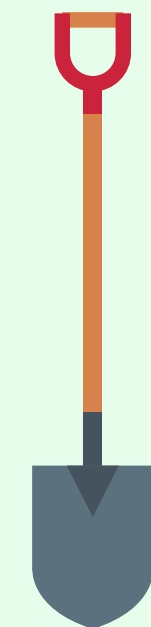
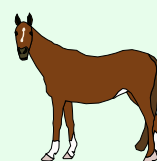
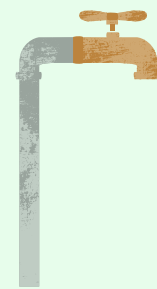


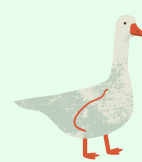
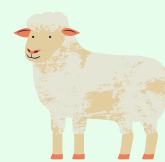
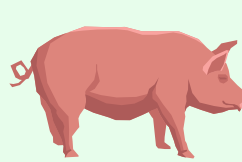
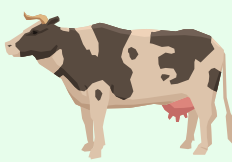


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- Consider installing fuel cap alarms. More advanced systems can be linked to security lighting or can send a text message to the owners or security provider. An isolation switch allows authorised access to the tank for refuelling
- Make sure gates and compounds are locked and secure; consider fitting an anti-attack cover for the lock
- Arrange to check vehicles and premises outside of normal working hours
- Agricultural sites should consider portable refuelling systems that can be locked in secure storage areas and not left in fields or stock yards
- Use appropriate signage at the entrance where security devices are being used. This will act as a deterrent
- Consider signing up to your local Farm Watch scheme
- Follow your Rural Affairs Team on Twitter **@DCPoliceRural_D**
- Sign up for free alerts from Devon and Cornwall Police at alerts.dc.police.uk





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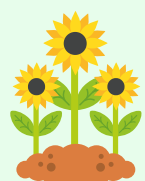
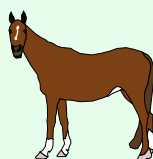
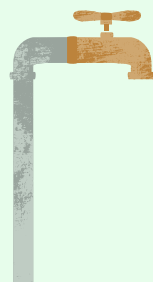
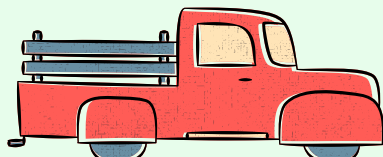
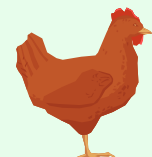
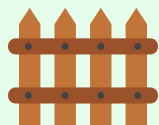
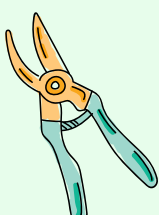
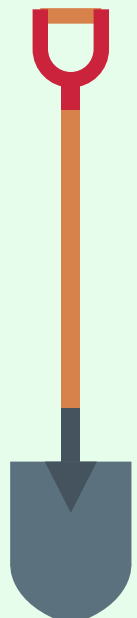
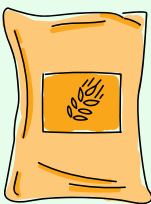
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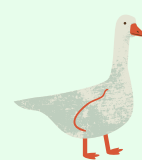
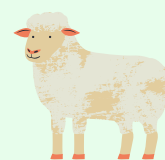
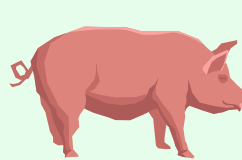
Did you know that people without security measures in place are ten times more likely to be a victim of theft than those with simple security measures in place, such as quality door locks?

The theft of power tools, lawnmowers, bikes and sporting equipment are just a few examples of valuable equipment that can be stolen by opportunist thieves from sheds and outbuildings left insecure.

- These types of crimes can be prevented with effective security, such as having appropriate locks, fitting grilles or mesh in the windows, or simply keeping your shed or outbuilding in good condition.
- **Remember to check if your household insurance covers garden and shed equipment, and whether there are minimum security standards that apply.**

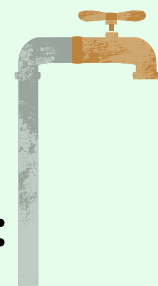
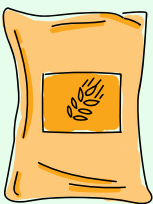
Secured by Design is a useful website where you can view police-approved security measures, devices, companies etc.





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HOW CAN I SECURE MY SHED OR OUTBUILDING?:

further information can be found at dc.police.uk by clicking 'Support and Guidance' 'Your home' 'shed and garage security.'

Some basic top tips include:

- Keep your shed or outbuilding in good condition
- Fit a closed-shackle padlock to the door
- Fit grilles or mesh to any windows
- Lock away all valuable tools, equipment and ladders

Invest in a shed/outbuilding alarm

- Install outside lighting to deter intruders - low energy security lights are ideal and can often be purchased at most large DIY stores
- Consider using gravel driveways or paths
- Ensure all gates and fencing are in good condition
- Use prickly plants and hedges as a defence
- Mark any valuable equipment appropriately

