

RURAL & BUSINESS CRIME UPDATE



Local policing teams pull together across West Mercia to protect rural communities

Local policing teams across West Mercia pulled together to carry out 'Operation Farm Watch'.

The week commencing 10th December 2018 over a duration of three nights, Operation Farm Watch has seen local safer neighbourhood teams join up with both the north and south local policing priority teams, local CID, patrol, OPU and the special constabulary to carry out the operation across Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin.

The operation has focussed on some of the most rural areas across our counties with vehicles stopped and checked and high visibility patrols carried out.

Local policing Chief Superintendent Kevin Purcell said: "We know that the majority of rural crime is committed by travelling criminals, people who are often part of a larger organised network, who travel into our counties to commit crime and as part of our protect campaign we're committed to disrupting and dismantling these crime groups.

"As part of this three day operation we have provided a highly visible police presence in some of our most rural areas across Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin



to send a clear message to criminals travelling through our counties they're not welcome.

"I'm really pleased with the results and would like to offer my assurances to our local communities that this operation was not a one off, we will continue to carry out similar operations over the coming months and continue to do all we can to protect our communities."

You can find more information on other activity carried out by West Mercia Police rural crime teams on the West Mercia Police website and also our social media pages:

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