



Kent Police

Weekly Rural Policing Update 9th December 2016

The Rural Liaison Team have received additional training to deal with people driving whilst under the influence of drugs. They will be using these new skills as part of Kent Police's annual drink/drug driving campaign to reduce serious injuries and deaths on the County's road.

On Tuesday 6th December the RLT executed a search warrant along with the RSPCA at an address in Gravesend. This was in relation to an investigation into badger baiting and animal welfare concerns. Two dogs with injuries were recovered as well as other items associated with illegal hunting. A suspected illegal firearm was also recovered and a 21 year old male was arrested and has been bailed. Enquiries are still ongoing in relation to the offences.

On Thursday 8th December the RLT supported the RSPCA with a search of an address in Alkham where concerns had been raised about the conditions that animals were being kept in. The address was occupied by two elderly men who are living in squalid conditions and a referral has been made to Social Services to give them additional support. A number of guinea pigs and chickens were signed over to the RSPCA and the occupants were served with improvement notices for the other animals. The RLT will be visiting the address again with the RSPCA to ensure that improvements are made. Evidence was also uncovered of a previous cannabis factory in one of the outbuildings that is being rented out and further work will be done to identify who the tenant is.

Plant machinery valued at £71,500 has been stolen from a farm in Ightham which included a yellow Boxer Mini Skid Steer and a grey and red Takeuchi Mini Digger. Enquiries are ongoing but any information should be reported to 101 quoting reference number YY/27239/16.

Operation Salmon (hare coursing/poaching) will be running this weekend. Recent intelligence indicates that the areas most affected are the Romney Marsh, Thanet and the North Downs between Throwley and Lenham. Please ensure that any suspicious activity is reported to Kent Police or the team and quote Operation Salmon.

Following the success for winning 'Best App' at the Kent Digital Awards the CountryEye App has been automatically been entered in to the Regional Awards. The link below takes you to the vote page. Can you circulate to the rural/crime sector as it is very easy to vote with no email verification needed.

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