

Report it – Even if it feels small

Information from you leads to arrests, charges and convictions. Police rely on information from rural communities to:

- Identify crime patterns and hotspots
- Link incidents across locations
- Target patrols and resources
- Tackle organised rural crime

How to report:

- Emergency: always call 999
- Non-emergency: call 101 or report online
- Anonymous reporting: Crimestoppers

If it doesn't feel urgent, it's still worth reporting.



CrimeStoppers.

0800 555 111

100% anonymous. Always.



Support & key contacts

If you've been affected by rural crime, you don't have to cope alone.

FLC- 01629 810903
info@thefarminglifecentre.org.uk



Free, confidential support 0800 612 6505



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<https://www.derbyshirealert.co.uk/>

Rural Crime-Safe & Sound Toolkit

Practical guidance for staying safe, supported and informed



The Farming Life Centre





What is rural crime?

Rural crime covers a wide range of offences affecting countryside and village life, including:

- Theft of machinery, tools, vehicles, fuel and GPS equipment
- Livestock theft, injury or worrying
- Fly-tipping and illegal waste dumping
- Damage to dry stone walls, gates, fencing and heritage sites
- Trespass, illegal off-roading and anti-social behaviour
- Wildlife and environmental crime

Even incidents where nothing was taken are important to report – patterns matter.

Why this toolkit matters

Rural crime isn't always dramatic – but its impact can be lasting. From fly-tipping and trespass to organised theft and livestock worrying, incidents often go unreported.

This toolkit is designed to:

- Help you spot and reduce risks
- Encourage reporting – even when incidents feel minor
- Connect you with local support

Every report and every small action helps protect our rural communities.

✓ Safe & Sound checklist

Small changes can make a big difference. Use this checklist over time.

Yard, buildings & land

- Lock gates and secure access points
- Improve lighting around yards and entrances
- Consider CCTV or wildlife cameras (signage helps)

Vehicles & machinery

- Never leave keys in vehicles or machinery
- Remove vehicles from fields overnight where possible
- Photograph machinery and record serial numbers
- Consider immobilisers, tracking or forensic marking

Livestock

- Keep up-to-date photos of valuable animals
- Maintain clear boundary fencing
- Report livestock worrying immediately