

Rural Task Force round-up

SINCE 01/01/2023



32

ARRESTS



32

STOP
SEARCHES



62

COMPLETED
INVESTIGATIONS



47

NUMBER OF
OFFENCES
ARRESTED



1675

FARMWATCH
MEMBERS



412

STOP CHECKS



22

INVESTIGATION
POSITIVE
OUTCOMES



35

REPORTED
FOR SUMMONS

376

CRIME PREVENTION
ADVICE



641

INTELLIGENCE
REPORTS



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59

VEHICLES
SEIZED



39

LIVESTOCK
WORRYING
INCIDENTS



18

NO
TAX SEIZURES



86

TRAFFIC
OFFENCE
REPORTS



127

POACHING
INCIDENTS



8

HORSE
SEIZURES



17

NO
INSURANCE
SEIZURES



140

WILDLIFE
INCIDENTS



8

DRUG
SEIZURES



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**STOLEN RECOVERED
PROPERTY**

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 **1**
CARS & VANS

 **00**
**LIVESTOCK
TRAILER**

 **2**
**OTHER
TRAILER**

 **00**
HORSEBOX

 **8**
**FARM/PLANT
MACHINERY**

 **1**
QUAD/ATV

 **00**
CARAVAN

 **40**
TOOLS

**TOTAL VALUE RECOVERED
SINCE 01/01/2023**

£231,700

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COURT RESULT

A 62 year old man from Watery Lane, Westwell, Ashford attended Folkestone Magistrates court on 19/4/23 where he pleaded guilty to the offences of driving whilst disqualified and using a motor vehicle without any insurance. This was following being stopped by RTF officers at Great Chart Ashford in October 2022.

Brian DANIELS was sentenced to 60 days imprisonment and a victim surcharge of £154.00. His driving licence endorsed with 8 points.

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LIVESTOCK ATTACK

The public's help is sought by officers investigating a dog attack on sheep near Canterbury. RTF officers attended land near Elbridge Hill, Sturry / the village of Stodmarsh after two dogs were seen attacking sheep in a field at around 6am on Saturday 22 April 2023.

A ewe and 23 lambs suffered fatal injuries, with others requiring treatment. Officers seized one Akita-type dog, which was neither microchipped nor wearing a collar, while the other had left the area.

Sergeant Darren Walshaw, of Kent Police Rural Task Force, said: 'This was a very distressing incident, with so many lambs having needlessly lost their lives. Offences of this kind also have a huge impact on farmers, who have often spent years building up flocks.

'We are determined to locate the dogs' owners and I urge anyone who has any information about how these dog came to be in this area to get in contact with us.'

Anyone with information should call Kent Police on 01843 222289, quoting reference 22-0239. You can also call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or complete the online form on their website.

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THEFT

Following report on Farm Watch RTF officers attended the area of Way St, Herne Hill. A White Ford Transit had parked just off his premises in a layby nr the Thanet Way, the same vehicle was seen the day before by farm staff and they believed it was stealing from an adjacent building material storage yard. With the assistance of a dog unit 3 persons were arrested on site .

The three were taken to Canterbury police station and are currently on bail whilst further enquires are completed. The owners of the building merchants attended and stated that approx £10,000 pounds worth of materials had already been stolen from the location.