



Taking pride in keeping Suffolk safe

Over the past few weeks, we have seen an increase in hare coursing incidents across the county and have stepped up our response accordingly, using a range of different tactics to catch and convict offenders.

Because of this increase, we want to raise awareness of this crime to the whole community, while reminding everyone to remain vigilant and report all suspicious activities.

To help us catch the culprits, it is important that incidents are reported to us immediately so that officers can get to the scene as soon as possible.

You can help us further by being aware of the following guidelines:

- **Call 101 to report any suspicious activities or movement of vehicles. No one knows the countryside better than residents of rural communities. You are in the best place to notice unfamiliar people, vehicles and suspicious activities. Information such as the make and direction of travel of vehicles can be extremely valuable.**
- **If people are actively hare coursing on your land, immediately dial 999 and ask for the police. Ideally take note of vehicle makes, colours, registration numbers, times and specific locations.**
- **Under no circumstances approach the offenders or confront them.**
- **Observe the activities from a safe distance, even a neighbouring field, rather than engaging directly with suspected coursers.**
- **Keep the Constabulary informed of further movement and direction, if the suspects have moved on.**

Suffolk Constabulary has dedicated Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) across the county. Each team has a remit to solve problems identified by local people including the business community. You can contact your local SNT by calling 101 or by visiting <http://www.safersuffolk.org.uk/>

Please use the following link to pass useful information to Suffolk Police about any incident.

<http://www.suffolk.police.uk/safetyadvice/reportacrime/tellthepolice.aspx>

DO NOT USE THIS LINK IN AN EMERGENCY OR IN A SITUATION THAT REQUIRES AN IMMEDIATE POLICE RESPONSE WHEN YOU SHOULD RING 999.

New 'one stop shop' to tackle fraud

Norfolk and Suffolk are to join a national scheme aimed at enhancing fraud investigations and cutting the amount of time officers spend taking reports of crime.

14 January 2013 is the date whereby both forces will start using Action Fraud - the UK's national fraud reporting centre - which will act as a central point of contact for all information about fraud and financially-motivated internet crime.

Instead of officers taking reports themselves, they will redirect victims to Action Fraud where staff will receive reports, on-line or on the telephone*. The reporting facility is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week through www.actionfraud.police.uk. There have been over 1 million unique visitors to the Action Fraud website since its inception.

Information provided will be assessed within Action Fraud and where a crime is established, it will be recorded and the victim provided with a national crime reference number. Those crimes and other information reports are then transferred securely each day to the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB), City of London Police. There, all crimes and information reports are analysed. This will leave just those crimes where there are actionable lines of enquiry to follow up which will then be returned as 'packages' to forces for allocation and further investigation. The data provided to Action Fraud is totally secure and will only be provided to anti-fraud agencies or the police.

All Forces have agreed to participate in the scheme by April 2013. Action Fraud, a service run by the National Fraud Authority with the NFIB will provide numerous benefits:

- A single point of contact for reporting all fraud
- Joined up intelligence which will lead to more targeted enforcement action
- An effective and time-efficient route to reporting fraud
- An enhanced preventative approach nationally

Additionally, Action Fraud will free up officer time to focus only on actionable investigations, provide intelligence that can be used for preventative work, and in creating a standardised reporting system will ensure Forces have a greater understanding and awareness of national threats.

Head of the Joint Serious and Organised Crime Directorate, Detective Superintendent Alan McCullough said: "Joining Action Fraud will provide both forces with an enhanced and consistent service to victims of fraud. Where the victim is reporting a crime that requires action there and then, or is assessed to be

vulnerable, we will continue to deal with the report as normal. But for all other reports, the victim will make contact with Action Fraud, by logging on to its website or via the telephone.

“Increased intelligence helps prevent other people from becoming victims themselves - your information can help to root out fraudsters and prevent future crimes. In addition, a central collection of crime reports enables seemingly unrelated incidents from around the country to be linked through analysis, helping identify networks of criminals.”

“Clearly, such a system has the potential to save us hundreds of hours spent filling in reports. It provides the public throughout the UK with one single point of contact and will mean that our time is spent investigating and preventing such offences in the first place”.

*Telephone reporting to Action Fraud is available on 0300 123 2040. Monday to Friday between 8am to 9pm and Saturday /Sunday between 9am to 5pm

Additionally you can visit the Action Fraud website for more details
www.actionfraud.police.uk .