



Month of action on rural crime – Thames Valley

The Thames Valley Police Rural Partnership is launching a month of action in order to further combat crime in rural areas.

The campaign, which is being undertaken by Thames Valley Police alongside its partner agencies, will run throughout this month and will be focusing on combating crimes which affect rural businesses in the Thames Valley, particularly burglaries at non-residential properties such as farm outbuildings, storage units and stables.

In addition, the Force will continue to work with residents in rural areas who fall victim to burglaries and other crimes. Insp Andy Thompson of Neighbourhood Policing and Partnerships, who is spearheading the campaign, said: “The Thames Valley area has one of the largest rural populations in the country, and there are many businesses operating within it. This month of action is designed to work against those who target businesses in rural areas, especially those who aim to carry out burglaries at these locations. Rural businesses, including farms, are often targeted by thieves for their equipment, and the costs of being burgled can be very high for business owners. We want to highlight the impact that crime can have on businesses in rural areas, and do everything we can to disrupt those who aim to aim to commit it.”

Among the activities taking place this month will be:

- A series of property marking events across the region in collaboration with partners such as Datatag and Young Farmers.
- Proactive and covert operations taking place in rural locations throughout the Thames Valley.
- An online question and answer session on 23 February with police officers and partners answering rural crime questions from members of the public.
- Updates on social media using the hashtag #TVPRural, with statistics and videos being shared throughout the month.

For a full program of planned activities, and to find out how you can support the campaign, go to <http://releasd.com/0904>