

Rural issues

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Thames Valley Police Wildlife Crime Officer PC Simon Towers would like to bring a couple of rural issues to your attention.

We are now in the period when hare coursing takes place. We have received several calls over the last couple of weeks regarding incidents at farms and fields around West Oxfordshire.

If you suspect people of hare coursing please telephone the police immediately providing as much description of the offenders as possible and the vehicle registration numbers involved. We do gather intelligence on these people so please help us.

Sheep electric fencing units have been stolen from bordering Gloucestershire. Our area had several thefts of electric fencing from farms a few months ago so I'd like to make people aware that this may start happening again. If you see anyone acting suspiciously then please contact us.

Remember you can sign up to our Country Watch scheme to receive free alerts specifically focused on local rural issues. Further information on this is available at: **www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org**.

To report non-urgent information to the police telephone 0845 8 505 505.

If a crime is in progress then dial 999.

