



Farm Security - Rural thefts overnight

Local officers are currently assisting in enquiries with local farming communities following a recent spate of thefts in the area of Buckfastleigh, Holne, Widecombe in the moor which occurred overnight.

We are aware of several reports being received surrounding the theft of sheep, vehicles and power tools from rural locations and enquiries are in hand.

Farmers and smallholders please be vigilant for any suspicious activity persons or vehicles present in or around your land, if you have any information please phone 101 quoting LOG: 178 13/04/25

Please consider the following crime prevention activities to prevent theft of your agricultural equipment:

Secure property boundaries – Install fences, gates and warning signs around the farm.

Lock equipment and buildings – Use high quality locks on bars, sheds and storage facilities.

Install security cameras – Set up CCTV cameras in strategic locations to monitor farm activity.

Engage in Farm Watch – Collaborate with us and neighbouring farmers to share information and report suspicious activity.

Track equipment and livestock – Use GPS trackers on machinery and branding or tagging on livestock.

Secure fuel and chemicals – Store fuel, fertilisers and pesticides in locked and well lit areas.

Mark and register your equipment – Engrave identification numbers and register your machinery.

Regularly inspect your perimeters – Conduct routine checks for signs of tampering or trespassing.

Report theft immediately – Notify Police as soon as theft is detected.

Thank you.



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