



## THEFT OF LIVESTOCK

We have received a report of 5 Angus cross bullocks stolen from a farm in the vicinity of Bampton, Tiverton between 09/04/2025 at 19:30 hours and 10/04/2025 at 09:00 hours.

Farmers 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: 151 10/04/2025

Livestock thefts are on the increase in both counties and we are working with farmers to reduce the impact of this crime. Prevention requires a mix of deterrents, tracking and vigilance.

**Please consider these crime prevention activities to protect your livestock:**

- **Hinder vehicle access:** Block unused access points with obstacles like ditches, boulders or locked gates.
- **Secure loading areas:** Ensure sheep or livestock can't be easily herded into a vehicle near a roadside.
- **Mark sheep/livestock clearly:** Make it easy for Police to identify stolen sheep/cattle.

- **Know who's on your land:** Work with other local farmers to report any unusual activity.
- **Report suspicious sales:** If you hear of any sheep/cattle being sold cheaply without proper documentation, alert the Police.
- **Keep regular head counts:** Count livestock daily, especially in high-risk areas.
- **Detailed records:** Maintain up to date records with photos, distinguishing marks and ID numbers.
- **Secure perimeters:** Check fencing regularly for weaknesses or gaps where thieves could gain access.

Thank you.



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