

# FARM WATCH



Devon and Cornwall  
Community Watch  
Association



Devon & Cornwall Police

## What is Farm Watch

Farm Watch is a scheme which operates in a similar way to a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. The scheme is run for, and by, members of the farming community and is supported by the police.

There are dedicated community co-ordinators in each individual Farm Watch area. Each co-ordinator has a direct link to a local policing team. This allows us to share information about criminal, anti-social and suspicious behaviour in your area to prevent crime.

The aims of the scheme are to:

- Increase the prevention and detection of farm related crime
- Increase community engagement between individual members, the police and other farming related groups
- Reduce the fear of crime in your community
- Increase public confidence in the police and other involved agencies.



## What are the benefits of being a member of the Farm Watch scheme?

- Access to Devon and Cornwall Alert (early information regarding crimes or suspicious behaviour)
- Advice on how to report suspicious activity
- Access to your local policing team and Farm Watch co-ordinator
- Provision of regular farm crime information in your area
- Information about security products that reduce theft and increase the chance of offenders being caught
- Details on how to register your property and search for details of stolen property prior to buying farm equipment
- Opportunities to purchase property marking kits at reduced rates
- Signs and stickers for your premises and equipment showing that you are a member of a police supported initiative
- Opportunities to organise/attend events e.g. free security surveys of farms and equipment
- Opportunities to provide content for newsletters.



## Requirements of becoming a member

Farm Watch is a free scheme, anyone from the farming or rural community can join but we request that you:

1. Register your property (see property marking booklet for details)
2. Register your details with Devon and Cornwall Alert
3. Contact your local Farm Watch co-ordinator, their details are on the back of this booklet.

In addition you may wish to extend your involvement even further by becoming a co-ordinator or police volunteer.

Please contact your local policing team for more details or visit our website: [www.dc.police.uk/find-team](http://www.dc.police.uk/find-team)



## How do I register my property?

- You can register details of your property free of charge at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)
- You can have your own password protected account
- Police can search this site for lost or stolen property.

Help to prevent crime and make the effort to Mark it and Register it. Before buying - Check it. Ask to see all relevant documentation such as the original bill of sale, health & safety certificate, licence, etc. If the price seems too good to be true it probably is. If you are unsure of the authenticity of the sale don't proceed.

## If you see anything suspicious - please report it by:

- Emailing the police - [101@dc.police.uk](mailto:101@dc.police.uk)
- Talking to your local policing team
- Calling the police non-emergency number - 101
- Giving information anonymously to Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111 or by email using their secure online form at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information)
- Calling the confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline - 0800 789321
- 999 emergency - where life is threatened, people are injured, offenders are nearby or if immediate action is required.

## We need more co-ordinators

If you would like to become a co-ordinator please contact your local policing team or email your Farm Watch co-ordinator (details for both are on the back of this booklet). We have space for more than one co-ordinator in each area.

## Further information

### Devon and Cornwall Alert

- Devon and Cornwall Alert is a free community messaging system to inform members of the public about crimes and incidents affecting their local area
- Recorded messages are sent by telephone, email or text to individuals or groups/businesses
- In joining the Farm Watch scheme it is expected you will register with this system using the simple form given to you with this booklet or use the online form: [alerts.dc.police.uk](https://alerts.dc.police.uk)

### Safeguarding dangerous chemicals

Ammonium Nitrate is a chemical which has a legitimate use, but also may be used in the manufacture of homemade explosives. Keep yours safe and locked away - report to the police any suspicious activity or thefts/attempted thefts.

Please contact the Confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline (number listed previously) if you are approached by unknown persons to provide or sell large quantities of chemicals for no obvious reason or hear that someone else has been approached.

Even abandoned empty packaging on your land is of interest if you don't know how or why it got there.

Remember - handling chemicals is dangerous so if you've seen goggles or masks dumped on your land - ask yourself, do you know why and how they got there?

If in doubt - don't delay - report it.



## Crime prevention products

There are many companies that provide products to deter criminals. Information on the options available (from ultraviolet pens to 'DNA' marking kits) is contained within our Property Marking booklet. It is up to you to make the appropriate choice; this will depend on the items to be marked, their value, etc.

Your local policing team or Farm Watch co-ordinator may be able to provide assistance (details are on the back of this booklet).

Remember - it is always a good idea to compare products and get an opinion from someone who has previously used the product.



## Your local contact details

### Area covered by your Farm Watch scheme

### Local policing team

Contact: [www.dc.police.uk/find-team](http://www.dc.police.uk/find-team)

### Farm Watch co-ordinator

Contact: [farmwatch@dc.police.uk](mailto:farmwatch@dc.police.uk)

## Reporting a crime

To report a crime that has already happened, please use the online form: [www.dc.police.uk/reportcrime](http://www.dc.police.uk/reportcrime)

## Important

The publications listed below should accompany this booklet when it is issued:

- Devon and Cornwall Alert leaflet
- Stop Rural Crime in it's Tracks leaflet
- Property Marking - Mark it, Register it, Keep it booklet.