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# Operation Randall

tackling rural crime  
Newsletter



## Introduction

I hope I find you all well and enjoying the good weather as best you can. Whilst you are out and about in the countryside, please remember you are our eyes and ears in the community. If you witness an act which you suspect to be suspicious but can't immediately identify an offence, please still consider contacting us via telephone or through our online reporting providing as much detail as you can. Sometimes this can be the vital piece of information we need to identify and prosecute offenders.



## Horse stolen in Felthorpe

Police are investigating after a horse was stolen from a field in Felthorpe.

The incident happened sometime between 1pm on Sunday and 3pm on Monday (12-13 July 2020) when the horse was taken from a fenced field off Hall Lane.

The horse is described as a young 15HH chestnut bay filly with a white star on her

YANA Helpline: 0300 323 0400



YANA: Help for those in farming who may be affected by stress and depression.



## Op Randall Rural Crime WhatsApp Group

I'm still currently looking to increase numbers on the police rural crime **WhatsApp** group, so if you are interested feel free to drop me an email [james.wonnacott@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:james.wonnacott@norfolk.pnn.police.uk) providing your name, dob, address and a brief outline of what you could bring to the group by way of your job, expertise, position or anything else you think may be relevant.

head and a black tail which is crimped looking.

Officers are keen to hear from anyone who may have witnessed the incident or has information concerning the theft.

Witnesses should contact PC Amy Jarvis at Op Solve on **101** quoting crime reference 36/47649/20. Alternatively, call Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**.



### Railway sleepers stolen in Whitlingham

More than 20 railway sleepers have been stolen from the car park of Whitlingham Visitors Centre in Trowse.

It happened sometime overnight on Monday into the early hours on Tuesday (13-14 July 2020) when suspects have removed 27 railway sleepers from the Lime Avenue car park and in the process caused about £1,000 worth of damage to surfacing and bollards.

Suspect(s) would have needed a vehicle to transport the sleepers and police are keen to hear from anyone who may have noticed vehicles in the area late at night or in the early hours.

Anyone with information should contact PC Stuart Doe at Op Solve on **101** quoting crime reference 36/47680/20.

Alternatively, call Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

### Police warning as fraudsters make tax scam calls

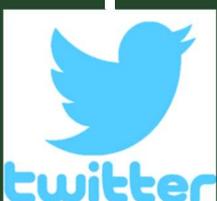
Police are warning people of scammers claiming to be from HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) tricking them into thinking they owe tax or debts and asking them to pay or purchase Google or Amazon gift cards.

Norfolk Constabulary has received three reports of victims being scammed by this method in Norfolk last week alone trying to claim a total of over £12,000.

In the first case, the victim, a man in his 30s from King's Lynn, was phoned last Thursday (9 July 2020) and told he owed outstanding tax and legal action would be taken if he did not settle his bill. He subsequently paid out £8,000 into different bank accounts.

Another victim, in her 70s, in Great Yarmouth, was called last Friday (10 July 2020) to say she owed £2,397.64 for specific tax years and asked to pay in cash or Google Play vouchers. A third victim, in her 30s, in Wymondham, received a call on the same day (10 July 2020) from someone claiming to be from tax fraud investigation to say she owed £1,999 and had purchased Amazon and Google gift cards and sent the codes to the fraudsters.

Chief Inspector Matt Dyson said: "We would like to make residents aware that



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they may be contacted via a phone call, a voicemail or text message to try to convince them they are being called by HMRC about unpaid tax, sometimes threatening legal action or arrest if it is not paid urgently.

"Victims are often asked to pay in vouchers, such as Google Play, Amazon or i-Tunes where the codes can be passed on easily to the fraudsters. We are asking the public to be aware and read the guide below provided by Action Fraud, the National Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting Centre."

How to protect yourself:

- HMRC will never use texts to tell you about a tax rebate or penalty or ever ask for payment in this way.
- Telephone numbers and text messages can easily be spoofed. You should never trust the number you see on your telephone display.
- If you receive a suspicious cold call, end it immediately.

Report fraud and cyber crime to **Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040**



## Norfolk Fire and Rescue

As we look forward to this year's harvest it looks like the weather maybe starting to work against us for a speedy start and finish which brings with it some benefits but also frustrations and temptation to cut corners due to time pressures.

Before we head off into the Oilseed rape or the Barley depending on your soil type we may just have enough time to do some pre-harvest checks.

Combine/Tractor Fire Extinguishers in date and fully charged. Do staff know how to use them

All air filters and belts checked, bearings all checked and not ceased, routines for blowing down combines agreed with drivers.

On the farm- driers either mobile or fixed all checked for electrical faults, Gas cylinders securely stored, all firefighting equipment checked and ready for use.

Do your staff know how to report incidents and who to.

With larger fields and isolated areas make sure What3Words app is on your mobile and that you have a signal in that area so it can be used by emergency services. You could even use a wet day to code your fields so it's already to use.



Do you have open water supplies? Can we access them? We need hard standing and need to get within 3 metres and water needs to be fairly weed free.

As we start harvest do you have a cultivator that can be attached to a tractor and held nearby ready if fire breaks out to form a break.

Lastly what to do with the straw? Please don't be tempted to put it all together, make some breaks where physically possible 10m gives us room to protect neighbouring stacks, avoid where possible stacking close to a roadway if they are likely to stay there for any length of time. Think about CCTV linked to your phones/computer

Not an exhaustive list but hopefully a timely reminder of those little jobs that should be done.

If you require any Fire Safety advice on your business please remember we are gradually introducing more face to face work for our non-operational personnel and they are available through the Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service website.

Regards

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NEED TO TALK TO US?

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