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# **Derbyshire Rural Crime Strategy 2024-27**

*Action Against Rural, Heritage and  
Wildlife Crime*

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## Introduction

The aim of the Derbyshire Partnership Against Rural Crime (DPARC) is to make Derbyshire the safest county in the UK and lead the way in preventing and reducing rural crime. Introducing a Partnership Against Rural Crime will allow key partners to effectively work together to respond to residents' concerns giving Derbyshire's rural residents, communities, and businesses one strong voice locally, regionally, and nationally and provide a platform for improvements in rural crime prevention by:

- Providing a voice for rural communities across Derbyshire.
- Improving communication and encouraging increased crime reporting within rural communities.
- Encouraging and collaborating on targeted campaigns by partners to address relevant issues.

Agencies across Derbyshire have been working hard to tackle rural crime for many years and significant progress has been made. Derbyshire Constabulary's Rural Crime Team has made significant contributions to the reduction and prevention of rural crime and has improved engagement with rural communities. However, we recognise that we can always do more. The Derbyshire Partnership Against Rural Crime provides the opportunity to evaluate how we can best utilise the resources available in Derbyshire, whether that be through public sector agencies, charities, or local communities, to keep rural Derbyshire a safe place to live, work and visit.

This strategy outlines the partners' priority areas and the key ways in which partner agencies across Derbyshire will work together to prevent rural crime and anti-social behaviour, raise awareness of rural crime and the support processes in place, as well as improving engagement with rural communities and businesses. It has been produced following robust consultation and engagement with Derbyshire residents and stakeholders and reflects their views and concerns.

## Rural Crime Consultation Outcomes for Derbyshire

The initial consultation work for rural crime sought to identify priority areas of concern for residents and partner organisations in Derbyshire. Consultations also sought to identify new ways of working that could be introduced to ensure organisations tackling rural crime in Derbyshire are able to coordinate approaches centrally, identifying and implementing best practice to strengthen the county's response. This assessment drew upon a county-wide survey and a series of engagement events led by Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner and partner organisations. Our initial investigation and research based on these consultations led to the creation of the Derbyshire Partnership Against Rural Crime (DPARC) and the Derbyshire Rural Crime Strategy and Action Plan.

### Police and Crime Commissioner's Rural Crime Survey

In July 2023, Derbyshire's Police and Crime Commissioner launched a dedicated survey focused on rural crime and rural anti-social behaviour to enable residents to share their concerns. These responses informed the ongoing work to tackle rural crime by the Commissioner to further deliver on the Rural Crime priority in her Police and Crime Plan.

The survey ran from the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023 until 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and was open to all residents of Derbyshire who live or work in a rural or semi-rural area. More than half of the survey's respondents reported being from a rural area, defined as either a small village or hamlet with open countryside or farmland. All respondents to the survey reported being from either a rural or semi-rural area.

The survey revealed that more than four fifths of respondents were concerned about crime and anti-social behaviour in their area. When broken down into local authority areas, at least three quarters of respondents from every district and borough were concerned, highlighting the significant feeling shared by Derbyshire's rural residents towards crime and anti-social behaviour in their area. This underscores the need for a unified approach to tackling and preventing such crimes to work towards reducing residents' concerns.

Respondents were also asked about which types of crime and anti-social behaviour concern them the most. Fly-tipping presented itself as the issue that most respondents were concerned about with over half of respondents selecting it as a concern. Alongside this, acquisitive crime, such as burglary and theft of vehicles, including machinery, were also selected as a concern by the majority of respondents.

These results reaffirm the priority areas of the NPCC's Rural and Wildlife Crime Strategy, the operational policing strategy followed by Derbyshire Constabulary and their Rural Crime Team, and therefore highlights the need for partnership working to ensure that these priorities are at the heart of rural crime reduction, prevention, and support across Derbyshire.

### Public and Stakeholder Engagement

The Commissioner has facilitated a number of rural-focused engagement events across the county, including a rural crime residents and stakeholder meeting which saw exploratory conversations into how greater partnership working between relevant stakeholders could be beneficial in the fight against rural crime. Whilst it was recognised that there is already successful cross-organisational work to combat rural crime taking place, there was a keen appetite for greater coordination and cooperation between key partners. It was from these roundtable discussions and observing other county-based approaches that the idea of DPARC originated.

A key aspect raised by participants at these meetings was the need to improve communication and engagement with rural residents, especially with issues that matter to them most. It was identified that there was a need to instil greater confidence in residents when it comes to reporting rural crime and anti-social behaviour to the relevant responsible organisation, including ensuring that residents engage with the right organisation for their issue. For example, residents flagged a lack of understanding towards how to appropriately deal with fly-tipping, as this is often a matter for the Local Authority rather than the Police.

### DPARC Priority Areas

In response to these consultations, the Derbyshire Partnership Against Rural Crime has identified the following key areas of focus for the Strategy and its partners:

- Preventing and Tackling Rural Crime
- Supporting Victims and Combatting Rural Vulnerability
- Improving Communication and Engagement

## Preventing and Tackling Rural Crime

### Crime Prevention in Rural Areas

Whilst it is not possible to address all types of crime within a single strategy, the Partnership and Strategy recognises the importance of responding to the geographically diverse nature of Derbyshire to improve support for victims, increase awareness and prevent instances of all types of crime. Therefore, no matter where residents live, work, or visit in Derbyshire they are equipped with the knowledge and tools to aid in the prevention of crime, as well as feeling secure in the knowledge that should they become a victim of crime, there are specialist support services available to them.

The partnership will therefore aim to increase awareness of the differences experienced between rural and urban life with the aim of making sure all of Derbyshire's support services are designed with this in mind.

### The NPCC Rural and Wildlife Crime Strategy 2022-2025

The high policing demands of more urban areas can often mean that policing resources are drawn away from more rural areas which is compounded by the fact that the legislation surrounding rural crime types often require specialist knowledge. This is why Derbyshire Constabulary established their Rural Crime Team tasked with tackling rural, wildlife and heritage crime whilst providing reassurance to rural communities.

Derbyshire Constabulary's Policing Priorities are the foundation for the work of the Rural Crime Team (RCT) and the wider organisation to effectively police rural and wildlife matters. These priorities are:

**Fight Crime** – The RCT, working with other local and specialist policing teams, will relentlessly pursue opportunities to disrupt and prosecute rural crime offenders. The team have a dedicated Rural and Wildlife Co-ordinator as well as officers identified within the Force Intelligence Team that focus on rural issues. There is also an effective tasking process and close links with the rural and wildlife 'Single Point of Contacts' (SPOCs) on each rural beat areas. This helps us identify patrol areas to effectively target rural criminality as well as providing support in policing the wider rural community.

**Service to the public** – The RCT strive to provide a quality service to members of our rural communities, particularly those that have been the victim of crime. The RCT works hard to identify and highlight rural crime, not only by geographic location but also crime type. Once crimes are identified they can be managed effectively, ensuring victims receive a good quality of service.

**Responsive and Visible Policing** – The RCT are committed to be a visible presence in rural communities and take every opportunity to engage with those communities throughout the county. It is important that people are aware of the team and understand their work. This high visibility and community engagement approach allows rural communities keep the RCT directly informed of issues that are affecting them.

**Prevention and Partnerships** – The RCT work with various rural partners to provide long term solutions to problems and effective crime prevention. The recent Datatag property marking scheme for which the RCT were nationally recognised as leading the way in tackling plant and agricultural crime is just one of the ways that the team are working hard to prevent crime.

**Trust and legitimacy** – Equality, fairness, transparency, and inclusivity – internally and externally – ensures trust and legitimacy.

**Our people** – Derbyshire Constabulary continue to invest in the RCT, rural and wildlife SPOC network as well as other officers and police staff across the force to raise awareness and training of rural and wildlife matters.

**Vulnerability** – The RCT are keen to raise awareness around the vulnerability caused by the isolation of rural locations.

The Rural Crime Team’s work is guided by the National Police Chiefs’ Council’s Rural and Wildlife Crime Strategy as well as the Rural Crime priority of the Police and Crime Plan. This Strategy aims to build on this and tailor partners’ approaches to tackling and preventing rural crime, with Derbyshire’s rural residents sitting at the heart of their work.

### Acquisitive Crime: Theft of Livestock, Vehicles, Machinery and Fuel

The diverse geographical nature of Derbyshire as a county means that both arable and pastoral farms are in operation. The north of the county is largely pastoral with most of the farms being dedicated to sheep and cattle whilst the south of the county, being much flatter has more arable farming. This means that the farms and also the equipment used on them varies. From a policing perspective, this attracts different types of criminality. The north of the county is more likely to experience livestock theft as well the loss of quad bikes, whereas in the south, hare coursing and the associated crimes of criminal damage and trespass are unfortunately more common. Fuel and tool theft occur throughout the county and are a priority for the force as well as the RCT.

Acquisitive crime is classified as any crime that aims to obtain property. For the purposes of this strategy, theft of livestock, vehicles, machinery, and fuel are focused upon. The theft of farming machinery can have large financial consequences on their owners. Farmers who operate within the seasonal farming calendar are heavily impacted if machinery is taken, leading to critical activities like harvesting and looking after livestock becoming severely impacted. Victims are therefore left without key machinery and are often unable to successfully acquire a replacement in time to avoid significant costs. The perception that theft of farming machinery is a business crime ignores the reality for many victims. These crimes can take place at the victim’s home, bringing forward feelings of intrusion and isolation, increasing their fear of crime.

Fluctuations in the price of fuel mean that theft of fuel remains a threat. Fuel is key to smooth operations for farming and oil, diesel and heating fuel are areas of concern. As fuel sources expand, electric, batteries and solar may be targeted. There have been national increases in fuel thefts, compounded by fuel price increases and therefore it is important to retain this as a local priority.

#### Action Plan:

- **We will work with key industry, manufacturers, and insurers, as well as national government, to reduce the theft of agricultural machinery.**
- **We will increase awareness of fuel theft to reduce opportunities for offending.**
- **The Commissioner will continue investment in anti-theft technology, including property marking kits to target theft of machinery, vehicles, and tools.**

### Heritage Crime

Heritage crime is any offence which harms the value of heritage assets and their settings to this and future generations.

Heritage assets are sites that are considered to have a value to the heritage of England and include listed buildings, scheduled monuments, World Heritage Sites, conservation areas, protected marine

sites, registered battle fields, military crash sites and even sites which may be undesignated but acknowledged as important. In addition, there are a wide range of heritage assets that are not designated but are familiar to us and valued by local people, for example, churches, metal railings, village pumps, bollards, and sandstone walls. Crimes can include theft, criminal damage, arson, and anti-social behaviour, as well as harm caused by unlicensed alterations. In Derbyshire, Operation Chronos targets heritage crime.

Unlawful metal detecting, referred to as nighthawking, is a type of a heritage crime that Derbyshire is vulnerable to due to the rich heritage of the county. The removal of any object from land without the landowner's permission may amount to an offence of theft. It is also an offence to metal detect on a scheduled monument without a licence or to fail to report the discovery of potential items of treasure. Because they are stolen property, the finders are unlikely to report their finds and valuable historical data is lost for good.

All RCT officers have completed training with Historic England regarding the investigation of Heritage crime. The objectives of the Partnership will be informed by work of the NPCC Working Group for Heritage and Cultural Property Crime and the Alliance to Reduce Crime against Heritage (ARCH) stakeholder network. In particular, the findings of relevant intelligence products such as strategic and tactical assessments.

#### **Action Plan:**

- **We will continue to work together to ensure the most up to date heritage crime training is received.**
- **The Partnership will promote the societal impact of Heritage Crime.**
- **Integrate Heritage Watch in Derbyshire**
- **Assign a dedicated What 3 Words location code for every heritage asset in Derbyshire**
- **Integrate heritage asset location data onto force and partnership call and crime management systems**

#### **Livestock Worrying**

Dog attacks on livestock are a criminal matter and continue to be a problem for farmers throughout Derbyshire. The impact of this crime cannot be underestimated, with farmers citing this issue as one of the main reasons for giving up farming altogether. There can be significant financial costs when attacks occur and animals are killed but the emotional impact on farmers, who dedicate their lives to raising these animals, is often the most damaging. The RCT want to raise awareness of livestock worrying and encourage dog owners to walk their dogs responsibly in the countryside, putting dogs on leads whenever there is a chance they could encounter livestock. When attacks do occur, the RCT endeavour to ensure that farmers are financially compensated and dog owners are issued with control orders to reduce the chance of a further incident involving the same dog. The RCT will always look to prosecute more serious or repeat incidents.

Livestock worrying has a devastating impact that can be too often overlooked by unaware visitors to our rural communities. Its impact reaches beyond the physical harm and loss that results in livestock being subject to immense suffering, but it is the financial costs and supply chain implications which hits our farming communities with undue stress. The pandemic driven increase in dog ownership has increased the prevalence of livestock worrying.

NFU data shows that dog attacks on livestock have increase by 10.2% since lockdown, with the first quarter of 2021 seeing a 50% increase in the cost of attacks. (NFU Rural Crime Report, 2021, p.7). From

October 2022 to September 2023 Derbyshire Constabulary recorded 55 instances of livestock worrying.

It is key that residents, especially residents who are dog-owners, are aware of the impact of livestock worrying and therefore are able to make informed decisions when near livestock to prevent its occurrence.

**Action Plan:**

- **We will provide education to and engage with residents, especially dog-owners, to tackle dog attacks, protecting our rural communities and businesses.**
- **We will act with one united voice with the aim of improving legislation around responsible dog ownership.**

### Wildlife crime

The county of Derbyshire is home to an astounding variety of fauna and flora, including protected and even endangered species. Not only does wildlife crime threaten these protected species but there is also a clear link between wildlife crime offenders and a wider, more 'mainstream' criminality. An effective partnership approach is necessary to tackling wildlife crime. The RCT work closely with both regional and national groups to ensure that the wildlife in Derbyshire is protected and any reports of wildlife crime are effectively dealt with.

Wildlife crime is taken seriously in Derbyshire and includes a variety of offending behaviour such as hare coursing, poaching, and interfering with protected species. All officers in the Rural Crime Team are specialist wildlife crime investigators, and there are 18 additional officers in the force who have undergone the Wildlife Crime Officer National Training Course, provided by National Wildlife Crime Unit (NWCU). The NWCU has identified the following national wildlife crime priorities: Bird of prey crime, Badger crime, Bat crime, Poaching, Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), Cyber enabled wildlife crime, Freshwater pearl mussels. Derbyshire is not identified as a hotspot for any of these crimes specifically, but it does suffer from all of them except for freshwater pearl mussels.

Derbyshire Constabulary already has a number of working partnerships with agencies tackling wildlife crime. The Peak District National Park Authority have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to work together with the Community Safety Partnerships to tackle wildlife crime. Effective partnership working between the RCT, RSPB, NWCU and the Animal and Plant Health Agency in April 2023 resulted in a positive outcome following the poaching of peregrine falcon eggs in North Derbyshire. The RCT was able to act on intelligence and CCTV provided by the RSPB to conduct search warrants on two properties, leading to the arrest of a male suspected of nest disturbance and theft of schedule 1 bird eggs.

Derbyshire Constabulary has introduced the online reporting portal for rural and wildlife crime on the Constabulary's website. This service is widely promoted and improves the ease with which rural residents are able to report such crimes.

**Action Plan:**

- **Ensure open and clear communication channels between wildlife partners and stakeholders to encourage continued partnership work and further successful outcomes following wildlife crime occurrences.**
- **We aim to increase confidence and awareness to increase reporting for wildlife crime.**



## Fly-tipping

Fly-tipping remains a persistent problem for rural communities and as the most selected concern for residents in the Police and Crime Commissioner's Rural Crime Survey it is a key priority for the partnership to work to tackle and prevent. Even when putting aside the eyesore that fly-tipping creates in our rural landscapes, the environmental, human, and animal health impact of this offence exacerbates the damage and impact it has on our rural communities.

A core challenge to tackling fly-tipping is ensuring that residents understand the correct reporting process, and their own personal responsibilities when it comes to disposing of waste legally and safely. Whilst Derbyshire Constabulary are not the lead agency for this issue, they work closely with partners to investigate fly-tipping where identifiable evidence has been discovered within the waste. Critically, reports of fly-tipping need to be directed to the local authority for that area.

### Action Plan:

- **We will aim to reduce incidents of fly-tipping by increasing engagement with residents and increase correct reporting.**

## Equine Crime

In Derbyshire between October 2022 to September 2023, there were 18 instances of equine crime.

Equine crime encompasses theft of horse, as well as, theft of tack and 'fly-grazing', which is where owners let their animals graze on land that does not belong to them. These types of offences result in undue stress placed upon either the horse or land owner as a result of its financial or emotional impact, but it is compounded by the impact on the individuals' feelings of safety in their own home and community.

Further to this, horse owners can experience instances of careless driving by road users passing horses in an unsafe and possible life-threatening way which further damages owners' feelings of safety in their local areas. The British Horse Society (BHS) works closely with MPs, the police, road safety partnerships and other safety organisations to ensure that equine safety is a priority and ensure that the necessary improvements are put into place. Through their 'Horse i' app, The BHS collates statistics on incidents across the UK, to help better understand the rate of equine-related incidents. In 2023 in Derbyshire alone, 67 road incidents were reported via this app, including two injuries to the horse, and two injuries to the person. Over the past three calendar years, 209 road incidents were reported in the county via the 'Horse i' app. This data highlights the need for action against equine crime and supports its place as a priority for the partnership.

### Action Plan:

- **We will continue to work in partnership to reduce equine crime around horse, tack, and trailer theft.**
- **We will encourage all riders and carriage drivers to report every incident to The BHS website or via their app.**
- **We will aim to increase awareness around the impact of equine crime and how to prevent it.**

## Supporting Victims and Combatting Rural Vulnerability

### Understanding and Combatting Rural Vulnerability

The unique characteristics, and often-isolated nature of rural communities can have an aggravating effect on the impact of crime, and the fear of crime felt by those living in rural communities. It is this additional 'rural vulnerability' that the partnership is keen to address which is why all three priority areas of this strategy are focused on increasing the confidence rural residents have in the services which are in place to support them with the aim of decreasing the fear of crime and preventing feelings of isolation.

### Tackling Domestic Abuse

We know that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will experience domestic abuse at some point during their lifetime and those living rurally are no different.

Whilst this strategy closely aligns with other national rural crime strategies, it has been tailored to Derbyshire's specific priorities and because of the nature of Derbyshire, 77% of the county is considered to be rural (Rural Derbyshire - Derbyshire Economic Partnership), meaning that when looking at domestic abuse throughout the majority of Derbyshire, we must consider the different barriers experienced by our rural residents which may make victims feel that they are unable to leave or report the abuse. This is why a Derbyshire-specific strategy must address domestic abuse in rural areas.

In 2019, the National Rural Crime Network carried out a study which reported that domestic abuse in rural areas last 25% longer than in urban areas, making domestic abuse an important area for the partnership to work to prevent and reduce.

The Willow Project, part of Rural Action Derbyshire, was set up in March 2020 and is funded by the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner to raise awareness around the different challenges that victims of domestic abuse face when they live rurally. They deliver training and talks throughout Derbyshire explaining the difficulties faced by victims living rurally. Over the last 3 years they have trained 571 people, including members of the Derbyshire Constabulary, health services and schools, to spot the signs of rural domestic abuse and to respond appropriately.

Calls to the Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Helpline from rural areas, has increased from 34 calls in the first quarter of 2021 to 84 in the last quarter of 2023, showing a positive step as a result of a raised awareness of the problem and more people seeking help.

Data taken from Safer Derbyshire Research and Information Team extracted from the Domestic and Sexual Abuse Monitoring Report 2023/24 Quarter 2 advises that:

Those living in rural areas are less likely to report abuse

- 12.4% of domestic abuse incidents were recorded by Clients resided in a rural area
- 25.8% of the Adult Clients accessing domestic abuse support in the community resided in a rural area
- 14.1% of the Adult Clients being supported by Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVA) resided in rural areas.
- 28.1% of the Children who accessed Derbyshire Domestic Abuse support in safe accommodation were from a rural area
- 39.7% of Children accessing Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Support in the Community resided in rural areas.

The Derby and Derbyshire Domestic Abuse and Sexual Abuse Strategy 2023-2026 seeks to ensure that victims of domestic abuse are protected from harm and supported to recover. The strategy suggests that clients from rural areas continue to be less likely to report abuse to the Police, or to seek support. The Police and Crime Commissioner's commissioned support services for domestic abuse work closely with the Willow Project to improve awareness and access to services for the rural communities in Derbyshire.

In conjunction with the Willow Project, Derbyshire County Council's Community Safety Unit and domestic abuse service providers deliver regular podcasts to help raise awareness of domestic abuse.

#### **Action Plan:**

- **The Willow Project, with funding from Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, will continue to engage residents by attending agricultural markets and shows to raise greater awareness about how domestic abuse is different in rural places.**
- **We will support other relevant member and non-member organisations in providing a greater voice to those who live and work rurally to ensure that they are heard, and people realise that rural life is not without its additional challenges.**
- **Partners will collaborate with the Willow Project to help raise awareness of domestic abuse, including the use of podcasts.**
- **Partners, where possible, will increase their awareness raising work surrounding domestic abuse.**

## Improving Communication and Engagement

### Coordinating Partnership Working and Engaging Rural Areas

Derbyshire's Rural Crime Strategy has been developed in response to consultation and engagement with rural residents and to ensure that this strategy, and partners work, remains aligned with these, continual engagement and strong partnership working will be required to enable DPARC members to remain in line with residents' priorities as these could change over time.

We know that rural crime can be organised and an all too frequent feature of rural life. This is unacceptable. However, a lack of reporting results in a lack of intelligence being gathered prevents the relevant authorities and partners from dedicating resources to address and tackle the offences. This is why the partnership is keen to increase and strengthen their engagement with rural communities and businesses to share the importance of reporting crime to the relevant authority and increase awareness more broadly on the impact of a lack of reporting. Furthermore, ensuring the local people are equipped with the knowledge and tools to prevent rural crime is key to delivering on the partnership's priorities.

The quarterly meetings of the partnership board will create the forum for DPARC members to share pressing issues and concerns facing their relevant groups, as well as providing an update on their current work and initiatives to allow for the partnership to explore areas of possible collaboration.

### Rural Crime Prevention Hub

As a priority area for the partnership, developing the communication and engagement with our rural residents is key and to comprehensively deliver on this objective the partnership have committed to develop an online platform to provide a 'one-stop-shop' for rural residents in Derbyshire.

Our wider research into the support available to rural residents identified that there was no central place for residents of rural areas to access online support and information related to rural crime or rural anti-social behaviour, or any central place for rural crime prevention guidance. Derbyshire's Rural Crime Prevention Hub will provide this central platform to residents and will cover all the rural crime types that affect the county the most, with information, guidance, and support links for each. As well as covering areas such as Domestic Abuse, giving tailored advice and support for those experiencing abuse in a rural setting.

The platform will also allow partners to share good news stories related to their work tackling rural crime. Sharing partners' good news stories is key improving communication with our rural communities, doing so has the ability to increase their confidence in the police and partner organisations and assist in alleviating the fear of crime that can be felt when living or working rurally.

#### **Action Plan:**

- **The Partnership will create an online hub to provide Derbyshire's rural residents with information and signposting to relevant reporting and supporting mechanisms.**
- **The Partnership will share and publish digital and visual media to promote the work of the partners.**
- **The Partnership will create digital and visual media to raise awareness of rural crime and rural vulnerability.**
- **We will increase engagement with young people and children, particularly through engaging with the mini police and schools.**

## Our Action Plan: how we will deliver for Derbyshire

We aim to give rural communities across Derbyshire one united voice locally, regionally, and nationally.

### Preventing and Tackling Rural Crime

- We will strengthen our partnership working and our information sharing to maximise our delivery of our priorities.
- We aim to co-ordinate and collaborate with partnership members, as well as external agencies, to ensure best practice can be identified.
- We will endeavour to invest and utilise innovative technology to protect rural communities and prevent criminality.
- We will work with key industry, manufacturers, and insurers, as well as national government, to reduce the theft of agricultural machinery.
- We will increase awareness of fuel theft to reduce opportunities for offending.
- The Commissioner will continue investment in anti-theft technology, including property marking kits to target theft of machinery, vehicles, and tools.
- We will continue to work together to ensure the most up to date heritage crime training is received.
- The Partnership will promote the societal impact of Heritage Crime.
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- We will act with one united voice with the aim of improving legislation around responsible dog ownership.
- Ensure open and clear communication channels between wildlife partners and stakeholders to encourage continued partnership work and further successful outcomes following wildlife crime occurrences.
- We aim to increase confidence and awareness to increase reporting for wildlife crime.
- We will aim to reduce incidents of fly-tipping by increasing engagement with residents and increase correct reporting.
- We will continue to work in partnership to reduce equine crime around horse, tack, and trailer theft.
- We will encourage all riders and carriage drivers to report every incident to The BHS website or via their app.
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- Partners, where possible, will increase their awareness raising work surrounding domestic abuse.

### Improving Communication and Engagement

- We will continue to develop our communication and engagement with rural residents of Derbyshire to further combat issues aggravated by rural vulnerability.
- The Partnership will create an online hub to provide Derbyshire's rural residents with information and signposting to relevant reporting and supporting mechanisms.
- Partners will keep the partnership informed of good news stories to ensure that the online hub remains current and relevant.
- The partnership will create digital and visual media to raise awareness of rural crime and rural vulnerability.
- We will increase engagement with young people and children, particularly through engaging with the mini police and schools.