



Country Watch

A collective of partners working together to tackle rural crime in Dorset.

The Country Watch website will work as a resource to help rural residents find proactive advice, support if they are a victim of crime, information on reporting crimes, and find out how to volunteer.

Work and activities to fight rural crime, by the members of the Rural Crime Reduction Board (see below), will feature the Country Watch owl logo.



COUNTRY WATCH COVERS



FLY-TIPPING

Find out more about Fly-tipping, what it is, what can be done about it and how to report it.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



RURAL RESOURCES

Find out more about what the Rural Crime Reduction Board are doing to fight rural crime as well as handy hints, tips and advice from our members, and how to volunteer.

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WILDLIFE CRIME

Find out more about Wildlife Crime, what it is, what can be done about it and how to report it.

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HERITAGE CRIME

Find out more about Heritage Crime, what it is, what can be done about it and how to report it.

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OUR BACKGROUND

The [Police and Crime Plan 2021-2029](#) has six key priorities.

One of those priorities is to Fight Rural Crime and one of the key themes within that priority is to launch Country Watch in Dorset.

Country Watch brings together rural communities and relevant agencies so that crime, ASB and disorder issues affecting rural areas can be best addressed through partnership working. This work includes increasing the resilience of rural communities through strengthening rural watch schemes and introducing more partnership working through the Rural Crime Reduction Board (RCRB).

OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of the RCRB is to oversee the delivery of the key actions needed to implement the Police and Crime Plan priority to Fight Rural Crime. The RCRB will ensure integration with the work of other strategic partnerships, boards and groups - so that there is clarity of responsibilities between them, and all key priorities are addressed.

This will include to:

- Influence and develop strategic themes and projects to tackle rural crime issues
- Support development of plans focussing on prevention, intelligence, and enforcement
- Identify high priority rural crime issues and subsequently prioritising these issues for Board activity - through the delivery of a RCRB Action Plan.

OUR AIM

The aim of the Rural Crime Reduction Board (RCRB) is to make Dorset the safest county by leading the way in preventing and reducing rural crime. The introduction of a RCRB, in partnership with rural communities, is to:

- Improve communication, engagement, and crime reporting, within rural communities
- Prevent rural crime, including rural theft, wildlife crime, fly-tipping, and related organised crime
- Strengthen rural watch schemes and implementation of a grant scheme.

Meeting Quarterly

The RCRB meets quarterly to target the four themes of Priority 4; to Fight Rural Crime through the Board's Action Plan:

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Membership

Membership of the RCRB includes:

- [Association of Dorset Watches](#)
- [BCP Council](#)
- [CLA](#)
- [Cornish Mutual](#)
- [Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils \(DAPTC\)](#)
- [Dorset Council](#)
- [Dorset Police](#)
- [Dorset Wildlife Trust](#)
- [Environment Agency](#)
- [Forestry England](#)
- [Historic England](#)
- [Kingston Maurward College](#)
- [National Trust](#)
- [Natural England](#)
- [NFU – National Farmers Union](#)
- [NFU Mutual](#)
- [Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner](#)

