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Watchline Administrator
Lincolnshire Police
Community Safety Department
PO Box 999
Lincoln LN5 7PH



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All details on this application form will be held on a computer file by the Watchline Administrator at Police Headquarters, Nettleham. They will form part of a contact list for the Farm and Country Watch scheme and will only be used for this purpose.

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Please tick appropriate answer

I have a touch-tone telephone Yes No
I agree to my details being passed on to other co-ordinators and scheme members if required Yes No
I am willing to receive messages between 8am and 8pm Monday to Friday Yes No
I am willing to receive messages between 8am and 8pm at weekends Yes No

If you have answered no to above, please indicate preferred times:

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All messages will be sent by telephone, however, if you would prefer to be contacted by fax, e-mail (weekdays only), or SMS text, please tick box below:

Fax E-mail SMS Text (This is currently being developed and will be available in the near future)

LINCOLNSHIRE FARM AND COUNTRY BUSINESS WATCH



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WELCOME TO FARM AND COUNTRY BUSINESS WATCH

The Lincolnshire Farm and Country Business Watch is designed to encourage people who live and work in the countryside to be vigilant, share their knowledge and reduce opportunities for crime and vandalism by reporting anything suspicious to the police. Intelligence is a vital tool for the police in the fight against crime and the public can help by providing information no matter how trivial in nature it may seem.

Why is there a need for a Farm and Country Business Watch Scheme?

In the past the rural community suffered very little crime, but now the criminal has access to all kinds of vehicles and is looking for softer targets it means that the country areas are being visited by more criminal elements looking for the opportunity to commit crime. As there cannot be a police officer in every village it has become necessary to enlist the help and support of the general public in the rural areas. By co-operating with each other we can help to prevent many crimes from happening in the first place, thus making your community a safer and more crime free area in which to live and work.

The Lincolnshire Police Wildlife Officers have a particular interest in any intelligence, which will assist in reducing crime against any wildlife species. That officer carefully monitors and acts on any information to detect and prevent these type of offences.

What are the main aims of the Farm and Country Business Watch scheme?

1. To reduce local opportunities for crime and vandalism.
2. To reinforce the community spirit so that everyone can contribute towards the protection of their property by mutual cooperation and communication.
3. To introduce early warning systems in farming and countryside areas.
4. To improve the intelligence flow between rural businesses and the police.

What are the advantages of a Farm and Country Business Watch?

1. A reduction in crime and the fear of crime impacting on the community.
2. Suspicious people and vehicles can quickly be reported to the police and other members of the countryside communities.
3. Information and advice can be quickly and efficiently circulated between the police and the rural community.
4. A crime vigilant community in partnership with the police will create a safer environment.

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How to Watch?

The public are at greatest risk from crimes such as burglary, auto-crime and vandalism. These happen at all levels of our society, but can be really reduced by an effective watch scheme.

The first role is to observe any suspicious activity calmly and discreetly. The very existence of a Farm and Country Business Watch Scheme in your area will act as a deterrent to many criminal types. But where someone is determined to take a risk it is not the intention that members deliberately attempt themselves to scare off the suspect in order to prevent crime. Remaining calm and discreet gives you the best possible chance of gathering the information and reporting what you see quickly and accurately. In non emergency situations please report suspicious activity immediately on 0300 111 0300 explaining that you are a member of Farm and Country Business Watch.

There are of course some situations, which are more urgent than others, where a 999 Emergency call is essential.

Farm and Country Business Watch members are registered on the watchline system. The Watchline makes it possible for any police officer to send messages direct to members throughout the County. The messages will inform members of activities of a criminal nature and those of a general interest to the community to assist in crime reduction. There is no charge for the use of the Watchline service.

Messages can be received by telephone, fax or e-mail (in the future we hope to also include SMS text messaging).

It Pays to Advertise

The Farm and Country Business Watch signs can act as a powerful deterrent.

Signs are available in A3 or A4 sizes once you have joined the scheme.

WHO TO CONTACT TO JOIN THE SCHEME?

To join the Farm and Country Watch Business scheme complete the form overleaf and return it to the:

Watchline Administrator
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Lincoln LN5 7PH

OR

apply on line on the Lincolnshire Police Web Site
www.lincs.police.uk

A full information pack covering all aspects of the scheme will be sent out to you when your application has been received