

Protecting your farm

Cumbria is an area with low level of crime, however we would like to encourage you to increase your security & remain vigilant to deter thieves.

This leaflet will provide you with tips, advice & information to help you to keep your home, farm & possessions safe.

Farm and outbuildings

- Restrict access to your farm land & property with locked gates
- Ensure your home, farm & outbuildings are secure. Use British Standard locks & high security closed-shackle padlocks
- Consider fitting intruder alarms, CCTV & good outside security lighting, check regularly to ensure they work
- Lock windows & doors, remove keys from locks & keep out of visible reach
- Mark equipment & property with farm name & postcode, use a UV pen, engraving, stamping, tagging or forensic marking
- Hide valuable items from view & secure them in locked outbuildings
- Consider joining your local Farmwatch scheme

It is important to regularly review your security. Your local Crime Prevention Officer can provide further information & advice regarding all of these issues.

Vehicles, trailers & quad bikes

- Secure & immobilise vehicles & equipment when not in use
- Remove keys from the ignition & keep them somewhere secure
- Don't leave quad bikes or trailers unattended
- Consider storing vehicles & property in a secured building, if possible secured to the ground or wall, or inside a caged area
- Mark trailers & property with farm name & postcode, use a UV pen, engraving, stamping, tagging or forensic marking

General advice

- Where possible install fuel tanks within secure buildings or cages made from a material resistant to attack
- Consider installing anti-siphon devices
- Fuel tanks & storage areas should be kept locked & alarmed where possible
- Thieves may stake-out your property in advance by making up an excuse to call round. Try to take a note of their registration number, & report the incident to police
- Never advertise that you are away by leaving notes for tradesmen or delivery drivers
- Ensure you have adequate insurance cover
- Keep up to date on crime trends by joining Farmwatch
- When you are away, ask neighbours and friends to keep an eye on your property, & be prepared to do the same for them
- Take down registration numbers of suspicious vehicles & report suspicious activity to police immediately



Farmwatch



Farmers & other people living in rural communities can join the Constabulary's successful Farmwatch scheme, which is a network designed to share crime prevention advice, alert local residents to crimes in their area, & appeal for information to catch criminals.

By joining the Farmwatch scheme you agree to receive information by phone, text or email. In return the police will keep you informed about crime in your area so that you can take action to protect your property, as well as appeals for information about suspicious people or vehicles, which can in turn help us catch criminals.

As well as Farmwatch, Cumbria Police also run a similar Horsewatch scheme for horse owners & equestrian centres.

Further information

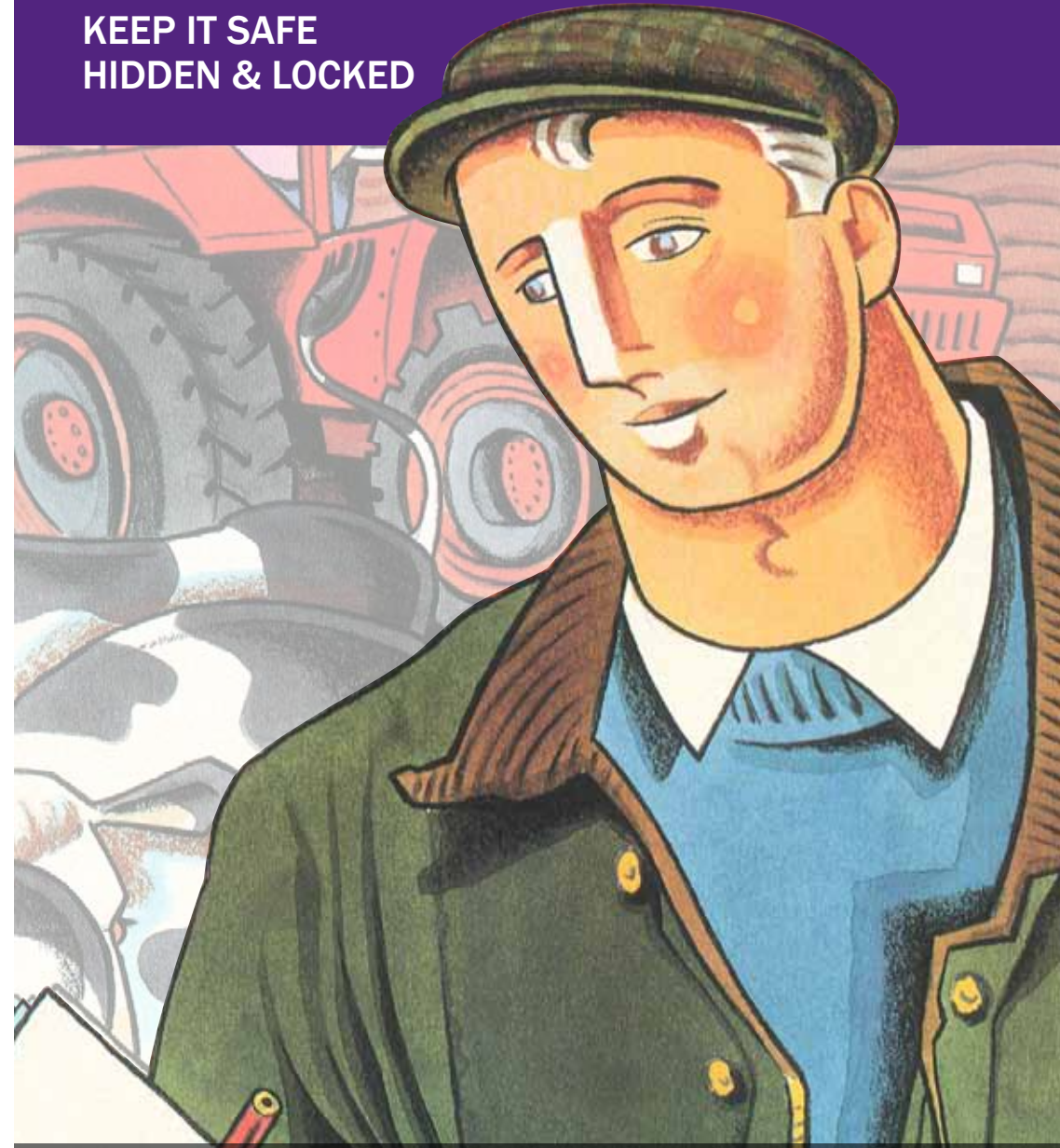
If you require more information or specific advice about Farmwatch & Horsewatch contact your Neighbourhood Policing Team or Local Crime Prevention Officer on 0845 33 00 247 or visit www.cumbria.police.uk.

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