

Rural Task Force



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As the harvest is approaching the team are preparing for the expected increase in Hare Coursing activity again. We currently have some of our repeat offenders going through the court system and hope for a positive result.

Farm watch continues to go from strength to strength with all groups developing well. We have already had some great results from this with arrests and stolen property being recovered. If anyone would like to join please email the team at rural.task.force@kent.police.uk

Throughout lockdown we have seen an increase in Op Traverse (Fish poaching) offences and the use of off road vehicles predominantly motorbikes. You will see from the below updates the team have been working with others including our Rural Specials to combat these issues.

The last few weeks have also seen an increase in reports of shell fish being removed from the shoreline. The RTF have implemented Op Sealion to address this issue and work in partnership with other agencies including IFCA (Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority) who are the lead agency for any offences which amount to a breach of a By-Law.

Lockdown has also seen an increase with those enjoying the Kent countryside. This has led to some issues with landowners. The common issues being that Farmers are experiencing high levels of trespass, gates being smashed open, left open, locks broken, and farm tracks blocked. During the hot weather people were drawn to swim in reservoirs and so broke into farmland to do this. This should be discouraged due to extremely deep water. People are having picnics on farmland, leaving their rubbish behind, livestock will also eat litter which can harm or kill them.

Please remember the country code;

- Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work
- Guard against all risk of fire
- Leave all gates as you found them
- Keep your pets under close control
- Keep to public paths across farmland
- Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls
- Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone

- Take your litter home
- Help to keep all water clean
- Protect wildlife, plants and trees
- Take special care on country roads
- Make no unnecessary noise

Here is a snapshot of the work carried out by the Rural Task Force over the last six weeks.

Rural Theft

RTF went to assist a local patrol at a suspicious vehicle report. The vehicle was confirmed on a false registration plate. The vehicle, a silver Ford KA, was linked to Robbery at Hop Farm, Paddock Wood where offenders threatened victim with knife and stole three dirt bikes. Vehicle seized as used in crime.



RTF responded to a report of theft of a woodchipper valued at £18,000 from the Kent Wildlife Trust, Sandling. 3 males with possibly a crew cab 4x4 have attended, cut the chains and gained entry, and stolen the chipper. Enquiries on-going.



ANPR hit in Swale for a Ford Focus which had marker believed to be seen in suspicious circumstances and possibly involved in BOTD offences in Faversham. Vehicle located in Whitstable Tesco car park. Enquiries at scene established that driver was a suspect for Burglary and Theft at Industrial Units at Oare and was arrested for these offences.

Call from Sussex Police regarding two vehicles in convoy that had left Rye. The vehicles were a Vauxhall Antara and VW Tipper. The Tipper had two quad bikes strapped in the back. RTF officers made way to intercept with other Kent police resources, Sussex patrols and police helicopter. The vehicles were stopped, and one male was arrested. The Tipper and quads were recovered for further examination.

Pc Verrall sighted a Ford Transit Transporter vehicle on Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood, that had been identified as vehicle that had been involved in the theft of a Kobota in the East of the County. The vehicle has also been linked to the movement and theft of a bowser and a horse trailer from Kent into Essex. PC Verrall stopped the Transit and subsequently arrested the two male occupants. Transit was searched and a set of number plates stolen from a Ford Kuga, and two Sat Nav systems, were found hidden within the cab. Investigation on going.



Report of a Cheval Liberte horse trailer in storage at a farm in Canterbury. RTF officers have attended and examined the trailer. The VIN has been removed, but the victim has confirmed several other identifying features on this rare trailer. The item has been recovered, and further enquiries are to be made re tracing the offender.



Informant contacted the East Team to report the theft of a cast iron cattle trough. The trough had been at the farm since the family took over in 1909. The trough is approximately 8 feet long and 2 feet wide and would have taken 5-6 persons to lift it. The Victim posted the theft on the village Facebook site. Two suspicious vehicles were passed to RTF from the FaceBook appeal and research is being conducted against these details.



RTF supported other Kent and Sussex Police units to execute a warrant at a location Ashford to search for a stolen dog. A male was arrested for obstruction and for firing a stone with a catapult at a Kent Police drone. Though numerous dogs were checked at the scene the stolen dog was not located.

RTF responded to a Burglary in progress where 3 suspects seen at the location by victim. The suspects, who arrived in a white Ford Transit were seen to cut the locks on the entrance gate but failed to break open a second gate. Suspects then saw a CCTV camera and smashed it. RTF attended the location along with other Police Patrols and the Transit was found by RTF abandoned. Using thermal image camera, PC Perry saw a suspect in a nearby paddock. With the help of a Dog Unit the male was contained in the paddock and detained and arrested by PC Perry. Despite an extensive area search, the other 2 suspects were not located. Ford Transit was seized. It was displaying a false VRM.

RTF responded to a report of Theft of Catalytic Converters. Witness in Sandwich reported 4 males stealing a catalytic converter from her neighbours car. The suspects left in grey Mazda. Checks showed the suspect vehicle in convoy with a grey Landrover Freelander. RTF attended the A2 towards Dover, and located the vehicles heading north, and began a follow and update the Force Control Room to alert other Tac Ops resources to the passage of the vehicles. Both vehicles were stopped by Tac Ops resources, and 4 males from the Hackney area were arrested. Both vehicles were discovered to on false plates.

RTF West Officers attended a location in the rural area of Maidstone following a report of a vehicle linked to the location being driving dangerously in Ulcombe. Whilst at the location a stolen Silver VW Passat was located and subsequently seized. Officers continued to search the site and then found a Vauxhall Combo van that was linked to the theft of the Passat. Both vehicles have been seized by the RTF.

OP DREON.

Team deployed to support Sussex Police's Rural Policing Team and Neighbourhood Team in a cross-border operation to target OCG's committing theft/burglary offences between the two counties. Sussex has seen an increase in thefts from farms of quad bikes. Routes were patrolled between the two counties and several vehicles were stopped and were AIO.



Owner contacted Kent Police to report that his BMW 318 had been stolen and was fitted with a tracker. He had tracked the vehicle to Maidstone and had located it being driven. The victim had followed the vehicle and it was displaying a different index. RTF officers located the vehicle on a White Hill Road, Bredhurst. This is a narrow county lane and upon seeing Police it was reversed at speed when it collided with a vehicle and crashed into hedge. The rear offside passenger has decamped into a field and not been located. The driver and two passengers have been arrested for TOMV and the Driver has further been arrested for Dangerous Driving and Driving otherwise than in accordance with the conditions of a driving licence.



Stolen Trailer located in woodland near Kingston, Canterbury. The trailer was stolen from a farm with a thousand litre fuel bowser on it containing red diesel. No forensic opportunities, so the trailer was returned to the owner.



OP Unripe

Report from a farm in Rochester area stating that £1600 worth of strawberries were stolen and offenders disturbed. Suspect vehicle identified with local registered owner. Investigation on-going.

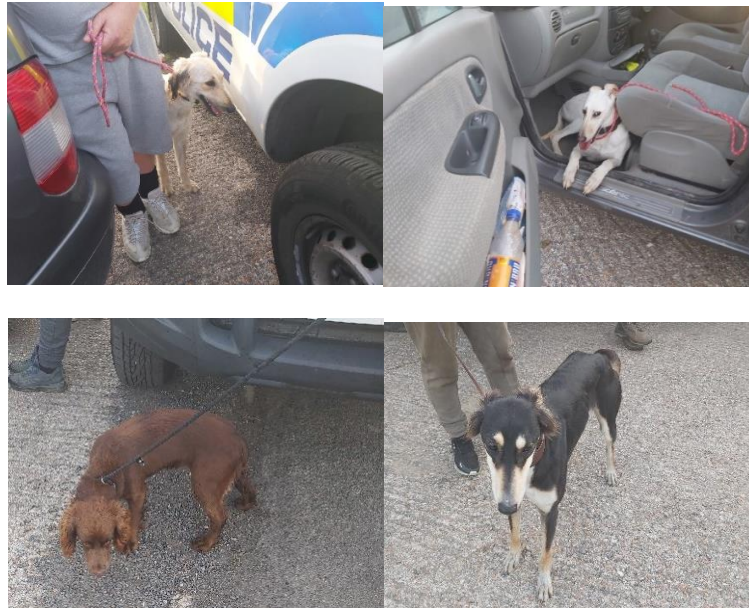
RTF assisted with a report of theft of strawberries from a farm at Tonge. A Romanian male who has been in this country 5 years was identified as the suspect from a vehicle seen nearby to the theft. He made a full admission and stated he just wanted some strawberries to eat. Suspect and his wife had eaten the strawberries and none were located at his address. Having liaised with the Victim matter to be resolved through Community Resolution with suspect to pay back the owner £50.



Officers from the Rural Task Force received a message from General Manager at a Farm in the Faversham area stating that his staff had chased off a Black Range Rover from there farmland after the occupants were disturbed around the raspberry section. Staff only had a partial index of a Black Range Rover. ANPR was checked for around the time of the attempt theft and the true index was identified. This vehicle matched the vehicle seen on CCTV and images sent to RTF officers. Manager stated that his staff were doing their rounds around the field when they located the Black Range Rover by the Raspberry fields. There were 3-4 occupants and all of the doors and boot was open. Upon being spotted the occupants of the vehicle got back in and sped off. The vehicle went across fields and managed to escape through an open gateway. It is unknown at this stage whether there is any damage to the fields or whether any fruit had been stolen. However, the intent was there so an Attempt theft crime report has been submitted. Farm Manager will be going out in the daytime to establish exactly if any damage or items have been stolen.

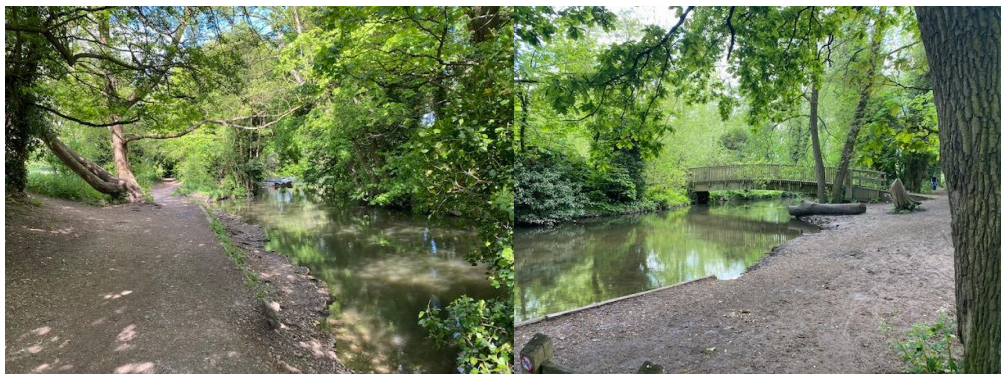
Op Galileo/Poaching

Poaching in Progress at Woodchurch, Ashford. RTF attended and met Local PCSO's who were already in attendance. Informant states that all he had seen was a white dog running across his fields chasing a hare but did not see who owned the dog. 5 persons were stopped at the location and all are known to the RTF for Hare Coursing Offences. All males were searched but no items were in their possession. Vehicle at scene was a Renault Scenic.



Operation Traverse

RTF Specials Team conducted an area search and foot patrol of the lake and surrounding areas included country park at Lullingstone Castle following a report of an increase in fish thefts at the site.



Report of 30 person's fishing and stealing fish from Private Southern Water site, Argent Road, Queenborough. Attended alongside LPT. Numerous persons on site. All details taken for Environment Agency to prosecute. 2 Stop Searches completed. Romanians are coming down from all over the UK to use this land. One family were from Luton. Signs have now been put up at numerous locations at the site.



RTF Specials attended Mote Park lake and spoke to site bailiff following a report of two known males attending and illegally fishing and causing issues at the site. Males had not been at the site for a few days but when they do attend, they stay for up to 2/3 days at a time. The area has been added to RTF Specials Op Traverse patrol route.



RTF Specials attended Mote Park and carried out license and permit checks on fishers around part of the lake. All persons spoken to were able to provide a valid rod license and permit from Maidstone Victory Angling Society.

RTF Specials attended Neville Park fishing lake for rod licence checks and spoke 3 people fishing. One male stated he didn't know he needed a rod licence. Details emailed to Environmental Agency with brief circumstances to pursue Licence Breach and Male was asked to pack up and leave the lake to which he did.



Wildlife

Report of possible poisoning of two badgers near to entrance of a Farm at Sevenoaks. Badgers located and examined. No typical signs of a poisoning present, unable to establish cause of death, but not in the public interest to proceed with a post-mortem as no offenders identified. LA contacted to remove badgers and Informant updated.



Off Duty RTF Officer reported a Builder disturbing nesting Birds on the roof of the care home. Four witnesses to the incident including the RTF Officer, who saw the Builder remove two chicks from a Gulls Nest on the roof and throw them onto a flat roof below. Builder identified and Enquiries ongoing, with statements to be obtained and builder to be Non-Custodially interviewed.

RTF attended a report of illegal trapping of Magpies in the back garden of an address in Whitstable. Occupant claimed he was exercising his right to trap Magpies to protect small nesting birds. After checking reissued Defra licences, this was found to be a legal act under the terms of the general licence which permits such control of pest species to protect wild birds until 31/07/2020.

RTF responded to concerns over the destruction of a bat roost at Lydden, Dover. They attended the location. The area is a patch of woodland behind the houses, which has had several ash trees cut down. There was no evidence of any bats or roosts present. The Council have been contacted regarding any tree preservation orders.

Report of badger trapped in a snare at New Line Academy, Maidstone. Badger released and in the care of local badger trust. Informant has also located several other snares and secured them. Unfortunately, these were not recovered forensically and are not suitable for examination. Enquiries have been made with the school and there is no CCTV or other lines of enquiry. This will be reviewed if further reports are received.

OP Sealion

RTF responded to reports of Chinese Nationals removing Cockles from the Shore Line on the Isle of Sheppey. Officers attended and stopped 5 Chinese Persons. Their details were taken and will be passed to prosecuting agency, Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority (IFCA). All the stopped are connected to a Restaurant in London so Environmental Team to be notified. Cockles were returned to the shore line.



RTF responded to another report of report of illegal cockle picking at the Shellness hamlet. Upon arrival RTF located 5 Chinese suspects collecting large quantities of cockles. They claimed they were for personal consumption but the quantity they had suggested they were collecting for a commercial purpose. Cockles were returned to the sea and their details

taken. They were warned they face prosecution if they are caught again.



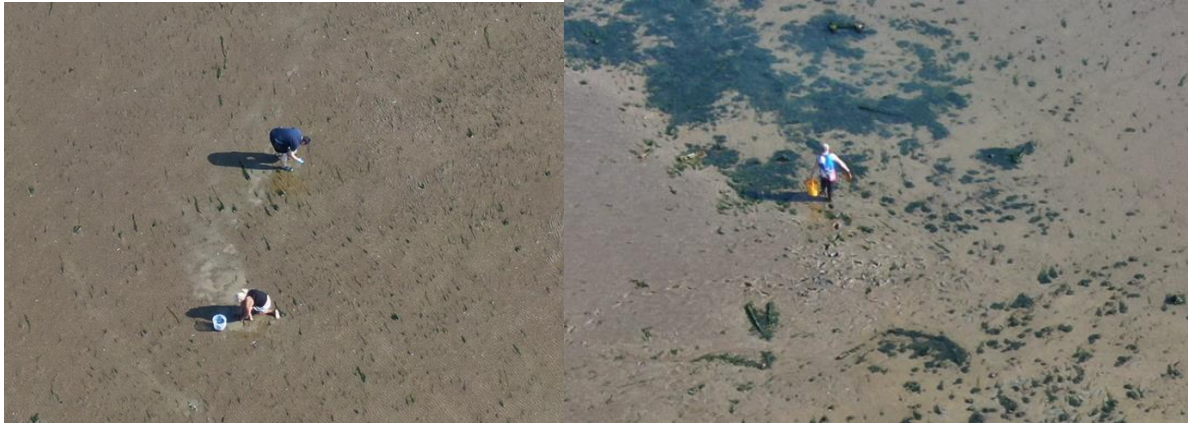
On the 12th June RTF Officers were committed to joint operation on the Isle of Sheppey to deal with offences relating to the removal of shellfish, primarily Cockles, from the coastline. This was to address the numerous reports to Kent Police for the past 3 weeks of large groups of Asians attending the beaches across the Isle of Sheppey and harvesting shellfish on a commercial scale.

Other Partners that attended were:-

GLAA ,IFCA and Environmental Health Mid Kent

Two Groups of Chinese Nationals were stopped. One Group in the area of Kingsferry Bridge and the other Group on the beach at Warden. 3 persons were arrested for immigration offences.

RTF Officers carried out another joint operation (Op Sealion – is the name now given to dealing with the removal of shellfish from the Kent Coastline) with IFCA and Environmental Officers on the 24th June on the Isle of Sheppey. 3 Groups were stopped and though not enough to evidence removal of shellfish for a commercial purpose they were warned, their details obtained and thoroughly checked. The intention is for the partnership approach to be planned regularly until this activity stops. RTF made use of their Drone to identify where the offences were taken place along the beach.



Warden Beach. 5 persons spotted on the beach removing shellfish. Two of the Group climbed a bank to evade officers but were located. Enquiries revealed the Group consisting of 2 males and 3 females had been reported committing the same offence on the 9th June though they denied this when questioned. They had 61 Kgs of Pacific Oysters and a Carrier Bag of Muscles and Periwinkles. Pacific Oysters are non native to UK and therefore no offence for removal. EH Officers will be investigating the intention for the Oysters to be entered into the food chain. IFCA took possession of the Oysters and other Shell Fish. Checks revealed that the two that attempted to evade Police had committed immigration offences and again on the instruction from Immigration Service where arrested and conveyed to Canterbury Police Station.





Animal Welfare

RTF attended an address with RSCPA to seize two dead Dogs that had been left at the address by Tennant. Entry gained via East Kent Housing and two Dogs located in the Kitchen, having been there for some time, found heavily decomposing. Tennant is also wanted for 2 Theft investigations. She was not at the location, appearing to have left some time ago. The Dogs Bodies were seized and taken away by the RSPCA, who are mounting a case against Tennant with regards to the Animal Welfare Offences regarding the deceased Animals. Update – suspect has since been arrested and interviewed for the Animal Welfare offences.

All RTF officers deployed to Op Quarantine – Tonbridge and Malling CSU led operation to combat Horse and trap racing which has historically been undertaken on A228 between the Hop Farm and Five Wents, Tonbridge. 3x RTF units attended with drone capacity alongside an unmarked spotting vehicle from the CSU. During the RTF 2hrs deployment vehicles were stopped and a TOR issued to a driver towing a horse trailer in a Transit Pickup with no number plate displayed on the trailer. No Horse Racing took place due to the actions of the RTF.



RSPCA/ Animal seizure. RTF assisted with seizure at West Malling. One bay mare aged 2-3yrs seized. Owner not present. Investigation for Animal welfare offences on-going.



Joint visit with RSPCA to a Gillingham address, to try and establish who lives at an address where a cat was suspected to have been shot. RSPCA are investigating an incident where a cat was located at side of road nearby injured. Owner had located the cat and took it to vets where it had to be put to sleep. X-ray's show a rubber bullet in the cat's spine. RSPCA have been sent CCTV which shows the cat entering the rear garden of an address. A short while later the cat is seen leaving the garden dragging its back legs and collapses. This is when the owner finds it and takes it to the vets. Investigation on-going.



Livestock

RTF dealt with a livestock worrying on grassland at Bishopsbourne. The son of the shepherd witnessed two Alsatian dogs chasing sheep and called his father. The shepherd and the landowner attended along with the gamekeeper, and witnessed the dogs still engaged in chasing and biting the sheep. Both dogs were shot at scene. Three sheep were injured but have survived. The dogs were wearing collars that identified them as coming from a location about a mile from the field. RTF then attended the dog owners address and advised her that her dogs are both dead and the circumstances around why they were shot. In view of the dogs responsible for the attacks being shot no further action was taken against the owner.

RTF dealing with a Livestock attack incident at Addington. 1x EWE and 1x Lamb injured. A further 2x Lambs are missing. No ID on dog or suspects. Enquiries on-going.



Informant sighted a white husky dog attacking his goats. He captured the dog in his vehicle. The owner of dog was heard calling a name and came to the location.

The dog is a repeat offending dog where a civil prosecution is being submitted through legal services plus a court case for livestock worrying.

This is the fifth time the dog has attacked livestock. Swabs obtained from dead Goat and from offending Dog. Owner admitted that his dog was off the lead with no muzzle and run away from him whilst out walking. Owner has agreed to immediately place muzzle on the dog when out. Estimated cost to victim £300 in vet bill and animal disposal. Court case ongoing.



RTF were contacted by a farmer in the Hawkhurst area after a dog found amongst sheep, no injuries caused. Informant wanted dog owner to be given words of advice in relation to dog worrying livestock. This was completed and dog owner was apologetic.

RTF attended location following reports of a ewe being attacked by a dog. Deceased ewe was located by owner, the attack was not witnessed. DNA swabs taken from ewe and booked into special property pending ID of the dog.



Op Assist

RTF conducted an Op Assist with Maidstone Environmental Team on 14th May. A total of 17 vehicles were stopped during the day. A £300 FPN was issued to one driver and Two drivers were reported for Insurance offences and two further drivers were reported for Defective Tyres.



RTF Officers worked jointly with Medway Council Environmental Enforcement Team and on 22nd May arrested two prolific Fly Tipping suspects who were wanted in connection with fly tipping offences across three Boroughs. They were arrested on suspicion of offences under Section 33 of the Environmental Act 1990 in relation to numerous fly tipping offences in Kent being investigated by Medway Council and Swale Borough Council. Upon being searched after arrest a small bag of white powder was located on one of the arrested males, so he was further arrested for possession of a Class A drug. Checks have been conducted on the white powder and it has been determined to be Amphetamine. Both were bailed after being interviewed at Medway Police Station with stringent conditions pending the outcome of the investigation.

RTF Specials attended a Caravan full of fly tipped waste set alight on Hermitage Lane, Boughton Monchelsea, junction with Wierton Hill. Caravan destroyed beyond recognition. No obvious identifying marks could be found on the caravan. Crime Report for Arson created. KCC Highways informed of location and attended to assess for clear up due to extent of damage to caravan

RTF North Officers were made aware of a Fly Tipping offence whilst dealing with a wildlife incident at Shellness Beach. Suspects had set fire to the rubbish and KFRS had been called. Suspect vehicle identified as a Red Citroen Berlingo. Witnesses stated that 2 males and a female had made off on foot after local residents tried to stop them from leaving. Vehicle seized as used in crime with Swale Borough Council taking on the investigation and prosecution.



RTF undertook an OP Assist with Maidstone Borough Council Environmental Enforcement Team on the 9th June. 4 x £300 FPN's were issued for Waste carrier Licence offences. Off note vehicle stopped outside an illegal waste transfer site in Boxley. Occupants did not have any waste carriers' licence, vehicle seized by Maidstone Council. One of the vehicle occupants was a Bulgarian national who had a Hertfordshire arrest warrant outstanding for since 2018 for FTA for drug driving. Arrested by RTF.



Information received from Maidstone Borough Council that a white Ford Transit, was responsible for a fly tip on Yelsted Lane, Boxley on 23/06. Vehicle located in Chatham with male in the driver's seat. Male detained and strong smell of cannabis in the vehicle. He confirmed there was some herbal cannabis in the cab. This was located and seized, and cannabis warning issued. Vehicle was also seized for the fly tipping offences.



RTF deployed on 25th June to Op Assist with Swale Borough Council Enforcement Team targeting illegal waste carriers. 2 vehicles seized for illegal waste carrying and issued fixed penalty notices 2 fixed penalty notices issued for failing waste carrying offences



Other Business

RTF deployed to Op Yet to assist CSU Colleagues at West Division with an operation to deal with ASB Nuisance off road vehicles for 3 days in the rural areas around Maidstone. Some of the results are below

Two males were seen riding a mini moto across a field adjacent to Hill Road, Wouldham. Officers from the Rural Task Force stop checked the persons and verified their details. They had travelled to the location because they thought it would be quiet and out of the way. Riders were issued with Section 59 warnings and advised they needed to find land with owner's permission. They were warned about breaching COVID 19 regulations.



Report of two motorbikes on a track near to Westfield Sole Road, Boxley. RTF attended the location and stopped 2 motorbikes. There was a total of 3 adults and 3 children at the location. They did have permission to ride there however they were all issued CV19 warnings.



4 illegal off-road motorbikes Hill Road byway, Woudlham. RTF attended the byway due to recent report of illegal off-road motorbikes. 1 patrol came in from Bluebell Hill whilst another went to Wouldham end of the byway. As patrol arrived at the Wouldham end, 4 trials motorbike came out onto The Pilgrims Way. All were wearing crash helmets but only 1 had a number plate. Officers followed at a safe distance but after while the riders realised the police were behind them and made off towards Borstal.

4 Adults with child's Quad on track near to Westfield Sole Road, Boxley. RTF deployed drone over the track to see illegal off roaders using the track. Drone spotted 1 quad being ridden with several persons present. RTF put containment on the location before going onto the track. Officers found 2 adult males, 1 adult female and 1 child's quad. Rider of the Quad was issued with Section 59 and all adults given CV-19 warnings.



RTF came across 3 road legal quads at Hollingbourne Hill, Hollingbourne , however only managed to get 1 stopped. Rider and quad were all in order. Rider given CV-19 warning for making non-essential journey.

RTF deployed to North Kent in the areas of Gravesend, Chalk, Denton, Shorne, Cobham, to assist North Kent CSU with an off-road bike operation. Off road motorbike Thong Lane, Shorne, Gravesend. Initially appeared to be two people on it with the rear pillion passenger not wearing a crash helmet. Vehicle Failed to Stop and not pursued due to safety. Then sighted by other units with two people on it with a small child in front of the rider. Image on BWV passed to local CSU.

RTF spotted off road bikes underneath Sheppey Crossing which in turn made off from units across sea wall. Officers spotted suspects vehicles parked up, so all details taken. Letter going to be sent to Registered Owners address as it was a company vehicle. The following day RTF returned to the location regarding the Off Road Bike issue. Numerous Groups stopped and 6 Section 59 Warnings were issued.



At First Avenue Queenborough a male was seen to walk past officers with a gas-powered air rifle and carrying a range meter. He was stopped and details obtained. He stated that he was out and was trying to line up the scope on the rifle. Athena and PNC checks were conducted and where all negative. He was advised about gun safety and carrying the riffle in a slip when in public. He had left this in his car some fifty meters away

RTF attended scene of injury RTC in Maidstone where 1 female and one young child trapped in vehicle. Vehicle had flipped over on to its roof and rolled several times into a nearby garden. Vehicle not insured, Female and young child taken to MMH where females subsequently arrested for Drink Driving.



ANPR stop at Elham Road, Canterbury on a grey Vauxhall Insignia. R/O and insured is a female, but the vehicle was suspected to be driven by her brother who is currently disqualified from driving. Upon stopping the vehicle, the driver was identified. It was not the suspected disqualified driver but another male also currently disqualified from driving. He was interviewed at the roadside and reported for Disqualified Driving / No Insurance



RTF responded to an ANPR activation at the M2 services for a vehicle linked to an on-going Domestic Abuse investigation. Offender had assaulted a child by throwing a piece of wood at them and informant had reported two years of controlling and coercive behaviour. Offender had fled prior to police arrival. The vehicle was intercepted on Kemsley Street Road, Rainham and the offender was arrested by RTF and taken to Custody.

RTF stopped a white Ford Transit on an Irish index previously thought to be linked to rouge trading that was seen driving around the bridge system in Maidstone. The occupants were Irish travellers and identified themselves to officers. Checks were conducted on the Driver which showed him as a having a UK ghost driver number for the purpose of adding points but did not hold a full UK driving licence. Driver stated that he held an Irish licence, so checks were conducted with PSNI. They advised that Driver was a non-licence holder in Ireland. He was subsequently issued a Traffic Offence Report for driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence and no insurance.

RTF attended M2 between junctions 6 and 5 to assist Traffic Dept with 1 vehicle RTC where 20 year old female driver was trapped in the vehicle with serious injuries. Extensive number of emergencies services were in attendance and it took 2 hours to free the female from the vehicle. RTF remained at the scene and assisted medical crews with equipment and preparation for female to be airlifted to Kings Hospital. Female had 8 hours of surgery and last update she is still critical and on a ventilator.



RTF stopped a Romanian registered VW Passat. The vehicle was right hand drive and the driver admitted being the owner. He is a UK resident living in Canterbury and holds a UK driving licence. He has been resident for 2 years.

He had a valid green card for insurance, but he was advised that he should be driving the vehicle on UK plates and pay road tax. He was given the opportunity to get this resolved and advised that officers would create a report in the event he gets stopped again the vehicle could be seized for no tax offences



RTF performed a Stop check at Cleave Hill Graveney Faversham on a white Ford Transit. There were two male occupants in the vehicle. Both occupants and vehicle searched under section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act. A small amount of Cannabis was located, and the Driver of the vehicle was issued a PND for possession of Cannabis.

RTF North Officers located a male who was outstanding for a Fail to Appear Warrant. He was detained and conveyed to a Custody Suite.

RTF West Officers responded to an ANPR activation on a silver Volvo in Tunbridge Wells as intelligence suggested it may contain a male wanted for Recall to Prison. Vehicle and males located on the driveway at Tunbridge Wells and arrested by RTF

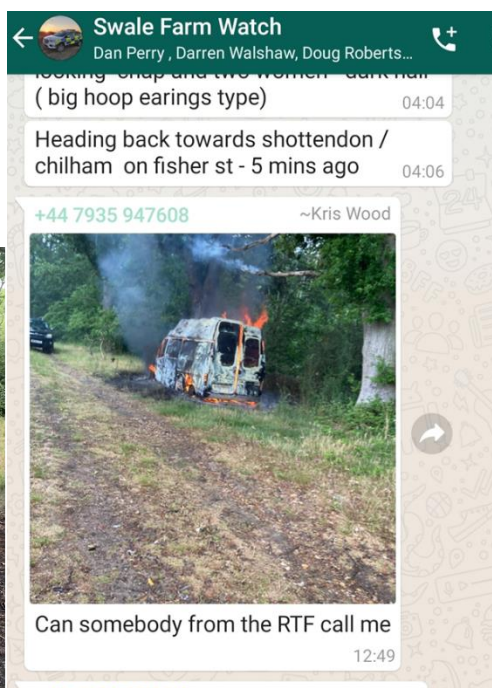
Stop Check on a red Skoda Octavia at Matts Hill Road, Hartlip. Bulgarian National driving delivering food and confirmed vehicle was uninsured. Vehicle seized and TOR issued.



Arrest at Holt Street, Nonnington, Dover of a driver of an Astra for Driving whilst unfit through drink or drugs. A white Vauxhall Astra, index, seen driving down Holt Street towards Aylesham. Driver tried to overtake into the path of the Police vehicle and made off driving up a nearby driveway. Driver then made off from the vehicle and was located in the garden hiding behind a tree. Driver arrested and taking to Margate Custody where he refused to provide, however due to his drunken state remained in Custody until the morning for Charging.



RTF alerted through Swale Farm Watch of an Arson at Throwley, Near Faversham. Victim is a vulnerable adult who resides in a caravan in the woods, off grid. The van was used by the victim to store his possessions. Enquiries with Landowner and gamekeeper led RTF to suspect from the Eastling area. The suspect was located and arrested on suspicion of the arson and taken to Custody. Witness statement obtained and seizure of suspects clothing and media devices.



RTF worked with local Medway Patrol on Sunday 21st June as part of Op Fireland series dealing with ASB MotorBikes and Quads. Numerous bikes and quads were stopped, and Section 59 warnings or Words of Advice given.



RTF Officers were tasked to make 4 High Priority arrests on the 23rd June. 1 related to Recall to Prison, 2 to sexual offences and the 4th a Domesticated Assault. Two of the suspects were located during the shift and arrested by RTF officers and a third was linked to a location by the RTF through enquiries completed and speaking to family members, and a local patrol was despatched to this address and made the arrest.

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