

Stop wildlife crime

Wildlife crime includes offences such as deliberately killing or abusing animals, disturbing protected species or damaging breeding and resting places, and illegally trading in endangered species. Some wildlife crimes, such as badger-baiting, hare coursing and the illegal use of poisons and traps can cause unnecessary pain and suffering.

Additionally, attacks on farm livestock, including by dogs, and theft of livestock, are increasing. This includes sheep rustling and butchery in fields, which is a devastating crime for farmers and their businesses. It's also distressing for other livestock.

It could also have an impact on the food chain through illegal meat trading which increases the risk of contamination.

Links to major crime

Often those involved in wildlife or livestock offences are known for their links to other types of crime including anti-social behaviour, serious violence, firearms offences and organised crime. You can help to bring offenders to justice.

When you see a crime...

- Don't disturb the scene.
- Don't touch or remove dead animals or birds - you could be committing an offence.
- Record as many details as you can - date, time, location, details of anyone involved.
- If possible, take photos or record video.
- Note any vehicle registration numbers.
- Don't put yourself at risk and don't approach anyone.



A once magnificent Red Kite hunted and killed.

Just tell us what you know

If you hear of or suspect anyone is involved in wildlife or livestock crime but do not wish to talk to police, then tell Crimestoppers what you know **100% anonymously**. If you are not sure but you have a hunch that something is not right, just give us a call.

In countryside communities, people often know who's who and they may have information about crime but don't want to tell police because they fear reprisals. Crimestoppers charity can reassure them that their anonymity is guaranteed.

We won't ask for your name or any personal details, we'll just listen to what you know and pass that information on to the police. Your calls or online information can't be tracked or traced.

Contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or online at [crimestoppers-uk.org](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org).

It's 100% anonymous. Always.

The only person who will know you contacted the independent charity Crimestoppers is you.

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