

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Elwyn Vaughan

What are the priorities for policing our deep rural communities in Powys?

Answer

Thank you for the question.

Rural Crime across the Dyfed-Powys Police Force area is a priority for the Police and for the Police and Crime Commissioner. The Commissioner Dafydd Llywelyn includes rural and wildlife crime as part of his First Priority of the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021: Keeping Communities Safe (see below).

‘Together with the police and partners, I will better understand rural and wildlife crime, the impact of this on rural communities and how we can work together to protect our natural environment’.

The Commissioner also has a joint Rural Crime Strategy with Dyfed-Powys Police in which the Commissioner reiterates his Police and Crime Plan Priorities (see below).

- Keep our communities safe
- Safeguard the vulnerable
- Protect our communities from serious threats
- Connect with communities

The Rural Crime Strategy includes the Main Challenges for Dyfed-Powys with rural crime (see below).

- Protecting vulnerable people
- Farm and agricultural crime
- Heritage crime
- Rural isolation
- Tourism
- Business and food crime
- Road Safety
- Serious and organised crime
- Wildlife crime

Dyfed-Powys Police plans regarding rural crime will be enforced across the Force area.

I am embedding a link to the Rural Crime Strategy 2017 for your information.

<https://www.dyfed-powys.police.uk/en/advice/rural-policing/>

My Police and Crime Panel colleagues, Cllr David Evans, Cllr Les George and I can seek an update from the Commissioner to any further questions you may have at the forthcoming Police and Crime Panel meeting on the 26th January at Ceredigion County Hall in Aberaeron.