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Community Notice

Non-Emergency contact number 101 – Emergency 999

Chichester District

Sussex Police warn poachers

Sussex Police would like to raise public awareness in regards to poaching in rural areas, in the last three years Police have worked very closely with rural communities and have had great success in the reduction of poaching of wild animals.

Poaching is a secretive business, often carried out at night and in remote locations but if caught, poachers can be prosecuted for a range of offences.

Game dealers, restaurateurs, hotels and public houses are being advised to check that they are not buying illegally killed game. They can do this by not purchasing meat from unknown persons and reporting suspicious gatherings in car parks immediately; dealers in game should show legal documentation for the sale of meat.

Wildlife Crime Officer Chief Inspector Martin Sims said "We would like to encourage anyone to contact the Police with any information that would help in catching poachers, especially if they have been offered meat from sources other than bona fide dealers.

"I'd also like to send a warning to poachers themselves that we are working very closely with farm and land owners and in some cases even install CCTV to catch poachers. It will not be tolerated and we will do all we can to support anyone that this crime affects."

Anyone who suspects illegal poaching is taking place please call Sussex Police on 101 or 999 in an emergency, i.e. poaching is occurring in front of you there and then. Alternatively you can call the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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If you see anything suspicious please report it immediately.

It might be the vital piece of information we need! Sussex Police gratefully receive information on all suspicious activity, suspicious persons and Anti-Social Behaviour, occurring in your area. We thank you for your vigilance and together, in partnership, we will effectively reduce and detect crime.