

# RURAL CRIME PREVENTION



## HARE COURSING - WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

### CALL THE POLICE:

Inform them of your suspicions. Give an accurate location use **What3Words**\* for describing location as the police officers attending may not be familiar with your land.

### GET VEHICLE DETAILS:

Note the make, model and colour of all vehicles involved. If you can take index numbers without approaching them, do so.

### DESCRIPTIONS:

How many persons in a vehicle, how many dogs - note any distinctive features of those involved. If you can safely photograph them, do so.

### NOTE THEIR ACTIONS:

What are they doing that shows they are coursing? For example, are the dogs running and turning together?

### DAMAGE:

Inform of any damage such as damage to access gate, damage to crops.

### GIVE A STATEMENT TO THE POLICE:

Be prepared to support a prosecution by cooperating with the police investigation, and keep any notes.

\*What3Words is a free smartphone app that uses a combination of three unique words to easily pinpoint your location anywhere in the world. Visit [what3words.com](http://what3words.com)



IN AN EMERGENCY OR IF  
A CRIME IS IN PROGRESS  
ALWAYS CALL

**999**

TO REPORT A  
NON-EMERGENCY  
CRIME OR INCIDENT

**101**



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