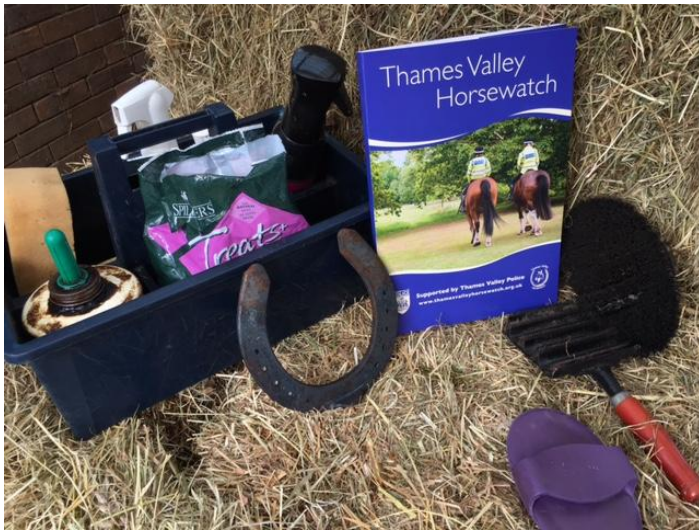


Thames Valley Police is proud to announce the redesign of Horsewatch, the scheme that allows horse owners and those with equine interests to keep updated on what is happening in the local area.



Horsewatch already has over a thousand members but we are keen to build on this. We want to have an equestrian community watch scheme which allows a wide ranging membership to share crime prevention advice and increases awareness of equestrian related local crimes; this will enhance the chances of getting any stolen property returned to owners.

Similar to other watch schemes, relevant alert messages will be sent to members such as; appeals for information about local equine crimes, invitations to relevant events such as tack marking, and general safety alert messages for protecting your property and horses.

To help encourage people to join the scheme, folders have been created with an introduction leaflet covering basics of how to protect your horse, microchips, freeze marking, tack marking etc, as well as a horse and equipment identification document. By keeping all the information together then should anything be stolen, this inventory can be shown to Officers, making it easier for everyone involved. There is also a Horsewatch yard sign and sticker for horse vehicles/trailers asking police to stop them in the hours of darkness.

Working with local stables, horse owners and riders to improve their own safety and security is essential and having this community scheme will allow them to support each other and will hopefully work towards them combating these rural crimes.

For more information about the scheme and to request a pack, please visit the [Horsewatch website](#). [\(opens new window\)](#)

There are also vacancies for Horsewatch area coordinators, so if you are interested in being more involved in the scheme in your area please contact [Thames Valley Police Horsewatch](#)