



Humberside Police



New Wildlife Rural and Heritage Crime Officer
For The Southbank

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We want to take this opportunity to thank Jane for her hard work and care of her community and wish her all the very best in her retirement. We and the local community will certainly miss her. As Jane takes on new challenges in her retirement we find out about PC Lawrence Grant.

Lawrence grew up in rural North Lincolnshire and with grandparents as farmers it is easy to see why he's ideal as our new Wildlife, Rural and Heritage Crime Officer.

Lawrence said, "My mother's parents were farmers in the area but my grandfather had retired by the time I was born. He still retained some land around the farm house and I enjoyed tending it with him, digging out ditches etc.

"I went to the local schools and then onto college before joining the police straight out of college."

We asked Lawrence what made him want to become the Wildlife, Rural and Heritage Crime Officer, he said, "As a child I loved being outdoors and completed my Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award while at college.

“My passion for rural and wildlife crime developed while I was working in Barton and subsequently Brigg. I felt that rural communities often got overlooked, due to most of our demand coming from urban communities. Having grown up in a rural setting it seemed like the perfect job for me.

“I joined Humberside Police in 2011 whilst at College and volunteered doing administrative duties at Scunthorpe Police Station.

“Between 2012 and 2016 I undertook various support staff roles and became a PCSO working at Grimsby in the East Marsh area.

“I became a police officer in 2016. I worked in Grimsby on incident response and prisoner processing and then when I moved to incident response at Barton Police Station. I then moved into a neighbourhood police officer role at Brigg until becoming the Wildlife, Rural and Heritage Crime Officer this year.

“Having worked in so many varied roles I have a good understanding of how investigations progress. This allows me to effectively investigate crimes knowing each previous and subsequent steps in an investigation.

We know that rural crime is a serious concern in our Force and so we asked Lawrence what issues effect his local area most, he said, “The high impact, high cost issues for this area are rural burglary and theft. This can be burglaries in houses and farms and theft of farm equipment, plant and vehicles.

“Seasonal issues such as hare coursing continue to be reported frequently in the autumn months during and after harvest when the fields are reduced to stubble. This brings with it damage to newly seeded drill crops and gateways.

“As a wildlife crime officer I have received specialist training to investigate wildlife crimes such a badger baiting, hare coursing and poaching. I carry out this role full time however other officers are trained in this area within other policing teams such as communities, patrol and special constables.

“What I can’t say often enough is to ask residents to report any and all crime no matter how small. Rural crime is often under reported and I would ask for people to call 101 with anything that is concerning them. If there is a crime in progress or a risk to life then always call 999.”

We wish Lawrence all the very best of luck in his new role and hope that his community will welcome him warmly too.

Lawrence will be working throughout this week alongside his colleagues in the rural Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) during the North Lincolnshire week of action <https://www.humberside.police.uk/news/neighbourhood-policing-team-take-week-action-raise-awareness-rural-crime> which is raising awareness of wildlife and rural crime. If you see them at any of the planned events please talk to them about your concerns and tell us how we can help make your community safer.

If you want to read more about how Humberside Police tackles rural crime please go to our website here: www.humberside.police.uk/wildlife-and-rural-crime .

If you are looking for rural crime prevention advice we have lots of useful information on our website here: <https://www.humberside.police.uk/rural-crime>

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