

# Decision Record Template



**POLICE & CRIME  
COMMISSIONER**  
for Leicester,  
Leicestershire & Rutland  
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Date of Decision: 17/10/2025

Lead Officer: Rebecca Lee

Decision Record URN: EXE0026-25

Title: Community Action Fund – Rural Crime Round

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## **Decision summary:**

This decision relates to the Rural Crime round of funding of the 2025 - 2026 financial year, ring fenced for Community Action Fund.

This funding round opened on 01/09/2025 and closed on 17/10/2025.

20 applications were submitted during this time and scored as per the eligibility and scoring criteria.

Upon review, 8 bids were approved to be awarded funding which equates to £68,383.77

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## **Decision Sought:**

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Project Brief</u>	<u>Priority Area</u>	<u>Sum Requested</u>
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NFU Melton Mowbray Branch	Operation Trailer Trace	The primary objective of Operation Trailer Trace is to tag, track and trace livestock trailers (and other agricultural trailers with a high theft risk).	Rural Crime Melton Mowbray	£10,000
NFU South West Leicester Branch	Accelerate awareness and prevention opportunities	Provide workshops and equipment by working with the rural crime team. Build a 'bank' of equipment that can be shared around the farming community which can be loaned / used when needed temporarily	Rural Crime Market Bosworth	£10,000
National Gamekeepers' Organisation	NGO Rural Crime Action	The NGO will deliver two free-to-attend roadshows on rural crime before 1 August 2026. Focusing on the prevention of crime.	Rural Crime Loddington and Thurlaston	£9,873.89
NFU Market Harborough	Operation – Stop the Fly Grazers	To purchase 300 signs for placement on private land and known fly-grazing hotspots, serving as a deterrent to fly grazers.	Rural Crime Market Harborough	£7,200
Sproxtton Parish Council	Purchasing rural crime prevention tools	To purchase and distribute Data tags to residents within the village who may be vulnerable to Rural Crime	Rural Crime Sproxtton	£4,199.40
NFU Rutland and Stamford / CSP	Let's Catch Them	This project will deploy Tick Trackers to owners of pickups, tractors, trailers, and small plant, frequent targets of theft.	Rural Crime Rutland	£9,900
NFU Lutterworth	Farm Surveillance Project	Purchase of 30 Farm Stream 360 64GB SD card cameras with the aim of these being distributed to local farmers and rural businesses within the rural community.	Rural Crime Lutterworth	£9,423
Communic8	Educational Workshops	Awareness raising, Education and understanding and improved community safety of children regarding Rural crime in Leicestershire	Rural Crime Across Rural areas of Leicestershire and Rutland	£7,787.48

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## **Supporting information**

### **1) Background information**

The Community Action Fund is part of the wider Community Action Programme, which supports grassroots initiatives that aim to prevent crime and improve safety. It provides targeted funding to smaller organisations and community groups, enabling them to deliver local solutions to local challenges. Each funding round focuses on a specific theme aligned with Police and Crime Plan.

### **2) Detail of additional information attached.**

N/A

### **3) Expected benefits.**

The fund aligns with the Police and Crime Plan. It promotes inclusive engagement, protects vulnerable individuals, and helps reduce demand on emergency services across Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland.

Within rural communities, the fund addresses persistent issues such as machinery theft and livestock worrying. This targeted investment helps to empower communities to take ownership of local solutions, safeguard livelihoods and helps to strengthen the resilience and safety of these communities to build safer, more secure rural environments.

### **4) Impact of not approving the application**

Without funding, proposed projects may not go ahead which could result in missed opportunities to prevent harm, reduce vulnerability and support the Police and Crime Plan's focus on early intervention and community resilience.

### **5) Financial implications (including any cost savings)**

**£68,383.77** from the allocated Community Action Fund budget.

### **6) Consultations** (Details of any consultations that have been carried out or reason as to why no consultations has taken place):

All areas of focus have come directly from the Police and Crime Plan; therefore a consultation was not required. Areas include:

- Rural Crime
- Road Safety
- Violence and Vulnerability
- Business Crime
- Neighbourhood Crime
- Violence Against Women and Girls

### **7) Collaboration** (is there an opportunity to collaborate with partners)

Collaboration opportunities available with partners.

## 8) Equality, Diversity & Human Rights implications

All projects funded have declared that they have the necessary policies in place and are available upon request.

## 9) Legal comments

All participating organisations must comply with safeguarding laws, data protection (GDPR) regulations, and equality legislation, ensuring secure, lawful, and inclusive service delivery.

## 10) Publication

It is appropriate to publish this record of decision made by the Police and Crime Police and Crime Commissioner: **Yes**

It is appropriate to publish the contents of the supporting papers:  
**Yes**

It is appropriate to publish details of the decision by the Police and Crime Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire: **Yes**

### **Reasons for any non-Publication (referencing appropriate legislation):**

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act) and other legislation. Unless the information provided is covered by an exemption and stated to be either confidential or partly confidential, the information contained in the form will be published on the OPCC website.

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### **Chief Finance Officer:**

#### **Comments:**

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report and assurances sought have been outlined within the report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

#### **Signature:**

**Name:**

**Date:**

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### **Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer:**

#### **Comments:**

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that legal and equalities advice have been taken into account in the preparation of this report and assurances sought have been

outlined in this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

**Signature**

**Name**

**Date**

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**Police and Crime Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire:**

Having received the advice set out above and reviewed relevant documentation my decision in regard of this matter is:

**Approved / Not Approved**

I confirm that my register of interests' declaration is up to date and that none of my interests preclude me from making this decision.

**Signature:**

**Date:**

**Name of Police and Crime Commissioner:**