| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2837  Responded to: 28 November 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

1. **Following reports of rural patrols being carried out to tackle rural crime in East Lothian can you confirm how many Police Scotland officers have been involved?**

With East Lothian being 88% rural/ farmland and costal, all officers in East Lothian, be it response or community are involved.

One of our Community Sergeants chairs the East Lothian Partnership Against Rural Crime group, where partner agencies can discuss prevention/ crime trends and plan days of action.

1. **Can you confirm if Police Scotland officers have been involved with or consulted on such patrols elsewhere in the country?**
2. **For patrols Police Scotland officers have been involved in, can you confirm which regions such patrols have taken place in?**
3. **Does Police Scotland intend engaging with future patrols and if so can you confirm (i) the expected frequency and (ii) which areas such future patrols could target?**

Police Scotland take rural crime very seriously. Patrols are ongoing and conducted regularly across all divisions, with specific actions taken where it has been identified to be necessary to do so.

1. **Can you confirm what types of crimes such patrols have targeted?**

All crimes are targeted, but we can advise that volume crimes in rural areas are thefts and wildlife crimes.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

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