

## Information sheet No. 3



### **Fostering good relationships with neighbours**

Good neighbours are to be nurtured, particularly if your horses are isolated.

Ask them to report suspicious circumstances or strangers lurking about. Circulate them with phone numbers of people to contact in an emergency. A common modus operandi for thieves is to park their vehicle some distance from their target and lead horses back. It is good practice to keep an eye open for trailers or lorries parked in local laybys, gateways, etc. Ensure locals know that the sound of horses moving at night, away from their usual fields, is suspicious.

Recent concern has arisen over 'steal to order' tactics used by some horse thieves. If you see anyone video recording horses/property be extra vigilant - record descriptions, vehicle details and correct registration number and **REPORT TO THE POLICE!**

Remember to thank neighbours if they do report anything to you, or the Police, even if it does turn out to be innocent.