

Public urged to be vigilant to 'Raves'

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The weather may have taken a turn for the worse and children are preparing to return to school. Although the majority of raves take place at the height of summer, people are being reminded to stay vigilant to suspicious activity as we move into autumn.

The force relies on information from the public when dealing with raves, either to be made aware one is happening, or to be informed of suspicious activity that could indicate one is being planned.

Raves can be disruptive in terms of noise and nuisance and can be more difficult to clear once they are established, so it is vital that people let us know if they concerned about any suspicious activity.

Chief Inspector Chris Hillery, from Protective Services Command, said, "We can nip illegal raves in the bud and stop them from taking place if we have reliable information about something which is likely to be taking place.

"Members of the public will usually ring us to complain about traffic movements and anti-social behaviour as people turn up to the rave, but they can also help us by being alert to anything that is out of the ordinary in their community, no matter how trivial it may seem.

"In many cases those people who are looking to set up a rave will visit the proposed site a couple of days before the event and I would urge anyone who spots and suspicious activity in their village, along a country road or around farm land, then please let us know."

Please ring the police if you notice the following in a rural area:-

- Posters or messages advertising a rave
- Cropped bolts on a gate
- People in a souped-car stopping to look into a field or climbing over a fence into a field
- Flattened or disturbed hedgerows
- Anyone acting suspiciously

Members of the public can report suspicious behaviour via the Forms & Online Services button at www.northants.police.uk - calling 03000 111 222 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111