

Operation Lepus



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POLICE

101

IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 999

Put a stop to illegal hare coursing events



Keeping People Safe

What are hare coursing events?

The Wildlife and Natural Environment Act (NI) 2011 states;

(1) A person commits an offence if he –

- (a) participates in a hare coursing event
- (b) attends a hare coursing event,
- (c) knowingly facilitates a hare coursing event,
- (d) permits land which belongs to him to be used for the purposes of a hare coursing event,
- (e) nets hares for the purpose of a hare coursing event,
- (f) transports hares for the purpose of a hare coursing event, or
- (g) holds hares for the purpose of a hare coursing event, or

(2) Each of the following persons commits an offence if a dog participates in a hare coursing event –

- (a) any person who enters the dog for the event,
- (b) any person who permits the dog to be entered, and
- (c) any person who controls or handles the dog in the course of or for the purposes of the event.

(3) A “hare coursing event” is a competition in which dogs are, by the use of live hares, assessed as to skill in hunting hares.

(4) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

If you see hare coursing events taking place, or suspect this crime or any rural crime is happening in your area contact us immediately on 101.

For more information visit: www.psnl.police.uk

If you have any information about illegal hare coursing please call the Police or as an alternative to contacting the police directly, information can be passed onto Crimestoppers.

Contacting Crimestoppers allows anyone with details of criminal activity to pass it on anonymously. Calls are not recorded, there is no caller ID facility and callers will not be asked for their names. Calling Crimestoppers can help make your community safer.

**Crimestoppers can be contacted on
0800 555 111 or through the Crimestoppers
website www.crimestoppers-uk.org**

