

## POLICE NOTEBOOK

**N**OW SPRING IS WITH US, motorists please be aware that there will be more agricultural activity on our roads. This brings its own problems with much slower moving vehicles that motorist often do not see

It is important that other motorists are aware that the vehicle ahead may be a large or slow moving vehicle and travelling at half their speed. Drivers often simply run into tractors because they do not see them, it appears that the general outline of a tractor blends in with the scenery. The use of amber warning beacons can be a valuable aid to conspicuity. Where fitment is practicable, use amber beacons on vehicles when they are being driven on all roads and not just dual carriageways. Where used, ensure that the beacon can be seen from all sides of the vehicle, or combination, especially from the rear, if not, fit extra beacons as required to the vehicle and /or trailer.

Motorists please be aware that extra care is needed when tractors carry implements. Overtaking these vehicles can cause problems that other vehicles do not. It is not always appreciated that when a tractor turns either left or right the implement being carried on its hydraulic arm moves in the opposite direction. Several accidents have occurred when a tractor clearly signals and turns left, and a passing motorists overtakes it only to find the implement on the tractor swings into its path.

Many motorists get impatient at following slow moving agricultural vehicles and often in sheer

desperation take chances they would not normally do.

When driving slow moving vehicles please pull over when the traffic behind you begins to build up, this shows reasonable consideration for other road users, and good manners.



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### CRIME BUSTERS REVIEW

Following three recent burglaries in Shipton-under-Wychwood where small items have been stolen, please be aware of any stranger or suspicious person using any kind of transport. We tend to think that offenders always use cars or vans to leave the scene of a crime.

A black Labrador dog has been seen wandering around Shipton and Milton causing distress to other dog owners through its aggressive behaviour. It has attacked at least one dog which needed veterinary attention. If you are the owner, or know who does own this dog, please keep the dog under control or contact me before anybody else is injured. This dog does appear to have a silver type chain with a disk

Motorists please check your speed when travelling through our villages, recent speed checks in Ascott and Shipton have seen twenty drivers cautioned and fifteen given fixed penalty tickets which are not dealt with in Magistrates court, and therefore are not reported in the local press. However these offences are entered on driving licences.

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