

Good morning, I am from North Yorkshire Police and I would like you to draw to the attention of your members the following at every opportunity available. I hold the role as Treasurer of the NPCA Durham and N Yorkshire Branch so I have a vested interest in raising this issue.

Currently across certain parts of the country including North Yorkshire people are reporting that their ponies and in particular Dartmoor and Shetland are being found with a single plait in their mane some as specific as the right side, (which is not necessarily evident from the leading side of the pony!).

This along with markings on the edge of the field or premises (like blue painted x or similar) the above should be of great cause for concern as both are used to identify ponies and there locations for subsequent theft as well as any equestrian equipment or transport. If you think you are being targeted, remove the animal if possible to a more secure location and report incidents to the police and this will filter to the national horse watches hopefully.

The faster the word spreads the less likely we are to lose a precious friend.

Kind regards

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