

# Crimebeat

A monthly look at ways to  
**Combat Crime, with East Bassetlaw's  
Neighbourhood  
Policing Inspector, Simon Pealing**



**The theft of industrial plant and agricultural machinery is a major headache for the police, but it rarely makes the newspaper headlines.**

Yet such thefts cost industry and farmers across the country around £1 million every week.

Its big business, usually carried out by highly organised gangs who often steal to order. Items are often loaded on to vehicles which are pre-booked on to ferries and the stolen plant and machinery can be out of the country in a matter of hours – often before the rightful owners realise it has been stolen.

Even if the theft is reported to the police immediately, it is often difficult for the police to positively identify it, particularly if it is already miles from its rightful home. But that is where the new CESAR scheme offers real and positive benefits. CESAR offers – for the very first time – a comprehensive plant and machinery registration database which is combined with the very latest, state of the art covert marking technology designed to beat the savviest thief.

The technology means that any piece of plant or equipment registered with the scheme can be immediately identified. If the police stop a vehicle transporting plant or machinery that is registered with the scheme, we can immediately contact the owner and ask if his tractor or JCB really should be on the back of a lorry at 3am being transported across the country, down the M1 or to the docks.

The CESAR scheme has the full support and backing of the Construction Equipment Association and the Agricultural Engineers Association and also has the full backing of the Home Office, the Association of Chief Police Officers, the DVLA, Crimestoppers, a wide range of insurance companies as well as leading plant and machinery manufacturers.

The official CESAR Scheme includes the very latest state of the art identification methods:

**Hidden Technology.** This consists of either a glass tag transponder which is about the size of a grain of rice and can be easily hidden on the plant or machinery. It contains a unique code number which is permanently programmed into its integrated circuit and cannot be altered or deleted. There is also a Self Adhesive Tag, a flexible, self adhesive transponder which again contains a unique code number which is permanently programmed into its integrated circuit. The number cannot be altered or deleted and is impervious to attack by electric shock and magnetic waves.

**Visible Technology.** Unique Identification Plates which carry a unique identification code ensuring that your machinery can be identified and returned in the event of theft.

**Microscopic Technology.** Data tag and Data dots. These are a superior microdot identification system, specially developed for ease of use. The Data dots can be applied to any surface thus making it virtually impossible for the criminals to locate and remove them all.

**Forensic Technology.** Data tag DNA is a unique forensic chemical DNA solution. Each piece of plant or machinery is protected with an invisible, unique DNA code. Criminals will have to be confident they have removed every molecule of Data tag DNA to prevent positive identification of the plant or machinery. If you own plant or agricultural machinery I would certainly recommend you to consider the CESAR Scheme. Full details can be obtained by calling 08450 700 440 or by visiting [www.cesarscheme.org](http://www.cesarscheme.org)

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