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**Poaching has traditionally been defined as the illegal hunting, killing or capturing of wild animals, usually associated with land use rights. There are many methods of poaching including the use of weapons, poisons, explosives, snare traps, nets and cages. Lamping is also used at night (the use of a spotlight to impair an animal's natural defence).**

Poachers have little regard for the countryside and no regard for any wildlife or the farmer's land that they trespass on. Poachers rarely carry out their business for food these days, animals can be stolen for use in illegal and cruel sport, they often work in groups, pursuing animals such as rabbits, deer and pheasants that fall under the heading "game".

Project Poacher has been established by the England and Wales Poaching Priority Delivery Group which includes the [National Wildlife Crime Unit](#) and is chaired by the [British Association for Shooting and Conservation](#) (BASC).

Project Poacher is the official app for the National Wildlife Crime Unit initiative which aims to tackle poaching offences across the UK. With this app you can:

- See your location on a map to allow for more accurate police reports
- Read information about poaching offences
- Report poaching and wildlife crime quickly and easily

Project Poacher has two key elements; advice and support for law enforcers and a free, easy to use app for reporting poaching incidents.

The app is available to download at [www.projectpoacher.com](http://www.projectpoacher.com)  
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Project Poacher will continue to coordinate action across England and Wales through:

- Prevention - offering best advice to farmers, landowners, gamekeepers, shooting and land management organisations regarding measures to put in place to prevent poaching and disruption mechanisms
- Intelligence - to allow the police to target offenders
- Enforcement - with good intelligence the police can target poachers through the various rural and poaching based operations run throughout England and Wales
- Reassurance - by working together and by publicising resulting actions

If you see or are aware of poachers on your land or the land of someone else without permission call the police on 101 (or if a crime is taking place call 999). Give the call taker as much information as you have including location, vehicles used, how many offenders and if there are firearms.

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