



South Northants Neighbourhood Teams

Annual Report March 2023

South Northants Neighbourhood Policing Teams have maintained continuity of officers based within the area which is important for developing local knowledge, contacts and confidence. We have benefited from an additional PCSO joining the Brackley Team and we would like to welcome PCSO Paris JONES to the area. Paris has already started to develop a wealth of local contacts within the short time she has been with us.

We have previously mentioned the Beat Buses which were successfully launched in late 2021. Hopefully you will have seen this resource out in the local villages bringing officers to your doorstep and offering isolated communities the opportunity to speak to officers on a 1-2-1 basis. Rather than wait for Beat Bus availability officers have also been conducting additional village surgeries generally at village halls. We do publicise these visits well in advance but often only find a few people come to see us. This is a really great opportunity for you to come and discuss concerns on your doorstep even if they are just minor. We would rather become involved at an early stage to prevent situations escalating or deteriorating.

Our Community identified Policing priority surveys continue to highlight that road safety; acquisitive crime and drugs use/supply are your real areas of concern. So these are the areas that we have put a lot of effort in to tackle. Over the last 12 months we have conducted a number of warrants under the Misuse of Drugs Act and also proactive operations targeting criminal use of vehicles. At present officers within the teams are working on 5 investigations into offences of possession with intent to supply class A and B drugs as a result of these interventions. These investigations do become protracted and we will bring you the results of these once complete. All of these investigations have been instigated due to you, the public, bringing us your concerns about other people living in and bringing harm to the area.

We have also undertaken a lot of work with the Force's licensing team as a result of concerns raised regarding the sale of drugs within pubs and also of alcohol and tobacco products being sold to minors in shops. Some of this has involved conducting test purchasing and completing pub walkthroughs with a drugs indicator dog.

We strongly recommend that all living and working within our communities sign up to **Neighbourhood Alert**. This is an email messaging system that all Schools, Parish Councils, Neighbourhood Watch and community members can join. In registering your email address you will receive up-to-date information regarding crimes, policing activity, crime prevention advice and much more. This system is a two-way process and offers you a chance to respond to information provided as appropriate. If the majority of the community sign up then we can create a virtual network of additional eyes and ears, watching out for suspicious activity, looking out for vulnerable friends, family and neighbours and receiving information about local events and activities that can help alleviate fear of crime and promote a safe and secure lifestyle.

You can join the Neighbourhood Alert Messaging System easily via:
www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk

The Neighbourhood Policing Teams are based within the Community at Brackley and Towcester Police Stations. We will endeavour to attend as many local events as possible to build up our local networks and offer you an opportunity to meet with us. We acknowledge that many older residents in the area may not use email or social media so they may miss out on Policing information that is relevant to them. If you have an event, regular group meeting etc. that you would like us to attend then please get in touch via the email addresses below.

Please do follow us on social media where possible (Twitter: **@SthNorthantsNPT** and Facebook: **'Daventry and South Northants Neighbourhood Policing Team'**). We try and promote as much of our day to day activities as we can however if there is anything else that you would like to see us report back on then let us know. Your feedback is important to us. There are some aspects of our work that we cannot report back on due to the vulnerabilities of the persons involved, and their right to privacy but we will try and let you know as much as we can about the type of work that we get involved with.

We work closely with our Rural Crime Team and you can follow their work via Twitter: **@hutch472 & @NorPolRural**.

At present we are finding that a lot of our time is consumed in dealing with crimes perpetrated via social media. The vast majority of this involves children of school age but is not exclusive to them. Children may not be aware that sending of malicious communications – nasty, abusive messages on platforms such as Instagram, WhatsApp, Snap Chat etc. are criminal offences. The same principal applies the sending of intimate images between children. We urge parents to take an overview of the chat groups that children join or just who they are communicating with online. There is a wealth of support available for these situations which parents can find via West Northamptonshire Council and organisations such as Service Six. We also work closely with schools to try and disrupt and deter this sort of behaviour as it often stems from relationships developed within a school environment.

Should you wish to discuss a particular issue that is of concern to you or meet a member of your Neighbourhood Policing Team then please contact either team via:
NT-SouthNorthantsBrackley@pnn.police.uk or NT-SouthNorthantsTowcester@pnn.police.uk

PLEASE DO NOT REPORT CRIMES VIA THESE EMAIL ADDRESSES

Reporting an issue or crime to the Police can be made in a number of ways. This includes ringing 101 or online. Northants Police's new website offers a reporting system for

- A road traffic incident
- Missing person – no immediate harm
- Terrorist activity
- Fingerprints appointments – this could be asked for when travelling abroad
- Hate Crime/ Incident

So that your report can be managed as quickly as possible, it's important to consider the following information and have it ready to provide:

- the date and time the crime happened
- the location, such as address or road name along with the town or village
- a description of any people involved
- the details of any witnesses or suspects
- if you think there's any other evidence such as forensic evidence or mobile phone footage
- if there is clear CCTV footage of the offence being committed

The above reporting tool can be reached via:

<https://www.northants.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

USEFUL LINKS

Northamptonshire Police Website: <http://www.northants.police.uk/>

Check if a vehicle is taxed or untaxed and report if necessary: <https://www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-tax>

Useful link for all matters related to driving: <http://think.direct.gov.uk/>

This link will provide you with useful information to help protect yourself from scams:

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/check-if-something-might-be-a-scam/>

Trading Standards – Advice and help for consumers: [West Northants Trading Standards](#)

Contact Crime Stoppers anonymously about crime:

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Fearless - a site where young people can access non-judgmental information and advice about crime:

<https://www.fearless.org/>

Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Watch:

www.ourwatch.org.uk

Report to South Northants Council - Fly tipping, dog fouling, Litter, noise pollution and other issues:

[West Northants Council](#)

Advice on boundary disputes with neighbours:

<https://www.ricsfirms.com/residential/legal-issues/boundaries/rics-consumer-guide-boundary-disputes/>

Street Doctor – reporting Highways issues:

<http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/northamptonshire-highways/roads-and-streets/Pages/report-highway-problem.aspx>

Thank you from South Northants Neighbourhood Policing Teams