



Police Report

A6 Towns forum

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In relation to the crime statistics, the usual caveat applies, that some types of crime rise as other types of crime fall however in the rural area there are no specific crime trends rapidly increasing that the neighbourhood team can specifically tackle. Of note in the last 12 months compared to the previous 12 months in Barton Seagrave, Burton Latimer, Desborough and Rothwell, Robberies have fallen across the board. With regards to Burglaries they too are steadily declining in the last 6 months after the spike before/ around Christmas.

Of note Thefts in Burton Latimer have reduced by 18.72%, comparing to other crime types normally this significant percentage decrease is due to their only being a reduction in a handful of crimes out of a handful that were previously committed but of note in this case, the sample size is high, crime reduced from 203 thefts in the previous 12 months compared to the current 12 months where there were 165.

Theft offences in Desborough Loatland reduced by 19% (from 105 to 85) and in Rothwell theft offences reduced by 10% (from 261 to 234) but I recognise that in Desborough St Giles there was an increase of 26%.

In relation to Anti-social behaviour Barton Seagrave has seen no change, Burton Latimer has decreased by 29%, Desborough Loatland there has been a decrease of 35%, Desborough St Giles a decrease of 39% and in Rothwell a reduction of 16%.

The neighbourhood team continue to work in the Locally Identified priorities and the neighbourhood team efforts have been detailed below.

Parking Patrols

Police have been patrolling throughout the rural areas as Parking has been identified as one of the top three concerns by the public. PCSOs have patrolled

- The Crossing at Desborough library,
- double yellow lines outside the Co-op in Desborough
- The A14 services slip road at Rothwell
- St Mary's School and Meadow side School
- Montsaye Academy,
- Havelock Infant School,
- Priors Hall Primary School.
- Loatlands Primary School,
- Grosvenor Close, Barton Seagrave,
- Mawsley,

Desborough Road, Rothwell.

Of particular note we have to issue tickets for people failing to adhere to the no-parking police cones during the period of Rothwell Fair and we thank people for following the directions after action was taken and not parking where they were placed. These cones were placed, as they are every year, to provide a free flow of traffic around the area of the fair particularly for the buses and delivery lorries.

We have started to prosecute drivers for parking on the Zig zag lines at the pedestrian crossing in Desborough (Nr the library) and this is being done with photographs and statements from members of the public. I would like to remind drivers that parking on the zig-zag lines at a pedestrian crossing does not only result in a find but also could result in an endorsement of their drivers licence. The Zig-zag lines are there to provide a clear view to drivers approaching the crossing so they can stop in time and also to not push overtaking cars on to the wrong side of the road as they approach the tight turn with Station Road.

There have also been joint parking patrols with the Kettering Borough Council Wardens throughout the last three months.

Speeding

Due to our department being small and also focusing on other areas of neighbourhood policing we have not always carried out enforcement, however I would like to emphasise the importance of engineering to reduce speed. Speed enforcement is a useful tool in slowing drivers down and will not go away, however I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise the need to fund and push through the use of engineering road layouts you reduce the speed of vehicles We are working together with councils to build support or future changes.

Areas where speed enforcement has been completed by the rural neighbourhood team are:-

Long Croft Road, Little Stanion, - This location has been highlighted due to deer being struck.

Stamford Road, Weldon,

Rothwell Road, Desborough – It has been found that some drivers have been travelling at speeds in excess of 50mph here (a 30pmh zone) and judicial action will be taken against anyone travelling at such inappropriate speeds.

PCSO Joe Devlin has been completing school talks to pupils in partnership with Corby Borough Council We also launched a competition for years 5 & 6 to design a poster around speeding and to encourage vehicle to slow down. The winners will received a voucher donated by CBC and the 2 winning posters will be created and displayed outside of the school.

The safer roads partnership who operate the speed camera vans have reported that 954 offences have been detected at 15 site in the Kettering and Corby area. More details for the public can be found by visiting this web address, the Northants Public Access System:- www.northantspas.com

Burglary

Over the last three months the Neighbourhood Policing team have fulfilled their role in supporting victims after burglaries occur. PCSO's are not in position to respond to burglaries in progress due to their limited powers (something that the response teams will tackle) but they offer a vital tool to complete house to house enquires after crimes have occurred and to feed information back to investigators.

They carry out regular patrols of hot spot areas known to be targets for burglars and have also discovered information to find wanted suspects later to facilitate their arrest by the investigation departments.

Of particular note is our patrols in areas such as the Barton Seagrave where there have been crimes known as 'Family gold Burglaries' where by burglars target families who have large amounts of jewellery in their homes for weddings etc. We are continuing to work closely with CID and the force proactive teams to fulfil our role in reassurance to victims of these crimes.

I can reassure our residents that no particular areas have been targeted specifically and that there is no geographic pattern on the Kettering and Corby Rural sector.

As mentioned above there has been a slight on average reduction in burglaries over the last 6 months.

The Kettering and Corby Rural Policing team continue to push engagement with the residents in rural communities through Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert. (<https://www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk/>)

If there are any specific concerns that councillors want to raise then please feel free to e-mail the neighbourhood team at this e-mail address:- NeighbourhoodTeamCorbyRural&Ketteringrural@northants..police.uk