

Bracebridge Heath Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT)

Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team



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Quarterly NPT Priorities

Every three months your local NPT listens to your concerns and looks at recent crime statistics to shape the things we will concentrate on for the next three months. Our priorities for the forthcoming quarter will be;

1. Anti Social Behaviour
2. Misuse of Drugs and Drug Dealing

Anti-Social Behaviour

This is a priority for the NPT. General Response & Patrol Policing will routinely target all crime such as burglary, theft from motor vehicles and vehicle theft etc. Routine Response and Patrol Officers will deal with and challenge any ASB as they come across it or if it is reported to them. Please call 101 to report ASB or use 999 if it is happening real time. Reports of ASB will be investigated where possible by the Neighbourhood Policing Team Officers.

Misuse of Drugs & Drug Dealing

Drug use and drug dealing is a prevalent issue in society and is unfortunately often occurring in plain sight. The drug use on our area can range from abuse of prescription drugs through to the use of cannabis and cocaine. These are the in vogue drugs that are widely used. Cannabis is both viewed as a soft and a gateway drug (class B) but when it is taken as cannabis skunk (high quality high THC content) it can have long term negative psychological affects. Beyond the criminal issues of dealing and possession, it draws in young people both as a gateway drug and into dealing for criminal County Line Gangs, often with catastrophic outcomes for those involved. Locally we have seen very sad examples in the last few months of teenage involvement in drug dealing resulting in both

involvement in arrests for serious criminal offences such as robbery and a very tragic suicide of a young person. The warning signs for young person's becoming involved in drug misuse are well known; withdrawal from education, truancy, behaviour changes and unexplained acquisition of clothes and property alongside new and secretive friendships.

If you witness drugs being abused in public spaces, the smell of cannabis coming from a vehicle or have knowledge or suspicion of drug dealing please call the information in on 101 or report it online. If you wish to remain anonymous you can report it via Crimestoppers which is a charity independent of the Police on 0800 555 111 – you may attract a reward for the information.

Detected ASB & Criminal Damage in Bracebridge Heath During February.

Police received several calls over a period of days about ASB – youths climbing on garages, littering and broken glass in a park and some graffiti. No names or CCTV were attributed to any of these complaints but your NPT did some old fashioned Police work and located the three boys involved. They have been visited by Police, Community Resolution process has been served and the graffiti has been cleaned off. This was quickly sorted and I'm grateful to the parents involved for working with the Police to sort this for the wider community.

Keeping Communities Safe

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team are there for you to problem solve and deal with neighbourhood issues. When PC Roberts (Community Beat Manager) started in post in Oct 2020 a series of overnight malicious damages had started to appear in a number of our villages. Not only Wellingore was affected but also Harmston and Navenby. At this time similar events in Caythorpe, Fulbeck and housing estates in North Lincoln and the City Centre had not been connected. The residents in the affected areas, including a man in his 60's, became increasingly anxious and stressed about when the next attack would occur, not being able to relax in their own homes. Reports ranged from eggs being thrown at people, cars and houses to bricks thrown through windows, cars damaged down to physical assaults by masked offenders. Your NPT set about with extensive house to house enquiries, trawling of CCTV, speaking with numerous victims and some lengthy analysing of ANPR data. PC Roberts built his case and connected the offences to those happening in the other areas. Two men were arrested in February by PC Roberts and later charged with a 24 offences of criminal damage between them. A further 38 offences

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were Taken Into Consideration (TIC). The two men aged 20 and aged 29 appeared at Lincoln Magistrates Court on 9th February 2022 and were both sentenced to 12 weeks suspended for a year, 20 days work with Probation, a hundred hours community service and £950 compensation to pay. The investigation and reassurance provided by the positive action your Neighbourhood Team took have given back quality of life to victims who were living in fear. Keeping people safe, helping people feel safe; that's what Neighbourhood Policing is all about.

Connect with Lincolnshire Police on "Nextdoor"

Nextdoor is a free, social networking platform where residents can get in touch with their neighbours and local police officers to help keep their neighbourhood safe.

Communities across the country have been using nextdoor for several years and over 80,000 people in Lincolnshire are already registered. No alongside updates from your local area, you can receive safety advice, urgent alerts, appeals and messages from Lincolnshire Police.

Special Constables in Lincolnshire Police

Have you considered joining Lincolnshire Police as a Special Constable? You would be trained and operate with full time Police Officers in serving and protecting your community. It is both challenging and rewarding and a good route into a career as a full time Police Officer. Search our website for information about joining as a Special Constable at www.lincs.police.uk

Vehicle Theft Prevention Advice

Vans and Land Rover Defenders have continued to be targeted for theft from driveways or roadside parking over quarter. A number of work vans have been targeted for tools which proves to be very expensive and disruptive to the victim. Where possible try and reverse vans up to a fixed object to prevent rear entry and if possible, block the van. Products are available to enhance locks, dead locks down simple high decibel PIR alarms should the factory alarm be electronically defeated. Consider an old-fashioned steering lock to deter a van thief and if finances allow, a tracker system.

Want to know more?

If you think there is an issue we should be focusing on, please get in touch at one of our public engagement Events contact us by email, or social media.

Crime statistics for your neighbourhood are available at:

<https://www.police.uk/>

Nextdoor is a great way of getting the latest relevant information for your area. Join at:

<https://nextdoor.co.uk/find-neighborhood/>

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Action Fraud
actionfraud.police.uk
0300 123 2040

Little Book of Big Scams by Met Police
www.met.police.uk

Get Safe Online
www.getsafeonline.org

Age UK
www.ageuk.org.uk

Citizen's Advice
www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Take Five
takefive-stopfraud.org.uk

Victim Support
www.victimsupport.org.uk

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