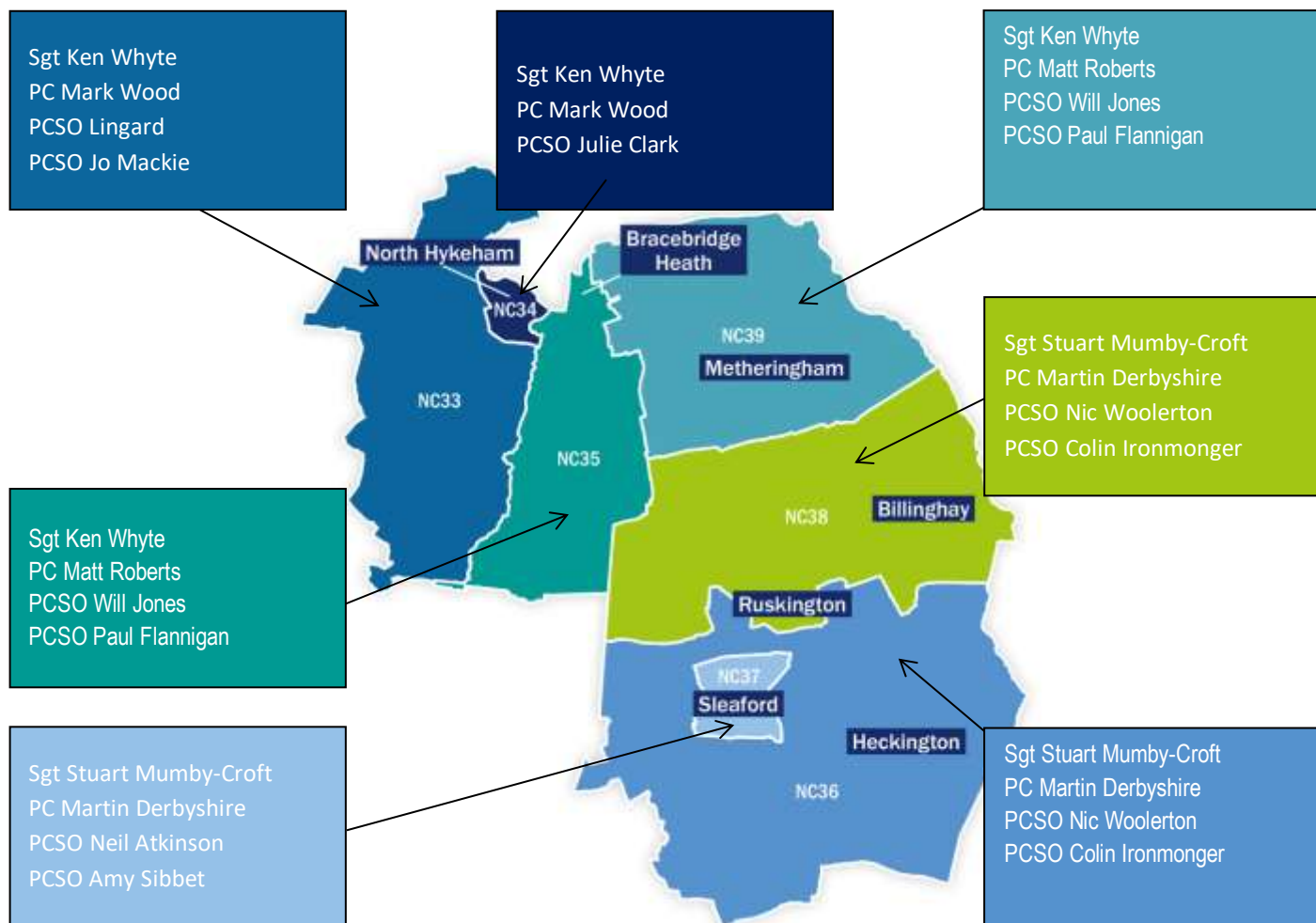


### YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAMS



## INTRODUCTION



Hello, and welcome to the first Quarterly Briefing for North Kesteven.

I would like to introduce myself as the Neighbourhood Policing Inspector. I took over the role last year having most recently worked in response and control room positions, also as an inspector. I have a primarily operational background, so neighbourhood policing is a new chapter in my career. Lockdown has significantly reduced my ability to get out and meet many of you, hopefully, this situation will change in the coming months and into the future.

I would also like to welcome Sergeant Stuart Mumby-Croft to the team. He is replacing Rachel Wells at Sleaford who, having completed 30 years' service, has retired from the force, we wish her well.

As you are able to see on the Demand on Our Services graphic below, over the last three months, crime calls account less than a quarter of the demand in NK at 22%. This continues to highlight the relatively low levels of crime experienced in the area. Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) is reported at 18% of calls. This occupies a larger proportion than would be expected for this quarter, however, the figures also incorporate calls for service associated with the COVID pandemic. I believe the figures also highlight the significant demand placed on the service in seeking to assist vulnerable members of society including those in need of help on our roads. Other areas (31%) also represent the many intangibles associated with policing demand.

If you wish to view the crime statistics for your own area these are available at [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk).

The specific crime figures and trends highlighted below show some positive signs. However, these have been significantly skewed by the affects the pandemic and may be potentially misleading if comparing with previous or future data.

Over the last year, neighbourhood policing throughout Lincolnshire has been reviewed against the College of Policing and HMIC guidelines. As such, some of the ways that we update and engage with our communities has been standardised across the force and designed to ensure we are working in line with national guidelines.

With diminishing resources more focus is being placed on neighbourhood teams working in prevention and problem solving with the aim of providing our public with better longer-term outcomes. By engaging with our communities, elected members and statutory partners we are able to identify issues which are important to the communities we police. As part of this focus, we now hold quarterly priority setting meetings. The meetings seek identify specific priorities for each area for our teams to focus on. This is an evolving process and we will be looking in the future to improve communication with you about how we set our priorities and how we seek your views on those.

It has been much more difficult for us to do our usual engagements given the risk of COVID, and we have sought to do more virtual engagements with our community.

One of the digital forums that we have been using is Next Door, which is a free app and provides our communities with vital links and connections. Giving us the opportunity to get messages out there to you where they can make a difference.

In the last quarter one of our priorities in North Hykeham revolved around cycle thefts. There had been a significant rise in thefts of high value bikes. The team conducted some engagement events for bike marking and crime prevention. When restrictions prevented these the team engaged on-line and even delivered cycle packs to homes in the area on request. The investigation side highlighted that offences were also occurring in neighbouring areas and in a joint operation an offender was identified. A successful prosecution resulted in a custodial sentence.

Another issue identified during our last meeting was ASB and damage offences within Wellingore and the surrounding villages. Following some incredible detective work by the beat manager we were able to identify a series of connected incidents stretching from Grantham to the North of Lincoln. There were over 60 crimes reported spanning several months. The suspects have been identified and arrested with a file currently with CPS for appropriate charges to be laid.

The team at Sleaford have had some excellent results recently in disrupting the organised supply of controlled drugs within the town and surrounding villages. On the back of locating several extensive cannabis grows last year, there have been several, intelligence led, arrests of County Lines dealers made within the town and seizure of Class A drugs. This activity ensures the removal of these individuals whose presence can have a significant effect on the quality of life of those living nearby. We are grateful to the community for their assistance in providing information to assist us in this endeavour.

In early March the Team at Sleaford, in association with British Transport Police, carried out a week of action to target the use of the railways for criminality, including knife crime (Op Raptor). The joint working was also able to identify suspects for a spate of damages in the town. The resulting criminal charges also enable the team to implement preventative measures to restrict offenders.

Looking to the future and the next three months, we will be focussing on our priorities which are listed below.

We will also be working with our partners, including North Kesteven District Council, shop and pub watch schemes and local businesses to plan for a safe exit from lockdown back towards what we once considered normal life.

In the meantime, keep safe.

Signature:	
Name:	Inspector Mark Hillson
Neighbourhood Inspector for [Area]:	North Kesteven

## OUR PRIORITIES

*Outline priorities for the forthcoming quarter including which specific geographical areas they relate to (where applicable)*



Our priorities for the next quarter are:

Enforcement and disruption of illegal drug activity – All areas

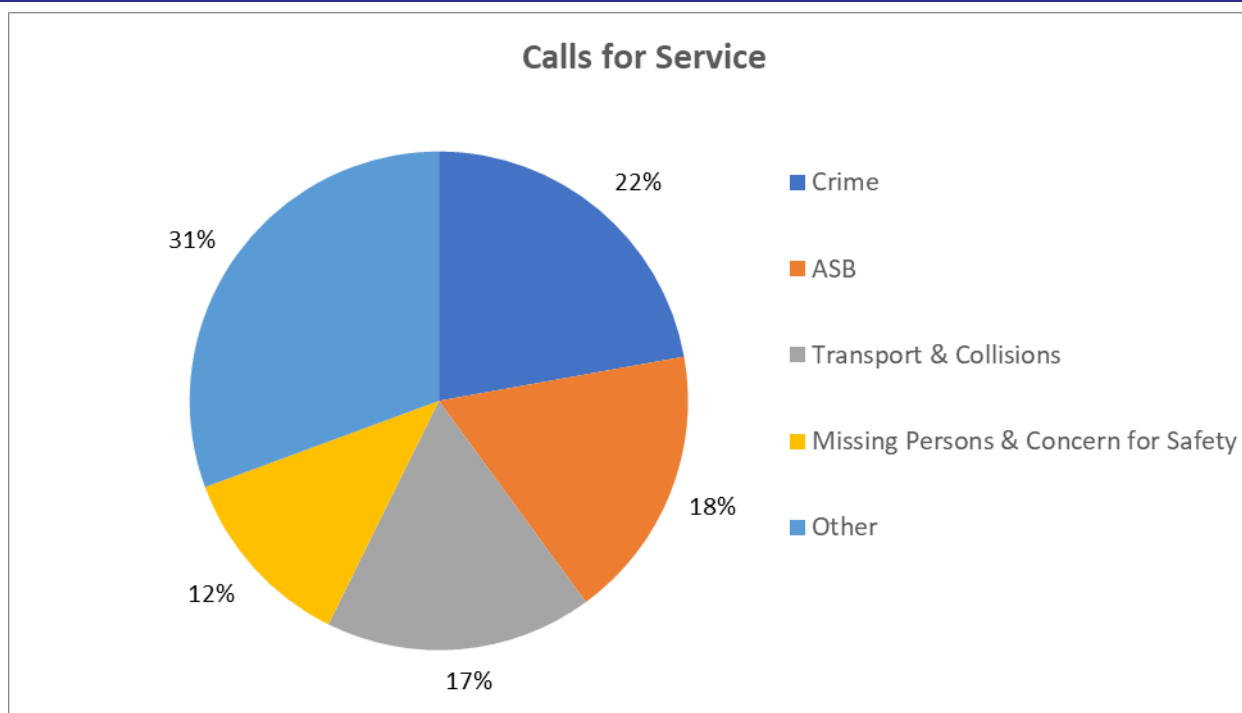
ASB problem solving – North Hykeham

Scams and Rouge Traders – BBH and Cliff Villages

ASB problem solving – Sleaford Town

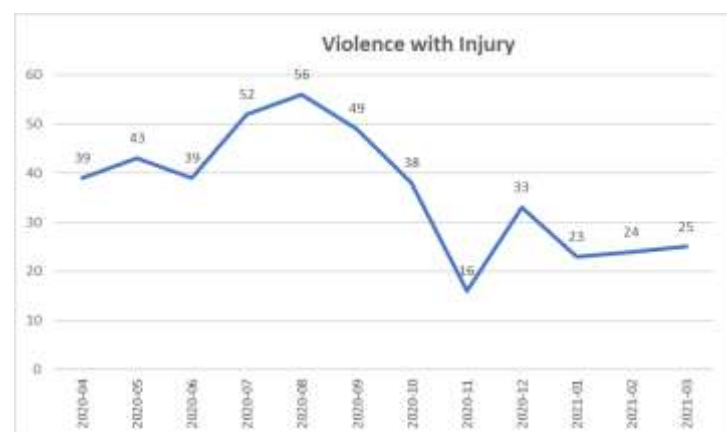
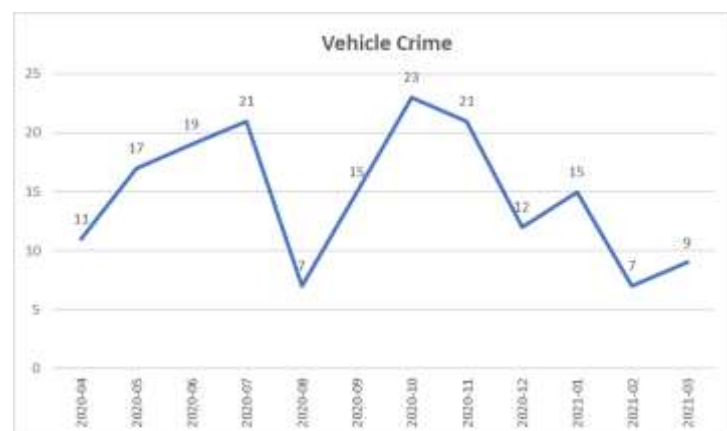
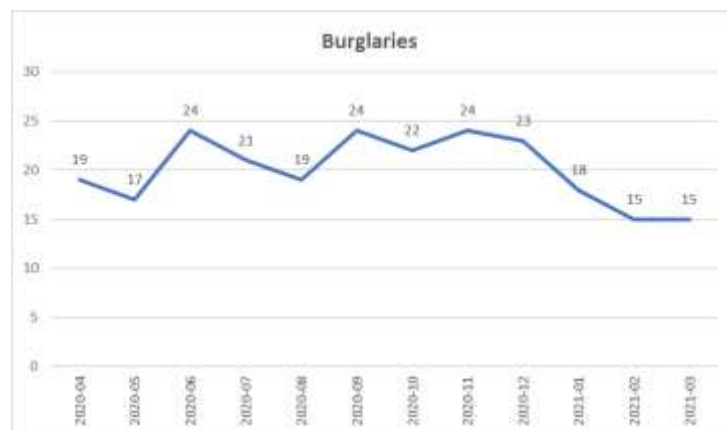
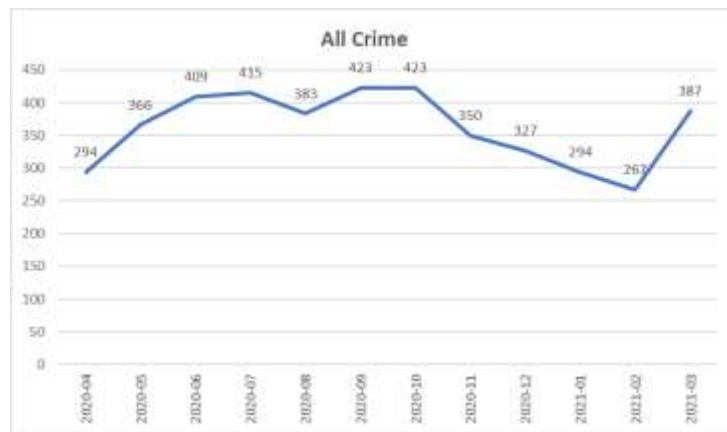
Speeding and road safety – Sleaford Rural

## DEMAND ON OUR SERVICES



## CRIME





**CONTACT US AND MORE INFORMATION**

A range of information and resources are available including online crime recording at  
[www.lincs.police.uk](http://www.lincs.police.uk)



Action Fraud has information about fraud and facilities for recording offences of fraud.  
[www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)



Crime and other incidents should be reported to Lincolnshire Police on **101**



Incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour (including noise nuisance and flytipping) can also be reported to North Kesteven District Council on **01529 414155**



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