

Bracebridge Heath Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT)

Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team



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Quarterly NPT Priorities

Every three months your local NPT listen to your concerns and look at recent crime statistics to shape the things we will concentrate on for the next three months. Based on this, our priorities for the next quarter are:

- 1. Scam Offences**
- 2. Distraction Burglaries**

These priorities are for your Local NPT. General Response Policing will routinely target all crime such as burglary, theft from motor vehicles and vehicle theft.

Metheringham Arrests

Several complaints were received regarding a male exposing himself in public in Metheringham. This male has been identified and arrested. A second male was arrested in Metheringham on suspicion of possessing supplying controlled substances with intent to supply, he is currently released under investigation.

Cycle Marking Event 26th June

The BBH NPT is holding a cycle marking event at the Washingborough Community Centre on 26th June from 1000hrs until 1500hrs. Cycles will be marked free of charge. There is no substitute for using a good quality lock to physically lock your cycle to something immobile such as a lamp post or purpose built cycle rack. All too often cycles, particularly expensive specialist cycles are stolen from home, from sheds or garages so ensure that you use your lock whilst your bike whilst it is at home.

Vehicle Theft Prevention Advice

A number of vans and Land Rover Defenders have been stolen from driveways or roadside parking over this quarter. A number of work vans have been targeted for theft of tools which proves to be very expensive and disrupted to the victim.

Where possible try and reverse vans up to a fixed object to prevent rear entry and if possible block the van in. Products are available to enhance locks, dead locks down to simple high decibel PIR alarms should the factory alarm be defeated. Consider an old fashioned steering lock to deter a van thief and if finances allow a tracker system.

Telephone and Online Scammers

Scam callers will try and take advantage of us all but particularly the old. No reputable company or bank will ask for personal details such as passwords or your PIN. Common scams involve the caller stating you will be cut off the internet or stating your computer has a virus and demanding money be sent. Some scammers will ask for you to go to a bank and draw money out or transfer funds, these are most certainly scammers. Another common scam is to direct the victim to go to a shop and purchase a high volume of gift cards such as Apple or Amazon – they will then want the serial numbers of the gift cards – these are scammers, there is no credible business that would ask you to do so. If in doubt put the phone down.

The Neighbourhood Policing Teams for Bracebridge Heath and North Hykeham will be in the carpark at Asda in North Hykeham on Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th June with information about the risks of online fraud. The difficulty of preventing these types of offences is the fact the victims by virtue of their generation do not understand the threat and the methods that the offenders use to trick vulnerable people into “clicking” on what appears at face value to be a credible website or text message that the scammers will use to defraud the victims of funds.

This threat is something we see victims in our area regularly fall victims to, often to the tune of many thousands of pounds which has a massive detrimental affect upon both the victim, often life savings and there family with implications of loss of inheritances.

Do you have elderly parents who might not be so IT savvy that you could help warn of the risks posed by these faceless scammers? It could be their entire life savings and your inheritance that gets stolen.

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Easing of Lockdown Restrictions

Lockdown restrictions are under review pending the Delta (Indian) Variant at the time of writing. We would ask that you continue to adhere to the Government guidelines and advice with a view to reducing any risk of spreading infection further and causing Lockdown measures to be prolonged any further than necessary.

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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Dwelling Burglary Prevention Advice

There have been some dwelling burglaries in village areas. Keep valuables out of view, car keys hidden and doors and windows locked with approved BS locks. Many burglaries are sneak in opportunist thefts that occur whilst you are in. Consider a house alarm and be mindful about what you post on social media in relation to your movements. Door bell cameras are an excellent deterrent and facilitate police to reviewing movement around properties that have been targeted by burglars. Do not leave your car keys visible in your house – most vehicles are stolen with keys, often the target of a burglary. Keep car keys away from the letter box where they can be “fished” for with an implement similar to a fishing rod.

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