

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. The last three months have thankfully been low on crime. Our priorities for this quarter are;

1. Anti-Social Behaviour

This is a priority for the BBH 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.

2. Traffic Offences

Communities often report issues with speeding through villages, typically 30mph posted speed limits. Traffic Surveys typically show the speeding is not as prolific as it is perceived, notwithstanding that there always a minority of drivers who excessively exceed the limit. This month focus will be paid to those who are found to be in excess of the posted 30mph speed limits. This responsibility will be shared with Response Policing and the Roads Policing Unit and Neighbourhood Policing.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) covers a wide range of conduct perpetrated by individuals and groups of people which can be detrimental to both individuals and the wider community. Typically we tend to think of ASB as groups of drunken youths shouting and swearing in the street but it also covers begging, littering, loud

Dwelling Burglary Prevention Advice

Last month we saw some dwelling burglaries in the areas of Bracebridge Heath, Leadenham, Wellingore, Waddington, Branston, Washingbourn and Metheringham. Several arrests have been made in connection with the burglaries at Navenby and Branston (separate offenders) and other suspects have been forensically identified in connection to other burglaries. Suspects have been arrested, interviewed & released under investigation whilst enquires and forensic submissions are completed.

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. Doorbell 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 now stolen with keys, often the sole 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. This is what car thieves do.

Vehicle Theft Prevention Advice

Vans and Land Rover Defenders have continued to be targeted for theft 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 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 in. Products are available to enhance locks, dead locks down to 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.

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music, habitual nuisance vehicle use, the smell of cannabis being smoked emitting from a property, harassment and so on and can include neighbour disputes.

Your NPT has utilised civil legislation to good effect provided called Community Protection Notices (CPN) which is provided by the ASB Act 2014. This notice is served upon persons engaging in ASB and gives them an opportunity to stop that behaviour. The versatility of the legislation allows us to specify the conduct which alone might not constitute a criminal offence. The legislation can be used in conjunction with Criminal Process. This legislation is served in partnership with the North Kesteven District Council ASB Team.

Motorbike Nuisance.

There have continued to be some reports of youths causing a nuisance on mopeds, riding with no helmets and revving engines etc late at night around housing. This has been in the areas of Bracebridge Heath, Potterhanworth and Waddington. Words of advice have issued as well as several Section 59 [seizure of vehicle] warnings issued. Our Team will continue to monitor. Our Neighbourhood Policing Team is very pro motorcycle and very focused on emerging issues of Motorcycle theft with two motorcycles recovered last month and a history of targeting organised motorcycle thieves and handlers of stolen motorcycles with arrests made and 17 stolen motorcycles and quads recovered last year from offenders entering our Policing Area.

Quad Bike Theft

We have experienced several targeted quad bike thefts both from overnight breaks into farm buildings and of theft with keys from fields whilst the driver is working nearby on farm land. We have made arrests from forensic hits and also arrested 3 males in possession of one of the stolen Quad bikes when stopped with the stolen property in transit in their van. These offences are organised cross boarder crime issues and the investigations are ongoing.

Motorcycle Theft

We have continued to experience motorcycle thefts this month in villages on our area, typically from poorly secured sheds and out buildings. If you own a motorcycle or quad bike leaving it outside solely with a steering lock on is not enough. Where possible have it gated, inside and at least one Sold Secure or Thatcham graded lock & lock it to something immovable. The options are numerous, a secure building, garage, block the door with a vehicle, use ground anchored locks, alarms, and CCTV where possible. Approach the issue with this mindset; If they want it, they will try and take it BUT make it as hard as possible for them as you can. It makes the chances of thieves being heard and disturbed or pushing them on to look for a softer target all the more probable. The first hurdle for the motorcycle owner is acknowledging the threat and putting strong security in place. A sportsbike was seized this month on Metheringham Airfield which appears to have been ridden and crashed by an unlicensed, uninsured untaxed owner whose details are known with enquiries are ongoing, the bike will remain with Police most likely for destruction.

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/>

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