

# 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.

### **Misue of Drugs & Drug Dealing**

Drug use and drug dealing is a prevalent issue in society and is often occurring in plain sight. The drug use on our area can range from abuse of prescription drugs through to wide use of cannabis and cocaine. These are the in - vogue drugs widely used across society. Cannabis is widely viewed as a soft drug (class B) but it is in recent years taken as skunk (high quality high THC content) which long term can have negative psychological impact. 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. This activity has been ongoing in some of our villages. Often indicator this will be a noticeable presence of cannabis being smoked in parks and other public spaces. We have

experienced incidents on our Policing area of persons as young as 13 years old accruing drug debt which has attracted threats to persons and property which have affected their wider family. In one instance it have been a contributing factor to a suicide of a young person. The warning signs for young persons becoming involved are well known, withdrawal from interest of education, truancy, behaviour changes and unexplained acquisition of clothes and property.

Often the cannabis will lead into misuse of other drugs, such as ketamine, cocaine and amphetamine. These are all drugs we regularly see seized locally from individuals and dealers. As a Policing Team we see a lot of mental health issues and often there is history of or ongoing use of drugs concurrent to the mental health issues. The two are often linked. It is not uncommon for people to use cocaine "recreationally" which might mean a line or two of cocaine before and during a night out. This will invariably lead to heavier use, mental health, financial and issues with relationships and the law. This example of use and low level dealing is a typical example of common use of this drug in our villages – and there is a knock on effect, drug driving, violence – I have attended a road death of a male hit by a car whilst fighting in the road. The unreported violence between dealers is a real thing and happens in our area, hopefully you will never see it but it is happening. Drugs cause a lot of damage to society in cost, misery to those involved and expense to the NHS and the tax payer.

This NPT will target those engaging in drug use, dealing and those involved in the production of drugs. We are at Crown Court for a drugs factory we located and raided in Bracebridge Heath. We recovered £980,000 of cannabis for which three persons on site were arrested. They are due for sentencing this month.

If you witness drugs being abused in public spaces, smell cannabis coming from a vehicle being driven 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.

### **Crime Figures for Our Area**

The Community Beat Manager no longer prepares a Police Report for the local Parish Council meetings. We have moved forward by having the Crime Figures published on Police.Uk which provides of information to you in the

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way of where crimes are being committed and their nature. The Police have moved away from locally producing a report because the information is available 24-7 online and it is simply a waste of time for a Police Officer to spend time interrogating systems to produce a report – it is very time consuming and detracts from the Police Officer from going out and about and dealing with crime and incidents. For context there is one Community Beat Manager on this Policing area where as there were three previously so a smarter way of working was needed. I am very mindful however that the Police.Uk Crime Figures and Crime Mapping may seem alarming in volume. Much of this is down to how Crime and Incidents are recorded. If a caller to Police reports domestic related issues that have for example been communicated by text message with what the caller perceives as threatening, it will be recorded as "violence". This can skew the perception of the figures to an alarming level. The levels and nature of crimes have not really changes drastically. In old school money a Police Officer preparing a Police Report would censor out all domestic, child abuse allegations etc to give a sanitised version of what the community may know about and have a real time concern about in matters that directly effect the community. Sensitive crimes will not be discussed publically, it is not appropriate to do so which I'm sure everyone will understand. If there are particular crimes of interest or patterns or series appearing on the area, I will both brief these at Parish Council meetings and promologate the information through the Nextdoor App that Lincolnshire Police have elected to utilise and of course through this newsletter. The good news is we remain a low crime area, infact one of the lowest and safest in the country.

### **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](http://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 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.

### **Theft of Motorcycles**

We have seen three instances of motorcycles being stolen overnight on our area. The way in which these motorcycles have been stolen is connected to use of online sales sites such as Facebook Market Place. The offender will choose the bike of their choosing and the location of their choosing. Often pictures of the bike will show the property in the background which gives away the address or the picture will suggest the motorcycle is kept in a shed, possibly with other motorcycles in the background. The offender will make contact with the seller. They might make contact about other items the seller is advertising to reduce suspicion. They will arrange to attend and in doing so the address is often given. They will not attend as arranged. The bike is then stolen overnight. Often the loser will perceive their garage or shed is secure, perhaps behind gates or in an enclosed yard. We have seen several incidents where garages and shed have been broken into and fence panels have been removed to bypass secure gates – the property is then removed through a neighbours property. Often at time of advertising the motorcycles are uninsured resulting in a total loss for the owner. Think before you advertise online. The bike thieves are looking online too.....beware what you post online.

### **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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