

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 (ASB)

This is a priority for the NPT. Response & Patrol Officers will target all crime such as burglary, theft motor vehicles and vehicle theft etc. Response Patrol Officers will deal with and challenge any ASB as they come across it or if it is reported to them. Please call 101 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.

Anti-Social Behaviour covers a wide range of conduct perpetrated by individuals or groups of which can be detrimental to both individuals and the wider community. Typically we think of ASB as groups of drunken youths shouting and swearing but it also covers begging, littering, loud music, habitual nuisance vehicle use, the smell of cannabis from a property, harassment and it also includes neighbour disputes.

Your NPT has utilised civil legislation this month in Metheringham and Heighington to good effect issuing Community Protection Notices (CPN) 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 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. Contravention of a CPN attracts a criminal conviction. The use of this legislation can rapidly improve the quality of life of the victims.

There have been reports of youths causing a nuisance on mopeds, riding with no helmets and revving engines etc. at Bracebridge Heath & Potterhanworth. Section 59 [seizure of vehicle] will be utilised where offenders are located.

The warmer weather at beauty spots around open water has already seen teenagers putting themselves at risk whilst mixing alcohol and cannabis with swimming in lakes and rivers. Not only does this have the inherent risk of drowning in unsafe water, it also has brought the presence of very loud music disturbing residents nearby, amounts of litter and verbal abuse at passers-by and in some instances at Police when attending. Please know what your teenagers are doing in the warm weather to keep them safe

Misuse of Drugs & Drug Dealing

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.

Telephone and Online Scammers

Despite numerous warnings and education we are still seeing innocent victims preyed upon online by scam callers who target the vulnerable. A victim this month in the Wellingore area has been victim to a simple but convincing scam where the offenders have utilised online means to reference the victims history and countries visited to then pose as a relation of a deceased friend in need of funds to come to the UK with a peddle act as a carer. There has been daily contact for a year over Skype with an extended story regarding immigration costs, living costs, costs for administration etc. This elderly person who is vulnerable and seeking a carer has been relieved of £20,000 by the offenders who are based off shore. Offenders 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

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see the scammer stating you will be cut off the internet or state your computer has a virus and demand money be sent or access to details to your computer – they will then lock you out of your accounts and attempt to access accounts for financial gain. Some scammers will ask for you to go to a bank and draw money out or transfer funds these are scammers. A 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 numbers of the gift cards – these are scams. No credible business would ask you to do this. If in doubt put the phone down.

They will pose as almost anything to get a hook into their victim – as the example given above they have used information gleaned on the internet to utilise the victim's history and then form a story around that to convince the victim they can help with care needs. They then support that story with PDF produced false documents, passports and immigration forms to support the requests for more funds and keep the victim's confidence.

The difficulty in preventing this type of offence is that the victims, by virtue of their age, often 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 message that the scammers will use to defraud the victims of funds. Once the scam above was compromised a fresh scam attempt was immediately attempted at the same victim, undoubtedly by the same offenders. This threat is something we regularly see victims in our area targeted by, often to the tune of thousands of pounds which has a massively detrimental effect upon both the victim, often seeing life savings stolen and the family left with no inheritance. If you have elderly parents who might not be so IT savvy, please take an interest in their online activities and help warn them of the risks posed by these faceless scammers. It could be their entire life savings and your inheritance that gets stolen.

More information about fraud & scams can be found at www.lincs.police.uk

For reporting fraud or attempts at fraud and cyber crime call 0300 123 2040 which is the Action Fraud Line. Always be aware that incoming phone numbers and emails/websites can be cloned by the fraudster, a technique known as "spoofing".

Vehicle Theft Prevention Advice

There has been an attempted theft of a Land Rover Defender in Navenby this month. The vehicle's electrics were interfered with overnight in an attempt to hotwire the vehicle. The thieves were unsuccessful and abandoned their attempt when they realised a clutch

pedal lock was fitted. Vans and Land Rover Defenders have continued to be targeted for theft from driveways or roadside parking over this quarter. Work vans are habitually 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 in. Products are available to enhance locks, deadlocks 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.

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

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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