

# 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 of 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 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.

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 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. 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 line 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.

### **Methods of making Contact with Police**

There are numerous ways of making contact with the Police, my personal view is that there are so many that the waters are getting a bit muddied. The traditional way of calling us on 101 for non urgent incidents and 999 for emergencies to my mind remain the best methods. Whilst having a beat mobile is great the down falls are the use of it can be misunderstood. Several times I have had voice messages left reporting urgent incidents in progress – I heard the message when I returned to work from leave – the downfall of this is obvious....There are online crime reporting forms and our NPT email. I would strongly recommend 101 for something non urgent and 999 for anything urgent. The best way to our attention for non urgent or return contact is to email us at [hykeham@lincs.police.uk](mailto:hykeham@lincs.police.uk). The beat mobile listed above is fine for non urgent enquiries or return contact with a message left on our voicemails.

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## Generic Village Issues

Some generic issues that get raised across all 19 villages c NPT covers are very similar. We get constant reports of vehicles speeding in our villages. If you are concerned about issues of speeding did you know that by approaching your Parish Council and highlighting a problem area that a speeding survey can be requested. The results of this are surprising – they typically show that on average 93% of traffic is compliant with the posted speed limits. Inconsiderate parking, particularly around schools at start and close time frequently come up. Often the drivers are very local, in fact often in walking distance of the school. In very limited instances some selfish and dangerous parking has taken place and this will and has been dealt with by ticket enforcement. Parks and public areas are subject to complaint with regards to youths being in the parks (shock horror!!!) who are littering, using foul language, smoking illegal substances and drinking and urinating. In some cases they have set small fires in wooded areas or on park furniture. This is unquestionably anti-social behaviour. These instances need calling in at the time on 101 so that Police Officers on duty can attend and deal with offences disclosed. Typically the youths are from the village where are causing problems. This raises the obvious question, do parents know what their own children are up to. They have a responsibility to know and to police their own children. Please call us when these anti social activities are taking place so we can deal real time – the NPT cannot deal with these offences if we are not told. Please call us if you see anti-social behaviour in your village. We appreciate parents calling us with details they glean from childrens social media feeds which often shows the offenders in action. You would be correct in thinking the offenders are not always the brightest!!!

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

## 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)

## 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/>

Twitter - @BBHPolice  
Facebook - Bracebridge Heath NPT

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