

Bracebridge Heath Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT)

Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team



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From all of us from your Neighbourhood Policing Team, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please celebrate safely and make arrangements rather than driving when attending work parties and gatherings. Police will be doubling efforts with regards to roadside breath testing so make sure you and others do the right thing and set yourself up for a safe and happy and New Year.

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 (Oct/Nov/Dec) will be;

- 1. Dwelling Burglaries**
- 2. Misuse of Drugs and Drug Dealing**
- 3. Prevention of Scams and Frauds**

Misuse of Drugs & Drug Dealing

Illegal drugs are the driving factor behind most acquisitive crime, shop theft, burglary and robberies. It is one of the most destructive things to our society and young people with involvement are often set back, and their future opportunities limited. For this reason we will be focusing upon targeting drug dealers and drug supply for the in order to disrupt the supply of drugs.

If you witness drugs being abused in public spaces, smell cannabis coming from an address or 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.

We set this priority in October and we subsequently executed a drug warrant in Branston seizing cannabis plants and identifying the offender who admitted his offences. This month (November) your Neighbourhood Beat Team has executed a second drug warrant in Branston arresting a male on suspicion of possession with intent to supply and seizing prepared deals of cannabis and a variety of cannabis products, cash and an imitation firearm. The intelligence for this warrant again came from the community and we acted swiftly upon the intelligence with a positive outcome.

Dwelling Burglaries

Christmas is a time when dwelling burglaries spike. Sage advice is to avoid displaying presents under the Christmas tree until Christmas Eve, hide them elsewhere in the house to slow down any burglar. Likewise don't leave unattended shopping in cars whilst you shop. Arrange a safe place for deliveries to arrive in your absence. If you are buying cycles get the shop to fit a Immobiliser tag into the frame before it leaves the shop and buy a decent U lock.

Don't make your home attractive to burglars by leaving it in darkness. Use a timer switch, leave a lamp on or invest in a cost effective crime reduction product. If your car is iced over, do not leave it running whilst you are inside. It takes seconds to steal and will invalidate your car insurance leaving you with no claim to uphold. Don't keep large sums of money in your house. If it is unavoidable ensure it is locked in a safe. Mark your property. Register it on a property register such as the Immobilise UK National Property Register or for cycles try www.bikeregister.com

Keep your receipts, often insurance companies won't pay out without proof of purchase and proof of ownership.

Christmas Parties and when away from home.....

If you are out for the night plan your return journey. Do not use unlicensed taxis (these unregulated drivers will be aware you are out and may target your property), drink responsibly and be aware of your surroundings. Be aware of how much information you post on social media – why advertise you are out???

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

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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 often do. If you have keyless entry to your car use a faraday wallet to keep the keycard in.

4. Scams & Fraud

There is a scam for everyone. Please be cautious of emails and texts. They may be purporting to be from genuine companies or even the Government offering deals to entice you into clicking on the link.....

Be alert to contact from any unknown persons on Facebook and other online forums. Never provide information no matter how plausible the caller is. Always assume they are not who they say they are. This is relevant to all types of fraud. Check out the company or your bank websites. Are you being asked for something such as PIN and card details or other information? Banks and service providers will never cold call and ask for PIN details or passwords. Research any sellers when buying a pet. Make sure you research who you are buying from and make sure they are a legitimate seller. Keep track of receipts and confirmation emails for online purchases.

There are many scam text messages – they will all want you to click on a link and they maybe voice message based – they will talk you through the scam of their choice which will involve you going to a website or downloading an App (Anydesk is one example) which will see the offender take control and access your computer and then all of your accounts in turn. Others will claim you are in debt or about to be cut off from services and may involve asking you to purchase gift cards or even involve people attending your address wanting to take you to the bank to withdraw cash – we have seen this approach when targeting elderly people who we have seen scammed out of thousands of pounds. Many scams are email or text message based which revolve around clicking on the scammer link – parcels, prizes, debt are all ruses, we expect to see offers of cheap energy bills as an emerging threat.

Other Offences

This quarter we have seen several shed breaks with return visits by the offender to a “soft target” shed containing a volume of tools. We have also seen several masked offenders in Bracebridge Heath and Branston trying car doors at night with some success in stealing

valuables and keys. It is very easy to accidentally leave your vehicle unlocked. Please double check your vehicle is locked and make sure you do not leave valuables and keys in your car. Images of offenders have been recovered from various domestic CCTV systems and Ring Bell cameras but please be vigilant to these offenders. Extra Police Patrols have taken place in these areas.

Join Nextdoor for Lincs Police Updates

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. 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.

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”. Connect with Lincolnshire Police on “Nextdoor”

Crime statistics

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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