

Bracebridge Heath Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT)

Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team



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PCSO Numbers To Be Reduced

You may have seen that Lincolnshire Police are reducing PCSO numbers due to lack of funding. The reductions Force wide will see PCSO numbers reduced from 91 to 50. North Kesteven District currently have 10 PCSO's. The restructure will see NK District reduced from 10 PCSO's to 2. The remaining PCSO's will be based and will work in Sleaford Town. The loss of PCSO's Will Jones and Paul Flannigan is a huge loss for our team and the community. Lincolnshire Police do wish to reassure the community that we are committed to rural policing and give assurances that there will be no reduction in service to our rural communities.

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 priority for the months of Jan/Feb/March was misuse of drugs & drug dealing. Our new priority for April/May/June will be Burglary.

1. Misuse of Drugs and 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. This month has seen us disrupt drug supply to young people and gain significant intelligence on local drug supply. Watch this space.

County Line Activity in Navenby

Police are aware that there has been a County Line drug dealing influence in Navenby. A County Line is a drug dealer supply network that works from a shared mobile

phone number in order to offer and sell drugs. These sales will often be delivered to order and the people used to deliver these drugs are often young teenagers, or worse, children. Children will be recruited by these groups who will "talent spot" them in varying circumstances. They might be vulnerable through age, their cognitive ability or simply because they are vulnerable through lack of supervision, essentially latch key kids. These children are prime for County Line criminals to cultivate as their runners or "mules". Typically they will be befriended, maybe given cash, fast food, some free drugs and brought into the group. Disaffected children and youths are prime targets. What will follow is some form of coercion be that physical threats, perhaps a scenario where by the drug mule is loaded up and a robbery is staged to put them into debt and they are then coerced into carrying drugs to deal and to recruit other vulnerable youths and children. Girls are as vulnerable as boys, if not more so, and all sorts of tactics are utilised to entrap them into criminality. And this can happen very quickly.

Anti Social Behaviour is always an indicator of substance abuse. Some minor disorder at The Venue has shone a light on some drug abuse by a small number of teenagers. Police regularly receive intelligence from the community and through this and subsequent research, Police are aware that a vehicle used by county line drug dealers has been present in the village and was meeting youths from Navenby. That vehicle has been located and verified as involved in crime. That vehicle has been identified and seized by Police.

Another example of ASB was a garden fence repeatedly damaged on Greenman Road in Navenby followed by a public order incident involving the same youths on High Dyke, Navenby, again involving the same small number of youths as the previous incidents. Three youths have been arrested and are now subject to Police bail conditions. Whilst these youths may wish to portray a menacing image, the truth is the ring leader who saw fit to threaten people, damage fencing and gutter pipes, sat in a cell for most of the day in tears. Not quite as "gangster" as they might like to appear as it turns out.....

Damage to the Church wall also at Navenby has been reported, an investigation into that is just in its infancy. Watch this space. We will not stand for ASB.

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It is concerning that substance abuse is common place amongst young people. Cannabis, commonly regarded as the gateway drug, is often followed by ketamine and cocaine use. This concern is not limited to Navenby. There are numerous County Line groups operating in Lincolnshire and they are in our towns and cities and are projecting out into our villages. Drug dealers themselves will often fit a stereotype in appearance, behaviour and age but please be aware. Many professional trades or established businesses will be the front or parallel to this criminal activity. Often the offenders will display wealth not typically associated to their expected means. Police will know more than the community and the offenders themselves 65-will perhaps perceive. Our intelligence on drug supply is developing all of the time and the longer it goes on, the greater the available evidence becomes. We have seen criminal enterprises operate quite successfully under the guises of shops, garages, construction, restaurants, even an insurance broker. Detection of this sort of crime often goes unpublicised but we have recovered thousands of pounds worth of drugs in local villages, a £9800000 seizure of cannabis in Bracebridge Heath (sentencing next month), £70K of cocaine in Navenby and recently drug warrants recovering class A drugs in Waddington. We are discovering new dealers all the time. If you suspect or know, please give us a call.....If you suspect someone or a group of drug dealing in the community you can call our mobile numbers or call 101. You can also call Crime Stoppers on 0800 555111. Your call will be treated confidentially and you may be eligible for a reward.

In other news.....

Internet and telephone enabled frauds remain prevalent with victims on our area being defrauded with what is believed to have been facilitated through information gained over the telephone from the victim. It is easy to negatively judge the victim and apportion an element of blame. The truth is there is a scam for everyone. Please be cautious of emails, texts and telephone calls. They may be purporting to be from genuine companies or even the Government offering deals to entice you into clicking on the link.....the link may contain malicious software that enables the criminal to browse your PC and access your bank accounts or be a link to make payment for something minor such as a parcel delivery fee which will require input of your bank details.....and they then empty your account. Be aware - if its unexpected, not requested or you are simply unsure, don't engage with it.

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:

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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".

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