

# Local priorities for Daventry & Rural – You Said, We Did

Dear Resident,

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The Daventry Neighbourhood Policing Team cover a large geographical area with different demands for the rural areas and within the main town. Our locally identified priorities are reviewed quarterly and are now an embedded feature of our daily business. We are seeing some consistent themes in the issues identified, road safety, rural crime and acquisitive crime have individually featured in every LIP period over the last 12 months, as such we have focused our activity towards tackling these issues, the first locally identified priorities of 2023, Road Safety, Rural Crime and Burglary.

All local schools have received a letter to pass to parents giving advice on appropriate parking and manner of driving during the daily school run. A copy of this can be found at the end of this report.

## **Road Safety & Road Traffic Offences**

We have carried out dedicated patrols across the area, including rural areas, we addressed reports of illegal and dangerous parking in Woodford Halse where multiple tickets were issued. We have carried out speed enforcement at Welford, Chapel Brampton and other villages. A joint operation with the safety camera team identified 19 speeding offences in just one afternoon. Other road safety issues have been addressed including having vehicles recovered for not having insurance, an active SORN and no tax. We have issued numerous S59 warnings for anti-social use of vehicles, these warnings mean that if they continue to be driven in such a manner, they can be seized.

We have continued to work with our colleagues in the Safer Roads Team and assisted with Operation Methane. This operation seeks to identify, educate and enforce against those who flaunt the legal requirements of transporting goods by road. This proactive approach is aimed at preventing adverse goods vehicle incidents and reducing road casualties across Northamptonshire.



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## You said, we did ....Burglary

Over this performance period, officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Team have directly attended or conducted follow-up enquiries at 14 burglaries across the sector. Where possible, we have provided personal victim contact following all dwelling burglaries, in order to provide a more human response and supportive reassurance to the victims of these offences. We have endeavoured to provide follow up activity at all burglaries on the sector, in the form of house-to-house enquiries, CCTV enquiries, Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) enquiries, delivery of crime prevention leaflets in areas where

burglaries have been occurring, and targeted crime prevention messaging in areas where burglaries have been occurring using the Neighbourhood Alert Scheme We have also conducted several accumulated hours of proactive patrol in burglary hotspots on the sector, engaging with the residents of those areas and offering crime prevention advice, which not only serve to deter further crimes from being committed, but also provide reassurance to the residents of those areas that we are out there on the ground.

## You said, we did ...Rural Crime

This is a wide-ranging area of Policing and as such we have tackled a multitude of different issues, all effecting rural communities. We have addressed several instances of livestock worrying, off road motorcycles using a combination of footpaths and fields, hare coursing and rural thefts. We work closely with the Rural Crime Team and Crime Prevention Team and have visited numerous farms and local businesses to offer security advice.

Horse tack marking is being planned and we hope to be visiting stables to offer this soon, saddles can be very expensive and a tack room a tempting target for thieves, such marking can help us identify stolen tack and deter would be thieves.

The police off road motorcycles have been widely used over the last few months, these are a great asset to us on NPT and mean that we can patrol those hard-to-reach rural areas such as Harlestone Firs, Brampton Vally Way and many more.

## **Your Neighbourhood Team and how else we can help:**

Please use the following link to the Daventry Town & Rural Neighbourhood Team Page on the Northants Police Website, this lists the Officers and villages within your Ward area: [Policing in your area | Northamptonshire Police \(northants.police.uk\)](https://www.northants.police.uk/policing-in-your-area)

## **Crime statistics**

For some time we have signposted our Parish Councils, NHW Co-ordinators and Community Members to [www.police.uk](https://www.police.uk) where you are able to get an overview of crime and antisocial behaviour in your Ward area.



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You can also use the following website as a research tool to have an overview of issues affecting your Ward area: [www.streetcheck.co.uk](http://www.streetcheck.co.uk) is an alternate site where you can view information about crime in your area.

Northamptonshire Police uses a variety of platforms to update the community with information that includes key arrests, successful warrants, matters of priority, information appeals. **You can use the below platforms to view this information:**

**Northants Police Website:** [www.northants.police.uk](http://www.northants.police.uk)

**Twitter:** @NorthantsPolice

**Facebook:** Northamptonshire Police

Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert has been set up as a free service for the people of Northamptonshire who want to hear directly from the police about crime, issues and the actions taken by officers in their community.

Sign up here: <https://www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk/#signup-section> or alternatively scan the below QR code with your phone.



**Daventry Town & Rural Neighbourhood Team also use social media to update the community on a variety of issues and encourage you to follow the below accounts:**

**Facebook:** Daventry and South Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Policing Team

**Twitter accounts:** @DaventryPolice

directly via email:

[NT-Daventry@northants.police.uk](mailto:NT-Daventry@northants.police.uk)

Alternatively, if you wish to remain anonymous you can provide information via: [Crimestoppers](#) or [Fearless](#) (Fearless is more youth orientated).

**Crime Prevention**

[Crime prevention advice | Northamptonshire Police \(northants.police.uk\)](#)



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## SCHOOL PARKING LETTER FOR REFERENCE:

Your Neighbourhood Policing teams regularly undertake public consultation to determine the most significant concerns within the local community. A recurring theme is road safety and virtually all schools experience traffic congestion issues during drop off and pick up times. As such we appeal to you to consider the following during these periods:

- Park with consideration to residents – **do not** block or overlap driveways
- **Do not** park on the corners of junctions as you reduce views making it awkward for vehicles to safely turn into or out of a street
- **Do not** stop on or park across pedestrian crossings or school zig-zag markings
- **Do not** drive along pavements when the road is blocked – be patient and wait for traffic to clear
- On congested routes **plan-ahead** and **do not** proceed unless there is a clear space to use to give way to oncoming traffic or to allow traffic to give way to you
- If possible; join with other parents and share journeys to reduce the number of vehicles used and/or avoid congested routes
- Please be patient where a car must cross a pavement to exit a carpark. The driver's view may be limited; and this will be further reduced by pedestrians congregating whilst waiting to pass
- Be aware that **children do not easily judge the speed of traffic** and may step out into the road. 30mph is a limit, not a target and much slower speeds are often required to negotiate busy roads safely
- Pedestrians, especially with young children, should use the side of the road with the widest pathway and wherever possible protected from flowing traffic by barriers or parked cars.

**“Why should we have to cross and use the other side of the road?”** – If it is the safest option in any situation then it is worth doing! Large numbers of children using narrow paths will always be at risk from traffic no matter how busy the road.

The above list is not exhaustive and there will be occasions where drivers or pedestrians will make errors of judgement, especially under pressure. We are all human so please be patient. South Northamptonshire has many schools and officers will complete ad-hoc checks and challenge people where appropriate. Persistent obstructive parking may result in drivers receiving a fine and this is easily avoidable with a little more thought as to where to park or wait.

