

Stakeholder update

Monthly update to stakeholders,
provided by the Bassetlaw Neighbourhood Policing Team

Inspector's update



Inspector

Neil Bellamy



Sergeant

Tom Morgan

Op Reacher

The Bassetlaw Neighbourhood Policing Team are preparing for the darker nights as we continue to head into the winter months and the Town Centre Officers are now reviewing their plans for daytime activity to provide a visible presence and reassurance to the shoppers and visitors to the Town Centres.

I mentioned in the last update that there have been a number of issues around Bassetlaw from an increase of Anti-Social Behaviour in Carlton in Lindrick to a series of vehicle related arsons in the Worksop area and you will see some updates in that of the Sergeants below.

While there has been some success this does not stop other emerging issues and we continue to focus on those emerging trends and respond as quickly and effectively as we can.

October has continued the trend of ever-increasing demand, and both the Neighbourhood and Response Teams as well as Reacher continue to service that demand as quickly and practically as possible.

October sees the setting of the priorities for the next three months and they are posted on the website now, but they are as follows:

Burglary appears both in the PCC survey as well as in the Priority Setting Meetings of the Rural Area of East Bassetlaw and Harworth and as such is **Priority 1 for Bassetlaw**.

Antisocial Behaviour now appears in the Elected Leaders priorities and within the Town Centre at Worksop, per the Elected Leaders view, and at Retford and Harworth, per Local Councillors and residents feedback within the Priority Setting Meetings, and as such is **Priority 2 for Bassetlaw**.

Vehicle related issues including reckless and dangerous driving, speeding and off-road use appear within a number of areas including both the towns and rural communities, and as such is **Priority 3 for Bassetlaw**.

Operation Reacher has continued with our focus on proactive policing. To date we have arrested or processed 197 individuals, stopped and/or searched 302 people, and we continue to actively seek the help of our communities in this endeavour. These include the arrest of a male, Jordan WOODCOCK for a nasty assault on his partner after which she was found unconscious at the roadside, and Dominik OSTAPCZUK for offences of setting fire to vehicles. On that note, we have been involved in Operation MOONRISE for approximately 6 weeks now, which is the name given to the investigation into the series of arsons to motor vehicles across Worksop. To date we have arrested 9 individuals. 7 of these are juveniles, and two adults. One, Jake DENNINGTON, was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment.

We have also continued to proactively police our roads, and continue to put offending drivers before the courts. Offenders who drive whilst disqualified, drive whilst over the influence of alcohol or drugs, and drive without insurance will always make our roads less safe, so we will continue with our endeavours in this area.

Where possible we will act on well intended information received from the public. One such instance was this week whereby on the strength of such information we obtained a warrant for a remote smallholding on East Bassetlaw. Within the premises we located and recovered approximately £50,000 of cannabis and approximately £35,000 in cash. Offenders will continue to try and make quick money by taking part in such endeavours, but once proceeds of Crime Act legislation is invoked, I am confident that we can convince the courts to make the offender pay heavily. Quite literally.

We always try to balance enforcement with community work, and to that end we recently took part in Op Shadow. This was an all night event held in Sherwood Forest aimed at younger adults. We worked with Army and Air Force cadet leaders, plus others, and put on a few Police scenarios for the young people to work through. The event was enjoyed by all, and was a resounding success. We will be doing similar in the New Year.

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**Sergeant
Simon
Whitehouse**



**Sergeant
Rob Holmes**

The North Team

PC Smallman has been instrumental in the capture of two burglars over the past few weeks. He identified a male involved in two burglaries, which led to his swift detention then spotted a further male who had been recalled to prison, also wanted for a series of Burglaries. In addition to this he also identified and arrested 2 males for theft of a van, enquiries are ongoing in relation to this incident.

We have had fewer vehicle Arsons since the last Stakeholder update and a further arrest. However, we are still mindful that they have not completely stopped and therefore we continue our focus and resources with increased Police presence in the evenings. There have been several appeals for information from the local community and we would ask anyone with to come forward with anything that they believe would assist with the enquiry.

Since our increased patrols in the Carlton in Lindrick area, we have interviewed 4 youths over damage being caused to local properties. Patrols will continue and we intend to work with Youth Justice in order to prevent further issues in the area. Remember that Beat Surgeries are once again underway however, attendance is low so please take the opportunity to visit our PCSOs in person at the Civic Centre.

PCSO Chris Barlow is planning a joint visit with the Council to residents in Rhodesia in relation to a spike in ASB. Offenders will be spoken to with sanctions put in place to tackle the issue.

The South Team

October saw a welcome change of staff for Worksop South beat team with Constable 1921 Eoin Wilson joining the Town Centre team from the City and Constable 2413 Mark Holland from Worksop Response will tackle the rural issues on our beat replacing PC 3885 Gill Mee who has moved to Newark.

The month started with collaboration with the Bassetlaw local council aiding them in an eviction of local Jason Dyer at 119 Cavendish Road Manton – despite numerous warnings by Police and council Dyer continued to commit Anti-social behaviour and cause trouble in the community. Consequently, he has lost his home.

On Wednesday 6th October, PC Holland made an immediate impact by making early arrests of local males Jake Hawkins for Breaching a Court Order and Luke ADAMS for court bail offences. Adams was later recalled to prison as a result.

On the 7th October, PC Holland also arrested Robert STORER for bail offences and he was also recalled to prison. We also conducted prisoner bed watch at Doncaster Royal Infirmary for an arrested Retford male who decided to jump out of a 1st floor window to unsuccessfully evade police. Let's just say he may walk with a limp for a while.

On the 8th October, our team arrested local a local thief following a report of a theft on Ryton Street and breach of court conditions thanks to PCSO Ruth Dixon identifying and detaining him. The Team also arrested a female for failing to attend Crown Court on the 1st Oct.

On the 13th October PC Glenn Turner arrested another local male for failing to attend court (FTA) for theft. He was subsequently granted conditional bail by the courts and on the 22nd October PC Turner arrested another for a shop theft and a breach of a Court order.

On the 23rd October, we welcomed the opportunity to participate in Charter day on Bridge Street. We brought some police equipment down to our stall, including Police Public order shields, helmets, stab vests, and some uniforms. The children had some memorable photos and hopefully we did our bit to recruit potential officers albeit is 10-15 years' time.

The day was not completely concerned with the stall. We still managed to arrest local thieves Martin Heath for Community Order breaches and Lee Carter for thefts at Boots, Pound Stretcher and Farm foods for which he was charged and given a two week suspended sentence.

My team have concentrated on ridding the Town centre of loiterers and thieves around 'Trader Clock' and I have drafted in extra officers on Market Days to support this and hopefully with the lead up to Christmas you will notice a greater Police presence.

Finally, on the 31st October we arrested local resident for reported Domestic Violence issues. Unfortunately for the offender when his front door was smashed down his house was filled with drugs and paraphernalia to deal. Enquiries are continuing but his illicit business may have just taken a turn for the worst.

Team updates: East Bassetlaw



**Sergeant
Sam Pearson**

Over the past month, our local Priority Setting Meetings have taken place at Harworth, Retford and the Rural areas.

The priorities for Retford are Anti-Social behaviour, Speeding /vehicle nuisance and drugs.

Harworth's priorities are Burglary, Anti-Social behaviour and Speeding/vehicle nuisance.

The Rural priorities remain unchanged and are Speeding, Rural crime/off road vehicle nuisance and Burglary

The team have been focusing on the above priorities and have been conducting speed checks throughout East Bassetlaw. We have been primarily focusing on educating drivers regarding speed; however have issued several fines for excess speed.

We have also been working closely with partner agencies to improve signage in areas that have been a target for off road vehicles. As a result, we have seen a reduction in the illegal trespass of off road vehicles and also a reduction in fuel thefts from the A1 whereby crops are damaged in order to steal the fuel.

Within Retford Town Centre, we are now monitoring our licenced premises in the lead up to Christmas.

We want our local residents and visitors to the town to enjoy their evening so we will be increasing patrols around our night time economy and will be dealing robustly with any offences, especially those that involve violence as a result of drug and/or alcohol use.

We will also be conducting regular licence checks together with our partner agencies and dealing with venues that do not comply with legislation

Op Plumberry (Christmas Town Centre Patrols) will also commence to reassure our local shoppers to the Town centre. We will be actively patrolling the Town for reassurance and to deter shop thieves.

The Harworth Community Speed watch run by Councillor Lynne Schuller is now up and running. Pc Jim Martin will be periodically going out with them in their problem areas.

Lots of work has been ongoing to identify the key areas and hopefully the community will respond positively towards the team when they are conducting speed checks.

Online and phone scam fraud is still a big problem throughout East Bassetlaw area. Education around fraud prevention is continuing within Harworth and Bircotes at local meetings such as the Tenants and residents meeting which my team are attending.

My team are also carrying out fraud prevent visits to persons identified as vulnerable to fraud, the visits are aimed at providing information and crime prevention advice to prevent further fraud taking place.