# Stakeholder update

Fortnightly update to stakeholders, provided by the Rushcliffe Neighbourhood policing team

## Inspector's update – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019



Welcome to the latest edition of the Rushcliffe Stakeholder Update. My name is Craig Berry and I am the officer responsible for the policing of Rushcliffe Borough.

Nottinghamshire Police will be actively involved in a regular knife amnesty in the next few days under the operation name sceptre.

A lot of publicity will be given around this, both locally in Rushcliffe and throughout Nottinghamshire. This will be the third time this has been run in 18 months. Once again, I am sure we will see a large number of knives taken out of circulation, which can only be a positive thing to help reduce knife crime.

We will be giving some educational input into knife crime and its consequences to young people in the coming weeks.

**Inspector Craig Berry** 

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I am currently working on plans to reduce burglaries on the Rushcliffe area; local officers will be tasked in various areas, including crime prevention and target hardening along with work in relation to this type of crime.

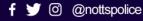
We have charged a male and put him before the courts in relation to a robbery that occurred in East Leake on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. The offender, Carl Powell, of no fixed address, pleaded guilty to robbery and eight counts of fraud. He was sentenced at crown court to 3 years 6 months imprisonment. My thanks go to our CID officers who investigated those offences.

I am pleased to see that after some good work at the end of August 2019 by the volunteers who formed East Leake Community Road Safety team, we were able to get the Notts Police Speed camera team to attend Costock Road a few days ago. That stretch of road is subject to a 30mph speed limit. The speed camera van, staffed by civilians authorised by Notts Police in that role caught 20 offenders in just over a one hour period.

4 drivers were caught at over 40 mph, one over 50mph and the remainder just under 40mph.



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### **Team updates: West Bridgford**



Sergeant Sarah Merrall

Our priority over the last few weeks has been around the theft of cycle thefts in the West Bridgford area.

The top 5 'hotspots' for cycle thefts has been The Arena on Rugby Road, the Coo-Op on Bridgford Road, ROKO health club at Wilford, Central Avenue in West Bridgford and National Water sports Centre at Holme Pierrepont.

All of those locations have some good CCTV coverage; as a result of that CCTV we have been able to identify 2 offenders. During the last 2 weeks, we have arrested and charged one male with 'going equipped' offences and another arrested and charged with the theft of six cycles. (Going equipped is where a person is found with tools on them in order to facilitate thefts).

We continue, in partnership with Rushcliffe Borough Council, to promote the use of 'D lock' locks to secure cycles when left unattended. We have also been putting stickers on many bike racks to remind the public to adequately secure their cycles.

We have also charged a male with the theft of football shirts from the Nottingham Forest club shop along with some driving offences. He has been at court and was found guilty of those offences.

A number of thefts from motor vehicles on our area, where bags and phones have been stolen. Often the entry method is quite crude, smashing glass to steal the items that were clearly on display.

There have been a number of works vans parked overnight on Rose Way at Edwalton which have been entered by force and tools being stolen. Some of these vans were entered by the door skin on the back door having been peeled back, with the offender then reaching in the hole and unlocking the door to gain access.

We have provided crime prevention advice on social media around this type of crime. Currently the advice is where possible reverse the van up to another vehicle or wall to prevent entry. The local PCSO's have also been out on that area looking for CCTV opportunities and carrying out house to house enquiries.

Good news story, the local PCSO met with around 30, very young residents at Edwalton nursery, never too young to give safety advice.



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## Team updates: Rushcliffe South



Sergeant **Steve Robinson**  Following on from the report of arson at a field on the edge of Cotgrave at the end of August 2019, we have interviewed a number of people in relation to this incident, investigations continue and I hope that we will be able to give a full update in the next stakeholders report.

#### Theft from motor vehicles

We have had two more catalytic convertors stolen from vehicles, one at Clifton Tram Stop Park and Ride, the other at East Midlands parkway railway station. Work is being done around CCTV footage obtained through our enquiries.

One of our local PCSO's has put a lot of time dealing with a ASB/neighbourhood dispute in Bingham, work is ongoing around this and also involves working with local housing authority.

A health and wellbeing event was organised by Rushcliffe Borough Council and held on the newly refurbished Cotgrave shopping precinct on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of September. Officers from the Cotgrave beat team attended and engaged with local business and residents.

A vehicle stolen from near Newark was seen in Bingham by officers in the early hours of Friday 3/09/2019, 1 person was arrested with ongoing investigations around this.

#### Burglaries

3 other than dwelling burglaries reported at Colston Bassett on 12/09/2019, one at Screveton on 14/09/2019 and one on Tollerton lane at Tollerton on01/09/2019.

The burglary at Screveton involved around £30k of goods being stolen, investigations are continuing around this incident.

We continue to hold beat surgeries at various village locations on Rushcliffe, we vary the day and time of these events. Some are better attended than others. We are trying to give advance notice of these events with a follow up nearer to the allocated date.

A meeting was held this week with one of the local Cllrs. Discussion took place around improving engagement with residents in Cotgrave. This will likely be through beat surgeries, Town Council meetings along with contact with young persons via the youth centre and local primary schools.



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