

NORTH KESTEVEN POLICE

Quarterly Briefing – January 2022



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INTRODUCTION

Summary of events over the last quarter Summary of activity taken to address previous activities

Summary of engagement activity and findings Introduction to priorities for the area

Summary of any changes to the team Summary of any force news or campaigns which are relevant to local area

Hello and welcome to our latest Quarterly Briefing. It seems an age since our last briefing, and with Christmas now a distant memory my festive greetings in October were seemingly well placed.

The more eagled eye amongst you will see that PC Adam Barton is no longer with the team at Hykeham. He has recently moved to the adjacent Lincoln South area, having been successful in securing a permanent position in that role. We wish Adam well and know we can count on his support in future joint ventures across both areas. This move does reduce our capability temporarily. However, as part of the force wide uplift for neighbourhood policing, we have now managed to secure two additional posts. One will replace Adam at Hykeham and, as alluded to in the last briefing, there will be an additional post for the Sleaford area. This is very positive for the area and will provide some much-needed increase in our



capacity. The additional resources will allow much more proactivity from the group also. I hope to be able to introduce our new team members at the next briefing although I am sure the officers, when selected, will make themselves known to as many of you as possible before then.

The Rural Crime Action Team are now up and running. The first phase of recruitment is now completed with a second phase expected before summer. The team are establishing themselves at Sleaford, which has included, amongst other things, kicking me out of my office! Hopefully, some of you in our rural communities will have already benefitted from their specific focus.

The shorter, colder days have limited some of our larger engagements but the teams across the area have remained out in their communities

Mini Police is now in full swing with the teams completing their regular visits into certain primary schools in the area.

The team at Sleaford having been continuing work to progress the "Sleaford Speaks" community empowerment program. We have reached the Participatory Budgeting phase with bids from the community of Sleaford being accepted prior to the main event on March. For further information see the Sleaford Speaks page on Facebook or contact the Sleaford team on <u>Sleaford@lincs.police.uk</u>.

There has also been some proactive work surrounding the area priorities. Some plain clothes work recently enabled the team to identify several individuals dealing drugs, some associated with dealing to children at the town's schools. Some of those individuals were also involved in ASB in the town. This had started to increase within the town, but good work by the team has identified the perpetrators.

Continuing the work I identified in the last briefing, we have also obtained an additional two Criminal Behaviour Orders. These orders provide police and partners with the ability ask the courts to place positive and / or restrictive conditions on individuals to seek to prevent them causing harm within the community. Unfortunately, one recipient of a recent order decided to ignore the conditions and continue to commit further offences. The court thankfully took a dim view of this behaviour and sentenced him to 38 weeks custody. This provides some respite for the residents affected by his behaviour.

Work continues to take place in Hykeham and neighbouring villages regarding a male who persistently causes nuisance and ASB in those areas. Working in conjunction with Lincoln colleagues and ASB team, the male has been summoned to court recently and where an application for a CBO will be made alongside the other offences.

Another person summoned to court is the offender who set fire to three cars in North Hykeham late last year.

The teams from Hykeham and Bracebridge have been ensuring their priority of vehicle ASB and speeding has been addressed by securing additional specialist resources to carry out additional checks in the area. You may have seen our roads policing colleagues? Additionally, the team received positive feedback from residents in Harmston regarding some vehicle related issues being experienced there.

A speed survey has also taken place to quantify speeding in one of our villages. The survey made interesting reading and showed the average speed was below the limit with only a small number of drivers committing offences.

Speeding remains a key concern for residents in the area and as a team we will seek to support our communities wherever possible. However, as a small team, even with assistance from outside resources we are reliant on the residents of those areas to take some ownership. This may be old news and I know I have mentioned this before but there are numerous successful Community Speed Watch programs set up around the County by community groups. If you believe speeding is an issue in your area, contact your local beat manager who will provide more details of the scheme.

There have also been some sporadic hot spots of ASB and crime noted in some of our more rural locations in the quarter. For example, the team was first to respond to an aggravated burglary in Potterhanworth and quickly identified the suspects. Other work in that area has been recognised by the Parish Council which is positive.

Looking at the data produced below it is perhaps unsurprising that there has been little change in our areas of demand, However, the crime figures do highlight a rise in vehicle crime in the area. This is attributed to 3 main types. Earlier in the quarter we saw a spike in thefts of CAT converters. This is a national issue and despite our best efforts and in some cases good CCTV no offenders have been linked. This is a difficult crime to prevent, but recent Nextdoor posts by the team have offered advice. Electric hand tools continue to be stolen from vans in the area also. The final type is the actual theft of vans. There has been a noticeable increase in thefts of vans, most notably Ford Transits, across the area. These also remain an area under investigation.

Despite the slightly negative finale I can assure you that the neighbourhood teams across the area continue to work incredibly hard on behalf of their communities. Their priorities for the next quarter are outlined below but much of their work is unseen by most or in terms of prevention and reassurance, unquantifiable.

To sign off, and to continue a theme from my last briefing, I would like to be the first to wish you a Happy Easter!!

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OUR PRIORITIES

Outline priorities for the forthcoming quarter including which specific geographical areas they relate to (where applicable)

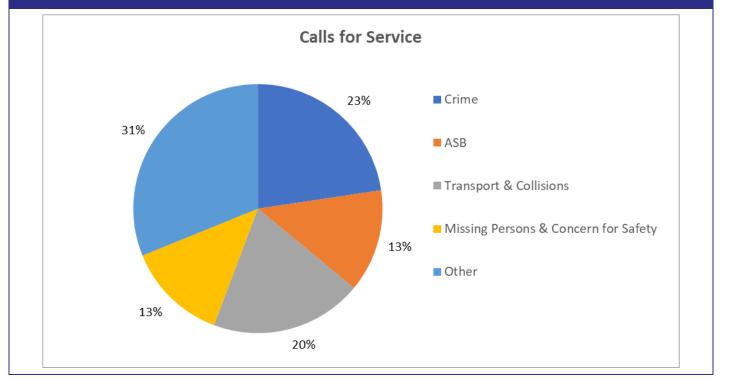
Taking into account the Christmas period and the demands that places on us all, both personally and professionally we completed our latest Priority Setting Meeting on 15th December.

The priorities outlined for Sleaford will be the continuation of our work around drugs and ASB.

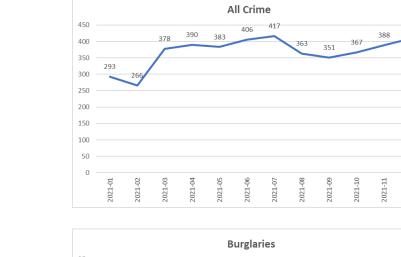
Sleaford rural areas with focus on speeding and crime prevention.

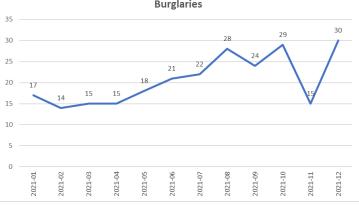
Bracebridge and Cliff Villages team will focus on speeding

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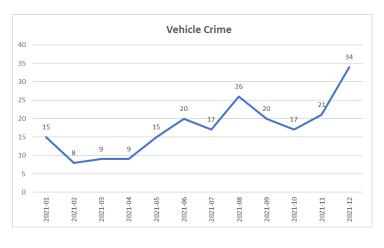
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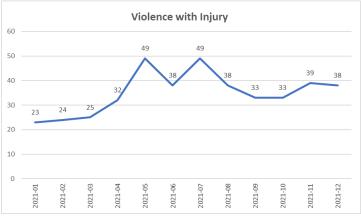




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A range of information and resources are available including online crime recording at www.lincs.police.uk



Action Fraud has information about fraud and facilities for recording offences of fraud. <u>www.actionfraud.police.uk</u>



Crime and other incidents should be reported to Lincolnshire Police on 101



Incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour (including noise nuisance and flytipping) can also be reported to North Kesteven District Council on **01529 414155**



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