

Stakeholder update

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

Inspector's update – 11th March 2019

Operation Sceptre – National Knife Crime Week

Nottinghamshire Police are working alongside other police forces and other partners on National Knife Crime Week.

It starts on Monday 11 March and runs until midnight on Sunday 17 March and will involve red knife amnesty bins being located at 15 police stations and partner agency receptions across Nottinghamshire.

It follows the success of the last amnesty during September 2018 Operation Sceptre, when 418 bladed weapons were taken off the streets of Nottinghamshire - which was 50% more in half the time of the previous amnesty in 2013. This time around we also have some new partners supporting us and showing that we are stronger when we work together. Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust will host an amnesty bin in the accident and emergency department at the Queen's Medical Centre. We will again be encouraging members of the public to hand over their unwanted knives at nominated locations, without fear of prosecution for doing so, for the duration of the operation.

Officers have already seized an ornamental sword hidden in a teenager's bedroom at an address in Rushcliffe Borough and an investigation is underway. West Bridgford Police Station Reception has a Knife amnesty bin and the station is open between 9am-5pm Mon to Fri. Speaking for Rushcliffe Borough serious violence has not changed and remains amongst the safest places in the county with low levels of serious violence and knife related offending.

Locally there was some good news at court where Mallik Stansbury (19 years) was convicted of Possession with Intent to Supply found in possession of 30 wraps of heroin and cocaine as a result of a drugs warrant executed by the West Bridgford Neighbourhoods team. PC Rob Archer who investigated this crime is looking forward to seeing Stansbury sentenced on 21st March.

There has been one significant emerging crime trend in the last fortnight. There has been a number of cars accessed and items stolen around West Bridgford overnight in particular the Abbey and Lady Bay areas. As a result we will be focusing our nighttime patrols in this area to prevent and deter crime. CCTV evidence has captured a white slim male wearing a blue woolen bobble hat and carrying a black JD draw string backpack. This man broke into a car on Villiers Road on Saturday night 9th March.



Inspector Craig Berry

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Team updates: West Bridgford



**Sergeant
Sarah Merrall**

Shop Theft is one of the priorities of the Police and the RBC Community Safety Group and in West Bridgford we have an active shop watch group that meets monthly, with representatives from RBC, Police and several of the town centre stores. The aim of the group being to work together to deter, prevent and detect shop theft across the area by sharing information of incidents and best practice. We were pleased this month to get the Shop Watch Radios back up and working which enables the stores to pass real time information between them and helps prevent offenders moving on and targeting another store. On that note, we had a good result this month when from store CCTV a repeat offender was identified and when interviewed admitted to 9 shop thefts, 6 of which were in the West Bridgford area. He is currently still in custody in HMP Lincoln.

Fortunately, Dwelling Burglary on the area remains at a low level with numbers decreased over the last 2 weeks and lower than this time last year. One of the roles of our PCSOs is to revisit victims of Burglary to give them reassurance and advice to prevent them becoming a repeat victim, along with completing house to house enquiries for any investigative leads. We also follow up any leads for Theft from Motor vehicle. Whilst numbers of offences continue to be lower than this time last year, we have had another overnight spate with several offences mainly on the Abbey and Lady Bay beat. We have secured some CCTV with a good image of a lone offender and are continuing to make enquiries to identify this male. It appears from CCTV that his MO is to try car doors in order to find an insecure vehicle so we are urging the public to ensure their vehicles are locked and all valuable items removed and out of sight.

We have welcomed 2 new civilian volunteers at West Bridgford via the Citizens in Policing department. They are valuable in helping us out with some of our admin tasks and general station duties. One task they will be completing imminently is to update all our Key Individual details on the system to ensure our info is up to date and accurate.

Team updates: Rushcliffe South



**Sergeant
Steve Robinson**

The South team have been heavily involved in Community Engagement over this past couple of weeks and there have been some successes with the often reported issue of nuisance motorcycles in Cotgrave.

On 28th February PC Kelly Carlile and PCSO Tony Davies have been at the schools in Ruddington to assess and address the parking issues which are a national problem around most primary schools. They engaged with parents and dished out advice where necessary. Two owners were issued with written warning notices for obstruction in an effort to send out a firm but fair message.

Later the same day PC Carlile held a Beat Surgery at the East Leake Fire station and had her busiest and most productive session to date. The dates and time of future surgeries can be found on our Rushcliffe South Police facebook page.

On the issue of Beat Surgeries, there have been requests from Radcliffe on Trent to start theirs up again and I am pleased to report that PC Steve Mathias and PCSO Dave Wesson intend to do just that. Details will be made public in due course.

Further school engagements have been held at Toothill on 6th March where PC Caroline Voce supported an RAF event where they flew in and landed one of their Merlin Helicopters. Also on 7th March PC Carlile and PCSO Lucock attended Costock Primary school for more patrols and parking issues.

The residents of Cotgrave have long reported issues with nuisance motorcycles which we have often struggled to deal with effectively. As I reported a couple of weeks ago we now have an off-road team of which Beat Manager PC Graham Collington is a part. Two Section 59's (warning reports to drivers/riders which are recorded on the Police National Computer) have been issued to two riders of off-road motorcycles on Colliers Road, Cotgrave for the manner of their riding and for riding with no Insurance.

Another Section 59 was issued to a rider of a quad bike in Ruddington after we received footage of him riding on a residential street with no helmet and in a dangerous manner.

And finally, PCSO John Heaps has this week retired after 16 years service, all of it in Rushcliffe. Anybody that met John will know what a character he is. We wish him well for the future.