

Stakeholder update

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

Inspector's update – November 2020

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.

Coronavirus National Lockdown 2 – The current Lockdown in England is in place until 2nd December. It places restrictions on all of our lives including not being able to be outside your home without a reasonable excuse, or gathering in groups of two people or more from different households, and there are now restrictions placed on a number of business premises that now must close.

Moving to an enforcement phase of policing is a national direction to ensure a consistent and therefore fair approach by officers when dealing with the public. Police have a legal duty to make sure the rules are enforced, alongside council environmental health and trading standards. Where necessary those found to be breaching regulations will be issued penalty notices fines which now start at £200 and increase to £10,000 for the organisers of larger gatherings. All that said this is a challenging time for policing and now more than ever we need your support.

Operation Sceptre – supporting national knife crime week

The Rushcliffe Operation Sceptre, which launches on Monday (9 November 2020), is just a snapshot of the ongoing year-round work being carried out to combat knife crime in Nottinghamshire which involves police, partners and local communities all working together. There will also be a focus on the ongoing partnership work that is helping to make our communities safer through a mixture of education, engagement and enforcement.

The Rushcliffe Neighbourhood Team and Reacher team will be working with local schools to educate young people of the dangers of carrying a knife. We will also be patrolling our parks and public spaces and responding quickly and positively to any intelligence and promoting the use of the knife and weapon amnesty bins across the county. We need to know about anyone who you have concerns may be carrying or have possession of a knife or weapon. This can be reported to police via 999/101 or to Crime stoppers. It may just save a life!

To update you on crime in Rushcliffe we have had a series of house burglaries in which cars have been targeted and stolen. These crimes have taken place in Bingham and Radcliffe on Trent and also smaller surrounding villages. The criminals are targeting high value vehicles in particular Mercedes, BMW and Audi makes which are stolen with keys stolen in the burglaries. Detectives are working on the investigation and an arrest has been made but to date this has not stopped the offences. There have been overnight patrols but officers are asking for extra vigilance from the Rushcliffe public and the early reporting of suspicious activity and vehicles. In addition there have also been a number of shed and garage burglaries in the Lady bay area and cars broken into in Ruddington both overnight. In response to this we have doubled our night shift patrols in these areas over the coming week.



Inspector Craig Berry

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Sgt James Ross

Rushcliffe Reacher Team



By way of introduction Operation Reacher is designed to be a proactive policing resource within Rushcliffe. Working alongside our existing neighbourhood teams, existing partner networks and stakeholders, what you will see from the team is just that. A visible policing team that will be high profile within our communities, schools and other engagement opportunities in Rushcliffe. This will include planned enforcement operations on both nation and local priorities. Our local priorities are set by Inspector Berry taking into account needs of the Rushcliffe community and current intelligence. The team are deployable quickly and are able to react to live incidents whilst on duty as well as emerging crime trends that come to light from daily intelligence briefings.

The team consists of Sgt James Ross with Constables Jon Raynor, Chris Banton, Richard Wilkinson, Ashley Veasey, David Schooling and Matt Wilkinson. With over a hundred years of policing experience between the team, each officer brings with them an enormous amount of experience and specialist skills to Rushcliffe. These officers will be assigned an area of Rushcliffe to develop intelligence, problem solve crime issues and to work with the local Beat manager and Police Community Support Officer.

In the month that Rushcliffe Reacher has been live we have executed over 14 property searches and seven arrests. We have had success targeting burglars and those dealing drugs. This has resulted in cash, jewellery, drugs and weapons being removed from those committing or trying to profit from crime within our community. We have been active in National priority operations targeting drivers without insurance on Rushcliffe roads and are currently engaging in Op Sceptre, the operation to reduce knife violence. All of which is concentrated around Rushcliffe.

Our current local priorities for the next few weeks will see burglary, violence offences and acquisitive crime such as theft from vehicles being at the top of our priorities. With the current restrictions in place in to deal with Covid-19 some of our engagement work has had to be postponed whilst we help with this response. This will include work specifically in Rushcliffe to deal with any breaches of the legislation. Once this changes we will look to continue with our engagement events in a Covid safe way. However in the meantime you can follow the activities of Op Reacher on our social media pages.

