

Stakeholder update

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

Inspector's update – March 2021

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.

Firstly, I wanted to update you on progress made on the shed burglary offences in West Bridgford. The good news is the overnight offences experienced in early February have stopped, but we are keeping a close on Lady Bay, Abbey and Musters as this is where the long-term problem has been.

Burglary offences have been low in the last month and it will be interesting to see what the easing of the Covid restrictions does to crime trends and criminals behaviour.

This week an elderly resident in Rushcliffe was victim of a significant telephone fraud. The criminal claimed to be from a bank and convinced the victim to transfer many thousands of pounds of their life savings to another bank account. The case is owned by fraud investigators and fraud protect officers are supporting the victim. Fraud has seen significant increases over the last year and it angers me that criminal's target elderly and vulnerable people. Please give some time to speak to your elderly relatives as banks will never contact customers in this way. Further advice is available via Action fraud (actionfraud.police.uk).

Unusually there have been four reports of van theft in the last two weeks, and these vans appear to have been stolen without keys. These vehicles include a Vauxhall Vivaro, Mercedes Tipper, Ford Transit and a VW Campervan which were stolen from across Rushcliffe overnight.

In addition there have been two off-road quad vehicles stolen from farms at Upper Broughton and Whatton these are a John Deere Gator and a Polaris Ranger. Please keep your eyes peeled for suspicious behaviour particularly at night.

Finally, on the 23rd February Rushcliffe police arrested three people on suspicion theft of dog and as a result of enquiries the dog was returned to his owner. A workman who had his van stolen while his beloved dog was inside says he's over-the-moon to have him returned safely home. Reports of dog theft are on the increase nationally so please report any suspicious activity including any details of vehicle involved.



Inspector Craig Berry

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We have continued to provide regular patrols across the borough to provide reassurance and encourage residents to comply with the Covid Regulations. As I write, we have hope of being able to look forward to a better summer. However, the Stay At Home order is in place until 29th March. We appeal to the public to abide by the current restrictions, only leaving the house for permitted, essential reasons. We understand that this is a difficult time for everyone and we will continue to engage, educate people out and about but will enforce by issuing tickets where this is needed for those who flout the rules.

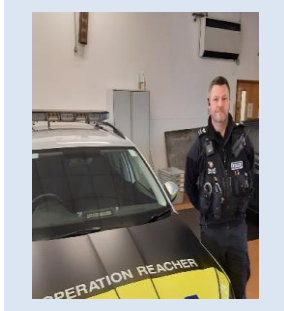
Residential burglary remains a priority. We are pleased to report a reduction of over 48% in burglaries compared with the same period last year. However, throughout November to January we had spate of shed burglaries where bikes were stolen, mainly in Lady Bay, Melton & Trent Bridge areas. During February we have spent time out on foot in the area, revisiting and providing crime prevention advice to residents as well as proactive patrols in order to catch any offenders.

On 8th February, a 48 year old male was arrested for theft of a bike on Loughborough road after a call from a member of the public reporting suspicious behaviour. We have also teamed up with RBC to provide crime prevention advice and Bike Register security marking. This makes it easier for us to re-unite stolen bikes with their owners as well as making the bikes less desirable due to being marked and traceable. We are looking forward to being able to hold further similar events once current restrictions ease again.

Another local priority has been drug dealing and its close link to Anti-social behaviour. The impact of drug dealing is that it often leads to violent crime along with drug user's committing crime in order to feed their habits. We therefore continue to be intelligence led in our patrols. On 24th February we executed 3 search warrants on 3 premises within a close proximity of each other in Edwalton. 3 males aged 17, 21 and 22 and a 19 year old female were questioned and remain under investigation for drugs offences. Please contact the control room on 101 or Crimstoppers if you have any information or concerns about drug dealing taking place.

Throughout the Covid restrictions, we continue to work closely with The Friary, Framework & Rushcliffe Borough Council around any rough sleepers in the area. We have completed an early morning head count in order to see who is sleeping rough on the area and engage with them, ensuring they are aware of their options and linked in with support agencies.

Team updates: Reacher team



**Sergeant
James Ross**

Rushcliffe Reacher team summary for February

- We have made 7 arrests
- We have seized £5,500 cash connected to crime
- We have seized £12,000 of controlled drugs (estimated value)
- We have seized 4 illegal/stolen cars
- We have executed 12 search warrants for drugs and stolen property

Whilst February is the shortest month of the year Rushcliffe Reacher have managed to squeeze as much as we could into it. The weather extremes caused a number of our residents serious issues with which we got involved. Hopefully with spring sun arriving the colder and wet weather will become less of an issue.

Some of the preparation work last month has resulted in some fantastic arrests. Working with our communities and the local beat teams across Rushcliffe and the city boundary we have had a distinctly drug focused month.

Our team have made 7 targeted arrests in relation to the supply of class A drugs and have seized over £5000 worth of cash, other valuable assets, over £12000 worth of drugs and have seized 4 cars.

All this again is only possible through the information that we get from our local communities. Hopefully having seen the social media updates and the press coverage in the West Bridgford Wire that we are prioritising and taking action based on what you tell us is happening.

With schools returning in the near future, and all being well restrictions in socialising, the opportunities to get involved with schools and community events over the next term are looking positive.

In the mean time we will continue to proactively target those committing crime in the Rushcliffe area. So any information you have please contact us in the usual ways. Phone, on-line, through our social media or crime stoppers.

Crime stoppers 0800 555 111 – report anonymously