



## South Northants Neighbourhood Teams

### Annual Report March 2019

The last 12 months has seen some changes to the teams based between Brackley and Towcester. PC Francesca SMITH has joined the Brackley team whilst PCSO Matthew TAYLOR has joined the Towcester team in a sponsored position for the Bugbrooke Parish. A sponsored PCSO is paid for by the parish and their sole responsibility is for that parish area. If you would like more information regarding sponsoring a PCSO please contact the team.

Nationally there have been increases in burglaries and thefts from vehicles. South Northants has experienced this also. Neighbourhood officers spend a considerable amount of time looking into these offences, reviewing CCTV, analysing trends and using local knowledge to build a picture of who may be committing these offences. We are pleased to report that a man, from Northampton, has been charged with a number of residential burglaries that took place on Christmas Day in Towcester. Another man, also from Northampton, has been charged with burglary following a series of offences committed in the Potterspury area.

Over recent weeks there have been some significant spikes in thefts from vehicles. These have been recorded across the area and clustered to a specific community over a particular night. Brackley, Milton Malsor & Blisworth saw a cluster of vehicles targeted between 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March. Towcester and Syresham experienced similar between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March. It would appear that offenders have taken the opportunities provided by vehicles being left unlocked or with valuable property on display. Items reported to be stolen range from sunglasses to wallets and laptops. We cannot emphasize enough the importance of removing property and locking your vehicle. CCTV has shown us that offenders will try the door to a locked and empty vehicle and then move on. Unlocked vehicles are entered and searched and those with visible property are broken into. As of 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 officers have identified two potential suspects for the recent thefts from vehicles as mentioned above. Work is being undertaken to collate all evidence sufficient for a charge to be laid once arrests have been made.

We often see comments on social media regarding a lack of Police in an area or that a crime would have been prevented if there were more Police about. Firstly access to social media is widespread and often local sites cannot prevent intrusion from people living outside of the area. Is it wise to suggest that our community is vulnerable to crime or is it better to stand united with the Police to fight this threat? Crime will always happen due to many social and economic factors but we can be better prepared to fight it as a cohesive community. Please support those people that work within your Community as emergency services, volunteers, clubs and organisations and help us make the area less attractive to criminals.

Your Neighbourhood Teams are based within the Community at Brackley and Towcester and are often the first port of call for an emergency as the closest Police resource. We also take on a plethora of other responsibilities in respect of safeguarding vulnerable people, working with educational establishments from an early intervention perspective, crime investigation and intelligence gathering. We use social media (Twitter) and Neighbourhood Alert in order to inform you about crime and incidents relevant to your area and some of the work that the team undertake. Unfortunately there are a lot of aspects of our work that we cannot report on due to the vulnerabilities of the persons involved.

Neighbourhood Alert is an email messaging system that all Schools, Parish Councils, Neighbourhood Watch and community members can sign up to. Register your email address to receive up to date information. Sign up to Neighbourhood Alert Messaging System at [www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk](http://www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk)

Towcester & Brackley currently have Street Watch schemes. Street Watch is the equivalent of a mobile Neighbourhood Watch. In addition it can cover the entire Community and tackle issues such as; vandalism, anti-social behaviour, drug abuse and dog fouling. If you are interested in helping your community and joining your Street Watch Scheme please contact a member of the team.

If you wish to have up-to-date crime statistics for your area then we recommend that you visit [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk). Should you wish to discuss a particular issue or wish to meet a member of the team and discuss local trends then please contact either team via [NT-SouthNorthantsBrackley@pnn.police.uk](mailto:NT-SouthNorthantsBrackley@pnn.police.uk) or [NT-SouthNorthantsTowcester@pnn.police.uk](mailto:NT-SouthNorthantsTowcester@pnn.police.uk)

Reporting an issue or crime to the Police can be made in many ways. This includes ringing 101 or online. Northants Police's new website also offers a reporting system for

- A road traffic incident
- Missing person – no immediate harm
- Terrorist activity
- Fingerprints appointments – this could be asked for when travelling abroad
- Hate Crime/ Incident

So that your report can be managed as quickly as possible, it's important to consider the following information and have it ready to provide:

- the date and time the crime happened
- the location, such as address or road name along with the town or village
- a description of any people involved
- the details of any witnesses or suspects
- if you think there's any other evidence such as forensic evidence or mobile phone footage
- if there is clear CCTV footage of the offence being committed

**Date for Diary:****South Northants Community Fun day**

**10am-4pm 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019** Islington road Recreation grounds, Towcester

Free open public event which will include demonstrations from the Police, Fire and Ambulance. Crime prevention advice, bike marking and the Rural Crime Team. There will be many local voluntary, support and cadet organisations represented. Refreshments will be available for the duration of the event.

**Useful Links**

Northamptonshire Police Website

<http://www.northants.police.uk/>

Check if a vehicle is taxed or untaxed and report if necessary:

[vehicleenquiry.service.gov.uk](http://vehicleenquiry.service.gov.uk)

Useful link for all matters related to driving <http://think.direct.gov.uk/>

Please use this link to support your children's safety <http://talesoftheroad.direct.gov.uk/>

This link will provide you with useful information to help protect yourself from scams -

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/spotting-a-scam/>

Trading Standards – Advice and help for consumers – Don't get caught out, find an approved trader:

<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/Community/trading/Pages/default.aspx>

Contact Crime Stoppers anonymously about crime:

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Fearless is a site where young people can access non-judgmental information and advice about crime and criminality:

<https://www.fearless.org/>

Report to South Northants Council:

Fly tipping, dog fouling, street lights, Litter, noise pollution and other issues.

[www.southnorthants.gov.uk](http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk)

Advice on boundary disputes with neighbours:

<http://www.rics.org/uk/knowledge/consumer-guides/boundary-disputes-guide/>

Street Doctor:

<http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/northamptonshire-highways/roads-and-streets/Pages/report-highway-problem.aspx>

**Thank you from South Northants Neighbourhood Policing Teams**