

# Bracebridge Heath Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT)

## Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team



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## Quarterly NPT Priorities

Every three months your local NPT listens to your concerns and looks at recent crime statistics to shape the things we will concentrate on for the next three months. Our priorities for the forthcoming quarter will be;

### 1. Speeding in Villages

The Specialist Traffic Policing Team have been out around the villages on our area targeting speeders. This is often viewed in a contravertial manner. Residents ask for speed checks and often the culprits when caught speeding are locals to the area they are speeding in. Be careful for what you wish for and if you are caught speeding and are fined and endorsed its worth remembering that your community asked for the Police action in the the first instance. Please respect the posted speed limits and the residents that live in the area.

### 2. Smell of Cannabis in Residential Areas.

Whilst possession of, production and dealing Cannabis is clearly an offence the smoking of cannabis is relatively common. We get regular complaints of neighbours smoking cannabis. We will deal with this and this can be anywhere on the scale of a letter from the council, a visit from police with or without knocking. Community Protection Notices can be issued and tenancies can be revoked. In persistent cases arrests for possession have been made and persons charged for possession. The possession of cannabis, a class B drug, remains an offence.

## Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

The months of June & July saw a number of incidents of youth disorder reported specifically in Metheringham. Some of these incidents were serious incidents of public order offences committed by local youths with several disturbing elements associated to them. A Metheringham family with three disabled children was targeted for harassment by local youths who gathered outside of the family home and made threats to the occupants and caused a significant disturbance in the street. A number of 999 calls were received. Not only was this attack callous, it was also a disgusting display of cowardice targeted against a lone female parent trying to protect her children. The two leading perpetrators were identified and located by Police and are still under investigation following interview. A CPS charging decision is pending. A second serious incident occurred which you may have seen on Social Media. It was so unusual for the area it made the press. Two groups of youths congregated on the Metheringham sports field for an arranged fight. This was premeditated and knives and machetes were produced. This was shown on social media, as incredibly, the offending parties filmed it themselves and it was posted on Social Media. Five youths have been arrested for public order offences and it is probably no surprise that some of the same offenders were involved in the first instance. Significant Police effort was put into dealing with these offences and five offenders were quickly arrested and are currently on bail with conditions to prevent further offending and to protect the public. Extra patrols were mounted which will have been very obvious. Criminal behaviour will not be tolerated and Police action in these instances demonstrates as such.

For the awareness of parents and that of the community, some of the factors around these incidents is the ingress of slightly older youths to the village befriending what are ordinarily normal and unremarkable youths in the village who do not usually come to light as a problem. These slightly older youths or young adults hang around with children are linked to County Line drug supply activity. These individuals have encouraged a higher level of anti social behaviour and were involved in the disorder using weapons on the sports field. These individuals fit the usual pattern for County Line nominals in the fact they are dysfunctional & associate with children to exploit their vulnerabilities by both supplying substances to juveniles and to draw them into criminality. They have a planned purpose for them and that purpose isto corrupt them and

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to draw them into drug dealing locally. If you have teenage children who are associating with people who stereotypically fit that bill, then it is an old fashioned case of, if it looks like, smells like, then it probably is. Don't be scared to use your instincts and report it to us.

These young adults associated to County Line activity will typically travel by train and bus. They do not have their lives together to function sufficiently to obtain a driving licence for example but they may befriend others that do. They are not an element that exists solely in cities and larger towns, they are amongst your children in your village to draw your children into criminality and to sell drugs. The same offenders have featured in similar disorder in Lincoln and other local villages. If you have concerns or suspicions about new individuals your children are associating with in your area then please contact us to report and to discuss. There has been a noticeable increase in the drug supply to youths in Metheringham that includes cannabis, ketamine and cocaine being used by youths and young adults in the village. This is measured by people found under the influence of substances, incidents involving substances and discarded drug packaging and even dropped substances found in the street as well as intelligence supplied to us. This all sounds very grim. I am not reluctant to share these details, we as a Neighbourhood Policing Team would prefer to inform the public of the threat so we can challenge and deal with it in order to drive it out. These incidents are the exception. Metheringham remains a nice and safe place to live but to ignore the presence of County Line activity is a mistake. If you see it or suspect it please report it to us on 101, Crime stoppers or call our Police mobile phone and tell us your concerns.

### Misuse of Drugs & Drug Dealing

If you witness drugs being abused in public spaces, smell cannabis coming from an address or a vehicle being driven or have knowledge or suspicion of drug dealing please call the information on 101 or report it online. If you wish to remain anonymous you can report it via Crimestoppers which is a charity independent of the Police on 0800 555 111 – you may attract a reward for the information.

### Connect with Lincolnshire Police on "Nextdoor"

Nextdoor is a free, social networking platform where residents can get in touch with their neighbours and local police officers to help keep their neighbourhood safe. Communities across the country have been using nextdoor for several years and over 80,000 people in Lincolnshire are already registered. You can receive safety advice, urgent alerts, appeals and messages from Lincolnshire Police.

### Special Constables in Lincolnshire Police

Have you considered joining Lincolnshire Police as a Special Constable? You would be trained and operate with full time Police Officers in serving and protecting your community. It is both challenging and rewarding and a good route into a career as a full time Police Officer. Search our website for information about joining as a Special Constable at [www.lincs.police.uk](http://www.lincs.police.uk)

### Methods of making Contact with Police

There are numerous ways of making contact with the Police. The traditional way of calling us on 101 for non urgent incidents and 999 for emergencies to my mind remain the best methods. Whilst I have a Police mobile phone, the downfall is it can be unanswered when I am away or otherwise committed. Several times I have had voice messages left reporting urgent incidents in progress I heard the message when I returned to work from leave. The downfall of this is obvious....There is online crime reporting forms and our NPT email. I would strongly recommend 101 for something non urgent and 999 for anything urgent. The best way to gain our attention for non urgent or return contact is to email us at [hykeham@lincs.police.uk](mailto:hykeham@lincs.police.uk). The beat mobile listed above is fine for non urgent enquiries or return contact with a message left on our voicemails.

### Want to know more?

If you think there is an issue we should be focusing on, please get in touch at one of our public engagement Events contact us by email, or social media.

Crime statistics for your neighbourhood are available at: <https://www.police.uk/>

Nextdoor is a great way of getting the latest relevant information for your area. Join at: <https://nextdoor.co.uk/find-neighborhood/>

Twitter - [@BBHPolice](https://twitter.com/BBHPolice)  
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For reporting fraud or attempts at fraud and cyber crime call 0300 123 2040 which is the Action Fraud Line. Always be aware that incoming phone numbers and emails/websites can be cloned by the fraudster, a technique known as "Spoofing".

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