

# Bracebridge Heath Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT)

## Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team



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## Quarterly NPT Priorities

Every three months your local NPT listen to your concerns and look at recent crime statistics to shape the things we will concentrate on for the next three months. Our priority is still -

### **1. Anti-Social Behaviour**

This is a priority for the BBH NPT. General Response Policing will routinely target all crime such as burglary, theft from motor vehicles and vehicle theft.

## Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) covers a wide range of conduct perpetrated by individuals and groups of people which can be detrimental to both individuals and the wider community. Typically we tend to think of ASB as groups of drunken youths shouting and swearing in the street but it also covers begging, littering, loud music, habitual nuisance vehicle use, the smell of cannabis being smoked emitting from a property, harassment and so on and can include neighbour disputes.

Your NPT has utilised civil legislation to good effect provided called Community Protection Notices (CPN) which is provided by the ASB Act 2014. This notice is served upon persons engaging in ASB and gives them an opportunity to stop that behaviour. The versatility of the legislation allows us to specify the conduct which alone might not constitute a criminal offence. The legislation can be used in conjunction with Criminal Process. This legislation is served in partnership with the North Kesteven District Council ASB Team.

## Man from Navenby Issued Fixed Penalty Notice for Supplying Alcohol to Juveniles

A 54 year old male from Navenby was issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice for supplying alcohol to a group of teenagers in a village park who went onto (unsurprisingly) get drunk and break glass bottles all over a childrens play area. The male responsible whose own teenage son was part of the group admitted his error of judgement and accepted the FPN disposal as well as accepting the impact it had upon the local community.

## Dwelling Burglary Prevention Advice

Last month we saw some dwelling burglaries in the areas of Bracebridge Heath, Leadenham, Wellingore, Waddington, Branston, Washingbrough and Metheringham. Keep valuables out of view, car keys hidden, and doors and windows locked with approved BS locks. Many burglaries are sneak in opportunist thefts that occur whilst you are in. Consider a house alarm and be mindful about what you post on social media in relation to your movements. Doorbell cameras are an excellent deterrent and facilitate police to reviewing movement around properties that have been targeted by burglars. Do not leave your car keys visible in your house – most vehicles are now stolen with keys, often the sole target of a burglary. Keep car keys away from the letter box where they can be “fished” for with an implement similar to a fishing rod. This is what car thieves do.

## Vehicle Theft Prevention Advice

Vans and Land Rover Defenders have continued to be targeted for theft from driveways or roadside parking over this quarter. A number of work vans have been targeted for theft of tools which proves to be very expensive and disruptive to the victim. Where possible try and reverse vans up to a fixed object to prevent rear entry and if possible, block the van in. Products are available to enhance locks, dead locks down to simple high decibel PIR alarms should the factory alarm be electronically defeated. Consider an old-fashioned steering lock to deter a van thief and if finances allow, a tracker system.

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## **Motorbike Nuisance.**

There have continued to be some reports of youths causing a nuisance on mopeds, riding with no helmets and revving engines etc late at night around housing. This has been in the areas of Bracebridge Heath, Potterhanworth and Waddington. Words of advice have issued as well as several Section 59 [seizure of vehicle] warnings issued. Our Team will continue to monitor. Our Neighbourhood Policing Team is very pro motorcycle and very focused on emerging issues of Motorcycle theft with two motorcycles recovered last month and a history of targeting organised motorcycle thieves and handlers of stolen motorcycles with arrests made and 17 stolen motorcycles and quads recovered last year from offenders entering our Policing Area.

## **Motorcycle Theft**

We have continued to experience motorcycle thefts this month in villages on our area, typically from poorly secured sheds and out buildings. If you own a motorcycle or quad bike leaving it outside solely with a steering lock on is not enough. Where possible have it gated, inside and at least one Sold Secure or Thatcham graded lock & lock it to something immovable. A sports bike was stolen from a front garden last month that was secured only by a steering lock. This was recovered after significant investigation and an aggressive social media campaign. Again, the options are numerous (and some were in place) – a secure building, garage, block the door with a vehicle, use ground anchored locks, alarms, and CCTV where possible. Approach this issue with this mindset; If they want it, they will try and take it BUT make it as hard for them as you can. It makes the chances of thieves being heard and disturbed or pushing them on to look for a softer target all the more probable. The first hurdle for the motorcycle owner is acknowledging the threat and putting strong security in place. A sportsbike was seized this month on Metheringham Airfield which appears to have been ridden and crashed by an unlicensed, uninsured untaxed owner whose details are known with enquiries are ongoing, the bike will remain with Police most likely for destruction.

## **Males Charged With 73 Offences**

Two men aged 19 and 28 years old from Lincoln and Caythorpe have been charged with a total of 73 offences of criminal damage, assault and harassment. The victims of these sustained attacks suffered overt night time attacks upon their cars, properties and on occasion physical attacks upon themselves by masked offenders. The victims lived in Caythorpe, Fulbeck, Wellingore, Navenby, Sleaford & Lincoln with the offences taking place from August 2020 until February 2021. The offenders were detected and arrested by the Bracebridge Heath Neighbourhood Policing Team and charged to appear at Lincoln District Magistrates Court on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2021.

## **Couple Arrested following Neighbour Dispute**

A couple from Coleby have been arrested on suspicion of Attempting to Pervert the Course of Justice, Making false Reports to Police and Wasting Police Time. The arrests followed numerous reports to Police alleging offences against their neighbours of a criminal nature. The case is with the CPS under review awaiting a charging decision. The couple have both been served Community Protection Notices as a result of their actions.

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