POLICE NEWS

WAKEFIELD NORTH WEST & SOUTH NPT NEWSLETTER

1ST MARCH 2023 – 30TH APRIL 2023

Welcome to the latest newsletter for Wakefield North West and South NPT.

This newsletter has been designed to bring you up to date with what has been happening in your Neighbourhood Policing area.

We would like to share with you the recent crime figures and some of the good news stories that have been happening in the area. We have also included a "dates for your diary" section with details of future PACT meetings and there is a "notices" section where you will find useful flyers that can be printed out and displayed in the workplace or community.



Inspector Costello



PS West

North West



PS Rhees-Cooper

Rural



PS Lockwood

South East

NORTH WEST

(Ossett, Horbury, Outwood, Stanley, Wrenthorpe)

NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPACT TEAM

On Monday 27th March officers from the Impact Team deployed into the Ossett area following community intelligence about a male dealing from a vehicle. The vehicle was quickly sighted by officers and after a short pursuit, the driver was detained on Wilman Post. The driver and vehicle were searched, and a quantity of Crack Cocaine and Heroin seized.

Following arrest, two premises were searched in the Dewsbury and Ossett areas and a vehicle was identified parked on Havercroft, Ossett that was found to be linked.

During the search of the vehicle a further large quantity of drugs and a section 1 firearm were found and seized.

The arrested male was charged with drugs and firearms offences.

SCHOOL VISIT

Last month, PCSOs Axten & Monkman from North West NPT visited some schools in the Wrenthorpe and Stanley area to deliver inputs to children in reception class about making good choices and keeping safe.

The officers also talked about their role within West Yorkshire Police and the children had the chance to sit in the car and try on some mini uniforms. The children had a great time and came up with some really good and interesting questions.

PC Lovidge and PS West attended Southdale C of E Junior where they spoke with year 6 students about Anti-Social Behaviour and the impact it can have on victims. They were also given advice about moving up to senior school to try and help them be more prepared!

ANTI-SOCIAL BIKES

Officers from Wakefield Off-Road Bike Team have spent a lot of time in the Wrenthorpe following reports of bike related anti-social behaviour.

Working alongside WDH, they visited a property where one of the bike riders is known to reside, his mum was warned for breaching her tenancy contract by keeping motorbikes in the kitchen.

Two bikes were seized from the local fields which were being ridden by various local youths.

Last year, Wrenthorpe often featured in the Forces' top 20 areas for bike related ASB, but so far this year, we are happy to report that Wrenthorpe has not been featured in the top 20, the heavy police presence and numerous seizures seem to be having an impact.

BIKE REGISTER

On Saturday 29th April, PCSO Cable and PC Wake attended Stanley Community Centre with the Bike Register kit.



Members of the public were asked to bring their bikes for free registration with Bike Register.

Bike security advice and crime prevention was also discussed.

The team are looking forward to doing similar events at other locations across the area.

RURAL

(Crofton, Ryhill & Walton, Wakefield Rural, Wakefield South)

SPEEDING – DAY OF ACTION

Back in March, PCSO 409 was joined by Rural Watch Police Volunteers Phil and Dave, to carry out a Day of Action around speeding in the Rural NPT area.

Utilising Smiley SID, speed surveys were conducted at a number of locations including: Nostell, Wragby, Ackworth, Thorpe Audlin, Upton and East Hardwick.

Vehicle registration numbers were noted of all the vehicles who were driving over the limit and the keepers were sent warning letters.

The statistics gathered will be used for future Days of Action using Pro Laser when tickets will be issued to anyone found to be speeding.



CROFTON YOUTH CLUB

Officers from the Rural NPT attended Crofton Youth Club on 31st March following community concerns and reports of ASB in the area. The team thought it would be good to visit the youths and have a chat with them, get to know them and start to build a good relationship with the youths in the area.
The officers spoke to the youths about the consequences of ASB and the effect it has on the local area and community.
The young people were really positive about the visit and they enjoyed getting to know the officers.

SCHOOL VISIT

On 20th March, Officers from Rural NPT attended Outwood Primary Academy Newstead Green to speak to the children about Anti-Social Behaviour following some concerns and reports from members of the public about ASB in the local area.



The officers and children discussed all aspects of ASB and the consequences surrounding these types of crime. The session was well received with some great questions being asked. Afterwards, the children really enjoyed exploring the police van as you can see from these photos!

NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPACT TEAM

On Wednesday 29th March, officers from the Impact Team attended a property on St Catherine Street, Agbrigg where a cannabis production site was located and drugs with a street value estimated at £117,000 seized.

Such sites are dangerous and pose a significant fire risk and are often located in terraced housing. They also mean a large portion of housing stock is unavailable to those in need resulting in increased demand and rent.

Landlords in the area are urged to comply with their responsibilities under the Housing Act 2004. Those found to be knowingly letting properties used for the production or trafficking of controlled drugs will face prosecution.

SOUTH EAST

(Ackworth, North Elmsall, Upton, South Elmsall, South Kirkby & Hemsworth)

CANNABIS FARMS

On 1st March, Op Merebridge saw over 100 officers and staff engaged in a targeted operation to disrupt organised criminals involved in the production and trafficking of controlled drugs.

A total of 15 premises were searched on Harrow Street and Burton Street in South Elmsall. 8 persons were arrested and almost £600,000 worth of drugs including cannabis and cocaine were seized.



On Thursday 23rd March, officers from South East NPT discovered a cannabis farm at an address in the South Kirkby area. The farm was dismantled and destroyed once the evidence had been seized.



FOUND STOLEN VEHICLE

PCSO 775 located the below Volkswagen Golf on false number plates in the South Elmsall area.

Initial investigations show that the vehicle had been stolen from the Barnsley area. The vehicle was recovered, and enquiries continued.



SCHOOL VISIT

PS Gray (Safer Schools Officer) and PS Beet (Partnerships Sergeant) attended Minsthorpe Community College last month, to deliver two sessions on knife crime and drugs awareness to year 9 students.

The students asked great questions on the subjects discussed.

We often give presentations to schools across the district and every presentation is tailored to be age appropriate for each audience.

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING WEEK

Officers from South East NPT have been assisting our partners at Wakefield Council to work with WYFRS, HEART team and Ambulance and local production group to create a video regarding Water safety and the dangers surrounding this. Filming has been taking place at Bullholme Lock in Castleford and Anglers Country Park in Crofton.

The new video will be released shortly and will be distributed to schools and youth organisations. Look out for it on social media.

CRIME FIGURES

March 2023

NPT AREA	BURGLARY (RESIDENTIAL)	BURGLARY (BUSINESS)	THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE
NORTH WEST	17	2	12	15
RURAL	8	7	10	6
SOUTH EAST	39	3	10	16

April 2023

NPT AREA	BURGLARY (RESIDENTIAL)	BURGLARY (BUSINESS)	THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE
NORTH WEST	11	2	9	7
RURAL	13	3	12	12
SOUTH EAST	7	5	9	16

Inspector Glen Costello reports *"the figures continue to be a concern but significant enquiries have resulted in some good arrests we are hopeful that we will start to see the crime figures reduce over the coming months. We will continue with our increased patrols, working alongside colleagues in Response and CID and partner agencies, to help combat these issues and keep our communities safe"*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PACT Meetings (Police & Communities Together)

Please join us to discuss local issues that are affecting you and / or the community where you live.

Wrenthorpe (Ward 21)
12/06/23 & 24/07/23 6pm – 7pm Valley Crescent Centre

Outwood & Stanley (Wards 15 & 21)
01/06/23 7pm – 8pm Outwood Memorial Hall
13/07/23 6pm – 7pm Stanley Library

Ossett West & Gawthorpe (Ward 11)
20/06/23 7pm – 8pm New Spring Church

Horbury (Ward 8)
22/06/23 6pm – 7pm Horbury Methodist Church

Crofton, Ryhill & Walton (Ward 5)
23/05/23 7pm – 8pm Havercroft & Ryhill Learning Centre
04/07/23 7pm – 8pm Crofton Library

Wakefield Rural (Ward 18)
23/05/23 7pm – 8pm Woolley Village Hall, High Street
04/07/23 7.30pm – 8.30pm Crigglestone Institute Hall

Wakefield South (Ward 19)
Awaiting suitable venue so that meetings can be set up in this area

Ackworth, North Elmsall & Upton (Ward 1)
15/06/23 10.30am-11.30am
Parish Rooms, Community Centre, Bell Lane

Hemsworth, South Hiendley, Kinsley & Fitzwilliam (Ward 7)
14/06/23 10.00am – 11.00am
Hemsworth Community Centre, Bullenshaw Lane

South Elmsall & South Kirkby (Ward 14)

13/06/23 10.00am – 11.00am

NOTICES


JOIN US
Do you have a spare 16 hours a month to make a difference to local communities?
Are you looking for a new challenge alongside your current career?
Could you spend your free time being a volunteer Police Officer, with all the same powers as a regular officer?
If so, being a Special Constable could be the role for you.
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NOTICES



Theft from motor vehicle is very easy and cheap to prevent by simply removing items from your vehicle when you leave it unoccupied.
It only takes a minute!

- Make sure that you remove valuable items from your vehicle when you get out i.e. Sat Navs, Mobile phones, laptops, handbags and other portable items are all easy to steal.
- If you have a Sat Nav that sticks to your window make sure that you have wiped the sucker marks from your window. Most people leave Sat Navs in their glove compartment so leave this open and take the Sat Nav with you.
- Offences can take place anywhere, in a car park, at the side of the road or even when your car is on your drive.
- Always check you have locked your vehicle by trying the door handle. How many of us click the lock button and don't actually check if it has locked.
- Don't even leave your car unlocked when you nip in to the shop or to pay for petrol.
- Vehicles used for business purposes, such as vans, are often targeted. Tools, machinery and other equipment should be removed when the vehicle is left. The loss of commercial equipment could have a devastating effect on your business and livelihood.
- Unless you can park your vehicle in a garage or on your drive, park in a well lit area that is visible to other people or covered by CCTV. Thieves are less likely to break in if they can be seen.
- At home don't leave vehicle keys next to a door or window, thieves may sometimes break in to your house to steal keys, just to get your car.
- Registration plates might also might be attractive to an offender, consider having tamper proof plates or screws fitted.
- When you are parking your vehicle in a public place try to look for a car park that has 'Park Mark' accreditation. These car parks offer higher levels of security for your vehicle.

Finally, consider the above advice, it only takes a minute for a thief, but it only takes seconds for you to secure your vehicle.

Contact your local Crime Reduction Officer for further advice
Simply call 101 or visit www.westyorkshire.police.uk

FOR POLICE NON-EMERGENCIES 101 IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 999

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WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

NOTICES


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COMMUNITY ALERT
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Force Website
Welcome to WY Community Alert
WY Community Alert is a messaging system brought to you by West Yorkshire Police and our Partners for our communities.
By registering with WY Community Alert, you can choose to receive news and appeals, local crime information and/or prevention advice direct to you by email, text or voice message.
Registering for alerts is completely free and once you have signed-up, you can choose how you want to receive the messages and what you want to receive messages about.
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