

Minutes for Northern Area Panel Meeting – 22/10/2013

Present – PCSO Sally Read, Ian Burgess, Tony Powell, Clive Blacklock, Gordon Simmonds, Tanya Kuzemczak, Dave Thornes, Nicole Pike.

Apologies – Michael Kinge, Clive Segal, Terry Aldridge, Dave Barnett, Betty Gash.

True Record – 1. Dave Thornes
2. Nicola Pike

Update

NCCZ's - Everything is now in place to set Benson Court, Utterby and Meadow Drive, Binbrook up as a NCCZ. The signage and packs are due to go out in the coming weeks with the help of Trading Standards.

Current Priorities –

- Reduce summertime crime: rural burglaries have continued to occur over the summer months, particularly breaks to outbuildings such as garages and sheds. We have increased our patrols during the summer and particular hotspot areas where these burglaries have mainly occurred (Ludford/Binbrook areas) have been added to police tasking incident for increased police presence, unmarked patrols, intelligence building etc. We have also continued to offer crime prevention advice in relation to this type of crime by attending events throughout the summer and distributing crime prevention literature.

Current crime trends –

- Hare coursing – During the months of September – March, we see an increase in hare coursing incidents in our area. Lincolnshire Police is once again running Operation Galileo in a bit to tackle this crime. This is a team specially dedicated to responding to reports of hare coursing. Please report any hare coursing to ourselves on 999 if it is in progress with as much detail as possible, however do not put yourself in danger.
- Rural burglaries (particularly outbuildings): as above. Also there have been a few shed breaks in North Somercotes. PN asked if there was any indication of who may be responsible – JM explained tasking process, intelligence building and cross-border travelling criminals.
- Damage caused to several shops in Holton-le-Clay: male arrested for this offence and currently awaiting court appearance.

Recent Engagements –

- Louth Victorian Fayre – members of the team attending this event, including PC Clark who was dressed in Victorian Police Uniform with his Victorian Bike.
- Crime Prevention Talk – Honeysuckle Club, Grimoldby – PCSO Read attended and gave a talk to members on crime prevention and general safety advice.

- Personal Safety Talk, North Somercotes Youth Club – PCSO Mekkaoui attended North Somercotes Youth Club to talk to the youths on National Safety Day with tips and advice about how to keep themselves safe during the darker nights.
- Safety talks at pre-schools in Holton-le-Clay & Binbrook – members of the team attended to speak with the young children about safety issues, show them police car and the uniform we wear.
- North Thoresby 1940s weekend – PCSO Mekkaoui attended the event again this year with PC Clark attending in his 1940s police uniform and bicycle.
- Foster Carers Event, Ludford – PCSO Read attended with the marked police car and police uniforms for the children to dress up in and look around the vehicle.
- Street Talking Event, Louth Market – Joint agency market stall was held again in Louth town centre where people can attend and ask questions or advice from various different agencies – always a well supported event.
- 999 events in Louth Primary schools – carried out in June & July in the three Louth Primary Schools incorporating hands-on learning experience of the four emergency services (Police / Fire / Ambulance / and Lifeguards) of what each service does and how we can help them. This reached over 300+ pupils over four events.
- Various school visits and youth centre drop-ins

Forthcoming events –

- Halloween Talks – Over the next week we will be visiting various primary schools on our area to give safety talks regarding Halloween and Bonfire Night, also re-enforcing the ASB message around this time of year. TP asked if Tetney could be on the list for one of the talks – SR will contact Tetney Primary School.
- Crime Prevention Talk and Lincs Alert – PCSO Read will be attending South Elkington to deliver a talk on general crime prevention and also encourage the use of the Lincs Alert system.
- Road Safety Week 18-24 November – we will be supporting this national event again this year. The theme this year is about ‘distractions’ such as mobile phones, eating & drinking, headphones whilst walking or cycling etc. We will be conducting enforcement operations, signage at schools, newsletter and media articles.
- HLC Ladies Group, Stay Safe Talk – PC Clark will be attending to give a talk on crime prevention to the members of the group.

Set Priorities

- Operation Lighthouse: as the British Summertime Ends this operation will focus on vulnerable premises, patrolling areas to highlight these, offer crime prevention advice etc to prevent the potential for a crime occurring. This will also tie in with Halloween/Bonfire Night ASB patrols.

AOB

- GS – asked regarding Tetney Lock not having a speed limit, to his knowledge, the only village without a speed limit. SR will ask Road Safety Partnership regarding this.
- TK – Raised concerns re possible deer poaching in the area of Waithe, SR will pass concerns on to the Wildlife Officer.
- Thanks to be passed onto PCSO Mekkaoui and PC Clark for their attendance at the very successful 1940's weekend in North Thoresby.
- TP – Street lighting on Humberston Road, Tetney not working – SR advised this is a highways issue.
- IB – On behalf of Marshchapel PC would like to pass his thanks to the team for their efforts in combating the ASB problems that Marshchapel has recently endured.
- CB – ASB problems on junior playing fields in HLC – SR will make the rest of the team aware and ask that passing attention is paid to the area.

Next meeting date:

- Tuesday 7th January, 7pm @ Louth Police Station. Joint Panel Meeting with the Southern Area.