

Stakeholder update

*Fortnightly update to stakeholders,
provided by the Rushcliffe Neighbourhood policing team*

Inspector's update – 8th April 2019

Welcome to the fifth Rushcliffe Stakeholder update. I am Craig Berry, the Police Inspector responsible for policing in Rushcliffe Borough.

Firstly some good news, on Monday 1st April Andrew Randle, 52 years, no fixed abode, was arrested and charged with a number of theft from vehicles overnight in West Bridgford. Evidence from CCTV cameras showed he would roam the streets trying car door handles to gain entry and steal from cars. We estimate that he has stolen from dozens of cars and yet he does not cause any damage because he knows that he will find many cars that are left unlocked!

Last Friday we attended the Rushcliffe South Villages meeting at Keyworth Parish Council along with around thirty local representatives including Councillors as well as Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators and other stakeholders. Villages represented included Keyworth, East Leake, Ruddington and a number of smaller surrounding villages. The meeting was chaired by Keyworth Councillor Rob Ingliss and present to give a crime and anti-social behaviour update was PC Kelly Carlile, PCSO Kathy Lucock and Martin Hickey from the Community Safety team at Rushcliffe Borough Council.

It was full agenda; which included an end-of-year summary report looking at the highs and lows of the last twelve months and describing the policing and neighbourhood priorities going forward. We were also fortunate to have two excellent guest speakers in Chief Constable Craig Guildford and Detective Sergeant Sue Howells.

CC. Guildford spoke for an hour about local and national policing and the future challenges for both Nottinghamshire and the police service as a whole. He also answered questions from the audience on various matters including off-road motor bikes, drugs, and speeding. Mr Guildford made clear his commitment to community and neighbourhood policing and informed the group that Nottinghamshire Police would be recruiting a further 175 new police officers this year and that some of these officers would be put straight into neighbourhood policing after their training.

Mr Guildford also talked to the group about the force's current investment in technology including a significant spend on the county's roads ANPR capability and also drone technology. I can see both offering significant benefits for policing in Rushcliffe Borough.

Detective Sergeant Howell who works on the Force's Fraud team then gave an interesting presentation to the group on fraud and vulnerability. Fraud is the most commonly experienced offence in the country and significantly under reported.



Inspector Craig Berry

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Team updates: West Bridgford



**Sergeant
Sarah Merrall**

Let's start with crime updates of note. There were two people arrested following fight near Compton Acres tram stop in Compton Acres. Officers were called to location at around 1.20pm on Monday 8 April 2019 following reports of a fight involving a number of young people.

There is an appeal for witnesses after a 19-year-old man and a 15-year-old boy has been arrested on suspicion of affray. Currently both remain in police custody. A 15-year-old boy was taken to Queen's Medical Centre with minor facial injuries. Officers also recovered two weapons - a small knife and a baton from the scene. Inc 372-08042019 refers.

Violent incidents like this, particularly involving knives and weapons, are real concern as they could easily end in tragedy; with the loss of a young life. So my appeal to you is if have any information regarding people who carry knives or weapons please telephone Nottinghamshire Police or Crimestoppers (anonymously) on 0800 555111.

During the early hours of Thursday 4th April local officers stopped a suspicious looking vehicle having driven over Lady Bay Bridge. The driver was arrested having been searched and found to be in possession of a number of wraps of what is believed to be class A controlled drugs heroin and cocaine and also to be driving whilst unfit through drugs.

And finally some engagement information for you to be aware of. The West Bridgford Beat team will be holding a number of drop-in surgeries in the coming weeks at various locations around the Town Centre and Central Avenue. Please pop in and see us at the Library, the Rushcliffe Contact Centre and even Bridgford Park (weather permitting). We will advertise the time, date and locations both on our West Bridgford Police Facebook page and also on posters at the venue.

Team updates: Rushcliffe South



**Sergeant
Steve Robinson**

Burglary reports have remained low in the last month but there was a burglary reported in Radcliffe on Trent on Mon 2nd April. This offence occurred at night and the criminals stole an expensive Audi car which was later found in Bestwood area of Nottingham. There has been a forensic examination of the car and house and the detectives on the burglary team continue to investigate.

There were three cars broken into overnight in Keyworth on Saturday 30th March and a day later a Landrover stolen from the area.

Anti-social behaviour reports have been higher in Cotgrave and Bingham in the last two weeks. The Beat team are getting to grips with the issues but if you have any further information that may help please let us know.

A large cannabis grow at an address in Shelford village on 25th March. In total 691 plants were found in an unoccupied house. This was a large set up and probably connected to organised crime. A suspect was located and interviewed and a prosecution file is being prepared. We are always asking for support from local communities in locating premises being used for criminal purposes such as this. Any information please contact us on 101 or via Crimestoppers 0800 555111.

A day later (26/03) Beat team officers investigated a second incident at Shelford village, where a dog that was out of proper control, chased after and worried some sheep in a nearby field. Two of the ewe's subsequently aborted the lambs that they were carrying, to a cost of approximately £400 to the farmer. This was dealt with by way of a Community Resolution, which sees the offending person admitting responsibility for the offence and agreeing some kind of reparation with the victim. In this case the offending dog owner agreed to compensate the farmer for his financial loss.

On Tuesday 26th March, Rushcliffe Borough were well represented at the Rural Crime Working Group quarterly meeting at Perlethorpe. Police and stakeholders met to discuss a number of crime issues that impact on rural communities. Issues such as commercial waste being dumped on private land in Cotgrave were discussed. Police also informed the group of investment in equipment for rural crime prevention and investigation.

Lastly, of interest to the rural community PC Rob Archer, Lady Bay Beat manager, recently undertook an investigation into a landowner using heavy plant machinery to clear soil and trees directly above an active badger sett in the Rushcliffe area. This action caused damage and disturbance to the badger sett whilst the individual had no Natural England licence in place to carry out such work. Disturbing a badger sett in such circumstances contravenes section 3 Protection of badger act 1992. There has been a further positive outcome to the enquiry with environmental restoration work taking place with the landowner and various interested parties.

Have good week.