

## Stakeholder Update

Newark and Sherwood  
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Nottinghamshire Police

General Update- Inspector Heather Sutton

We entered 2019 with Newark Custody Suit open! New year's evening was a busy night as expected, extra officers had been put on duty to deal with the expected demand, including officers working on cancelled rest days. Both Bridewell and Mansfield Custody Suite were full due to the amount of prisoners, and therefore the decision was taken by senior custody officers to open Newark and take the extra demand. The Custody Suite was opened and fully functional in a short amount of time without any issues. This was a good test of the 'mothballing' of the suite.

Extra staff were also provided on other expected increase demand nights, I covered a night shift on 'mad Friday' the weekend before Christmas. There was a van of officers deployed to each CSP area, in addition to the normal staffing. The night I covered was well spirited with minimal incidents across the District.

Knife crime is something that is frequently talked about in both local news and nationally. Nottinghamshire Police are one of the few forces to have a dedicated knife crime team, who work predominately in the City areas due to the numerous incidents there. There is minimal reporting of knife crime within the Newark and Sherwood area, I want to be confident that this is because the areas hasn't been affected as much by this crime, rather than due to a lack of reporting or awareness. There is an advice page on the Nottingham Police website that is well worth a visit, <https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice/knife-crime>. I kindly ask if everyone could be a little proactive on the knife crime agenda, ask a few questions, and if anyone does get a sense that it is an emerging problem in the areas please let me know. Thank you.

This week a rural crime pack has been distributed to all Newark and Sherwood officers after some feedback that there is a perception Offices are ill-prepared and lacking understanding/knowledge of rural crime and how it impacts/affects rural communities. Now that agile working is rolled-out these documents are downloaded and stored to devices allowing officers to refer to them when attending such incidents to improve our service.

Team Updates

Newark- Sgt Mike Taylor & Sgt Paul Cash

Following on from our meeting with the council and the traffic manager from Via East Midlands to address the traffic issues at Carter Gate, we have been asked to provide hard evidence of the traffic issues to provide the rationale for a structural solution. The teams will

be issuing traffic tickets over the coming months and proving the stats to Via. Many of you have contacted me regarding this issue and I appreciate the support.

The increased social media activity is proving its worth already, antidote I am hearing how much safe people feel and its playing a big part in improving trust and confidence. Our Newark Police Facebook page is now ranked second in the force as most popular and has reached 376,355 people!! When we consider the estimated population in Newark is 37,084, with the combined district population of 121,000, this is a huge audience. That coupled with the presence we have in the local news circulations, Newark Advertiser and Newark Radio, I feel our engagement is really strong. However.....we won't rest on our laurels, we are currently undertaking some work with the Community Cohesion officer to assess any gaps in our engagement and seek to improve. One identified group already is the Polish and Lithuanian communities.

I reviewed some of the Operation Vow intelligence this week in preparation for our review meeting next week. Below is some redacted intelligence I wanted to share with you:  
'The drug dealer from *Location* has been away for a while due to Police heat being on top of him and disrupting his drug supply'

'A drug runner has called it a day and no longer deals for his supplier, he was spooked by recent Police interest.'

Operation Jingle, which focused on shop theft and ASB in Newark Town Centre due to an expected increase over December, has now come to an end. The crime figure states will be available soon and I will share those with you. Our daily business around reducing ASB and shop theft will continue, PC Harrison is making great progress with the Stopwatch scheme.

Following on from our Nottinghamshire Horse Watch operation educating drivers, we will now move onto educating riders, which will hopefully build the relationship between drivers and riders and show a balanced approach. PC Murdoch will be asking the British Horse Society to come back out to do a road safety talk to riders about riding on the roads. We are aware of some riders who don't thank drivers for slowing down and don't use high viz.

Sherwood- Sgt Tony Hall

On Wednesday a male was arrested on suspicion of making threats to kill, failing to stop and dangerous driving. Officers were called to a report of threats to kill in Crew Lane, Southwell. Following a pursuit, armed officers arrested a man in Mickledale Lane, Bilsthorpe, a short time later and recovered a crossbow from a property. There are some sensitive circumstances around this incident that I am unable to disclose, but the above information is in the press release that has been shared and I wanted to ensure you had sight of it should and residents discuss the incident. It is unlikely that I will be able to share any further information in the future and can only ask that those involved are given privacy around the matter. I feel this is in the best interests of the community.

We continue with our fight against rural crime, and have secured funding to purchase thermal imaging devices. This equipment will help with a range of incidents from searching for offenders, hare coursers but also with high risk missing people and RTC victims. We have also secured funding to replace our aged dragon lights with something more modern

and capable of operating in rural isolated locations – i.e. deliver a spot-beam of light over several hundred metres.

Rural communities have recently noticed an increase in rural-related activity and stories – whether that is a seizure of an un-insured 4x4 car or expedient response to lamping. We will continue to build on this.

On Thursday night the team attended Lowdham Parish Council meeting at their request as they had some specific issues they wanted advice/ discussions around. This was really helpful and has helped the beat manager focus his activity on what is important for the community. If you run any community/ council meetings and have issues you wish to discuss with you local Beat Manager, please invite them along. We won't come to every meeting as it's not necessary, but if there are specific police related topics, don't hesitate to ask.