

Stakeholder Update

Newark and Sherwood
Friday 30/11/18



Nottinghamshire Police

General Update- Inspector Heather Sutton

Continuing on from last week's figures, I am pleased to see that the increase in crime continues to stabilise. All crime across Newark and Sherwood District year to date is +9.9%. When comparing the last two weeks, all crime is down by 15.4%.

Despite our efforts and significant arrests made in the recent weeks, the theft at the antique shop in Budby was a low point this week. The owners of the shop, quite understandably, reported to the press that they had not received a good service or timely response from the police. As a result of this incident, an internal review is being undertaken and where identified, lessons will be learnt. Unfortunately we won't always get it right, but we can learn and improve on our mistakes.

On a positive note, we have identified one of the offenders and he is currently in custody for other matters (please do not disclose this to the general public as it may cause a loss of evidence whilst the investigation continues). Officers are continuing with their investigations and I am hopeful we will secure a charge soon.

I have met with partners at Newark and Sherwood Council this week, this was a very productive meeting and I came away with a real positive feeling for our working relationship. I am looking forward to working closely together and plans are underway for our enforcement officers on both sides to work on a more shared basis and closer together.

I was pleased to take the opportunity on Tuesday to get some fresh air and get out on foot patrol in Newark; the first-hand experience of some of the ASB issues in the town has enabled me to have a good understanding of the problems we face and how to set about resolving them.

Our social media campaign continues to build momentum, I always watch with interest how many 'shares' we get to see how widely we can reach the community, so thank you to those who have supported in that.

Team Updates

Newark- Sgt Mike Taylor & Sgt Paul Cash

As Christmas approaches we have a busy few weeks ahead to try and tackle Shop Theft and ASB.

Op Jingle starts on Saturday 01/12/18 and we have staff dedicated to these patrols every day and evening, the purpose of this operation is to:

1. Deter retail crime by the disruption of prolific shoplifters
2. Impact upon criminality by targeting the repeat locations and offenders.

3. Increase public confidence through reassurance patrols and visits to vulnerable premises.
4. Reduce crime and ASB.
5. To work together with Partners to tackle crime and ASB issues in the locality.

As I write, a wanted female has just been arrested for multiple shop thefts around the town. We expect, due to her offending history she will be remanded in custody and serve a prison sentence.

Sunday saw the Newark Town Centre lights switch on. In general this was a successful night, there was a few minor issues; however our staff were on hand and able to nip them in the bud before they became a problem.

I am pleased to confirm that a new additional beat manager has been appointed in Newark. PC Rob Harrison is dedicated to the town centre and his focus will be on ASB, theft, acquisitive crime offenders and Operation Vow.

His approach will be one of enforcement, the other Beat Manager and PCSO's allocated to the town centre will continue their problem solving, community engagement and vulnerability work.

Op Vow continues, overt and covert foot patrol and mobile patrols have been undertaken and there are plans in place for this to continue. We are hearing comments that the public are seeing more police in the area and feel reassured by this.

We are paying particular attention around ginnels (or alleyways!), of churches and the back of shops, including roof areas where possible.

There have been several alarm activations this week, however all were checked and no theft or damage had occurred.

Saturday 01/12/2018 also sees a partnership day of action in the town. We are calling on the services of our dog section and there will also be licensing visits. (Please do not disclose this operation to the public until after the event)

The Police cadets and council will be manning a safety and information stall in the market.

Other incidents of note:

There was a positive stop and search of four males, on Sleaford Road following reports of males having been seen with crowbars and stolen bikes. Nothing was found on the group but I am confident this sends a warning out to any criminals in the area that we are taking positive action.

Two males have very recently been identified as responsible for destroying the flower pots, one had admitted the offence and the other is due to be interviewed this weekend.

We are aware that there have been several issues in Hawtonville, predominantly caused by an adolescent female. She is becoming an increasing problem and the beat manager and ASB officers are reviewing her history and compiling evidence for CBO restrictions to be added.

Sherwood- Sgt Tony Hall

The travellers' camp remains at Vicar Water. I understand the council are now in the planning stage to arrange bailiff's attendance. We will attend to prevent any breach of the peace. There has still been only one incident reported which was abuse from a passer-by. Thank you to everyone for their patience.

We have identified the group causing the fires at Ollerton pit woods. They are a group of 10 young people with ages ranging from 14-17 years. We have visited a number of them and all of the parents spoken too so far, have been supportive. It is our plan for all of them to attend a fire setter course which we are currently arranging in partnership with the Fire Service.

The Southwell lights switch on took place on Thursday; PCSO Rich Dunn was in attendance to engage with the community. Edwinstowe lights switch on was also attended by the beat team, I am pleased to say that both were successful events with no issues identified.

We are aware that there has been a spate of bin fires in Southwell, at this time these remain undetected and appeal has gone out to try and identify the offenders.

Rural crime patrols have been undertaken during the week with the objective being to prevent, deter, raise awareness and help the rural community feel better protected.

There was a planning meeting yesterday for a forthcoming, intelligence led, regional cross boarder operation on the A1.

The focus of this will be to target cross boarder criminals who are entering our area in vehicles to commit ATM thefts, theft of/ from cars and burglaries.