

Stakeholder update

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

Inspector's update – 17th June 2019

Welcome to the latest edition of the Rushcliffe Stakeholder Update. My name is Craig Berry and I am the officer responsible for the policing of Rushcliffe Borough.

To start with some good news Lee Quarless, 32, from West Bridgford was arrested, charged and remanded with a house burglary in which a car was stolen on 5th June from Stowe Avenue, West Bridgford.

In addition, in early June two juvenile suspects were arrested and dealt with our Burglary Team detectives for a number of car key burglaries across south Nottinghamshire. In addition two Clifton men, Roy and Robert Sisson of Bridge Farm Close, Clifton were charged with two garage burglaries on 10th June. I am hopeful both will have a positive impact on crime in Rushcliffe as well.

I would like to thank local people in Compton Acres and Ruddington for their support in looking for a vulnerable lady who was reported missing over the weekend (15th/16th June). A number of different expertise and specialist officers were utilised in the search and thankfully she has been found and is now safe in the hands of professionals who can give her the relevant care that she needs.

There have been a number of media reports of the potential sale of West Bridgford Police Station. I hope that the following statement gives reassurance that whatever decision is taken we will continue to be based in West Bridgford.

Chief Constable Craig Guildford said: "We're continuing to explore all our Estate options across the force as we seek to maintain and increase frontline officer numbers. No final decisions have yet been made, however be very assured that I will always want to have an operational Police Station in West Bridgford.

"We want to ensure we are making the best use of all the buildings we occupy, maximising our efficiency and effectiveness while still allowing local policing to be delivered from the local area by local officers. With the rollout of mobile technology our building requirements continue to change. I often describe this as 'less square feet, more on the beat'

"As part of our continued commitment to collaboration we are discussing options with the fire service and local authorities to ensure we are providing the best possible service to the public whilst maximising our efficiency."



Inspector Craig Berry

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Team updates: West Bridgford



**Sergeant
Sarah Merrall**

On 5th June we assisted Rushcliffe Borough Council with a Community Road Safety event on Central Avenue, West Bridgford to raise awareness around road safety. Cycle marking was taking place and we demonstrated the roadside breath tests device. We had a steady stream of young children sit in our police vehicle! The Fire Brigade were present also.

We also had the Community Road Safety kit on display. This can be used by trained volunteers in the community to address concerns of speeding in your local area. If any areas have volunteers wishing to form a Road safety Group, please contact us on rushcliffe.northnpa@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

On the evening of Friday 14th June, again with Rushcliffe Borough Council Community Safety we ran a night time economy event. The Licencing Officer made visual examination and licence checks of Taxi drivers. A common failure of Hackney Cabs was not having the correct straps fitted in order to secure a wheelchair in the vehicle.

We then did a walk-through of many of the licenced premises in West Bridgford, particularly along Bridgford Road, speaking with the door staff & managers & checking the toilets with drugs wipes so staff can be aware of any potential drug taking in their premises. Several premises failed the wipes and advice on how to prevent this was given.

There have been 10 residential burglaries reported over the last 2 weeks, 2 of which were sheds & 4 garages. In these power tools and bikes were stolen. On 5th June a house on Stowe Avenue was broken into in the early hours and a vehicle stolen. A 32 year old male has been arrested and charged in connection with this incident.

Team updates: Rushcliffe South



**Sergeant
Steve Robinson**

The last fortnight on the South of Rushcliffe has seen two distinctive types of Autocrime Thefts from vans and hybrid cars and further community engagements.

There have been five Thefts from vans across three villages in the South of Rushcliffe. These have all occurred overnight with force being used (usually to smash a window) and tools have been stolen from within. These tools are often worth thousands of pounds and have been accumulated over a number of years.

There were a couple in Ruddington, a couple in Bingham and one at Keyworth. There is CCTV footage of one which shows two males in a white car at 0015hrs spend 10 minutes forcing their way into the van and taking the items. The crime prevention message is to remove tools from vans overnight (which can be quite a task), invest in good security lighting and CCTV.

We have also had three reports of Catalytic Converters being stolen from Toyota Hybrid cars at East Midland Parkway, Ratcliffe on Soar. These have all been during the day when the owners have parked up and caught the train. It seems that catalytic converters on hybrid cars, in particular, are easier to get to for the thieves due to their location under the car as a result of the layout and packaging of the components. This is becoming an issue nationally and it is highly likely that the suspects are regional as opposed to local.

In relation to community engagements, PC Howard Shinn and PCSO Adam Loydall attended the Tollerton Fete which was well received. They also carried out a Beat Surgery and a Housing Beat-walk at Keyworth. A number of issues were raised and addressed at both.

PC Caroline Voce and PCSO Dave Wesson attended the Bingham Town fair and spoke with local residents. PC Voce also accompanied PC Kelly Carlile in a visit to Normanton on Soar primary school to talk with the children about helping people. PC Carlile also attended a Dementia Awareness event at Ruddington Country Cottage together with PCSO Tony Davies.