

Stakeholder update

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

Inspector's update – February 2021



Inspector Craig Berry

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.

Community asked to be vigilant following shed burglaries

The force is warning residents in the area to ensure that sheds, garages and outbuildings are secure following an increase into burglaries in West Bridgford.

Following a similar series of shed burglaries in Lady Bay and Abbey in the latter part of last year the problem has moved to the Melton and Musters area around Chaworth Road and there have been offences reported on Chantrey Road and surrounding roads. In almost every report the target of the burglary is to steal cycles, so residents are asked to ensure that these are also secured properly as well.

Our investigation shows that offenders are travelling across gardens climbing hedges and fences and removing hinges from shed doors to gain access. Witnesses describe a suspicious small van seen in an around Musters road in the early hours that may also be linked to these offences.

Police officers worked night shifts over the weekend and the Reacher team are out in plain clothes all this week covering Melton, Musters and will also patrol Trent Bridge, Lady Bay and Abbey looking to apprehend these criminals. If you see anything suspicious we need you to report this to us at the time with as much detail as you provide including descriptions and vehicle details.

Police responded to reports of two men fighting on 18th January in Bingham on Grantham Road where a man was arrested for Grievous Bodily Harm and was later charged and remanded into custody. This was an isolated incident and there was no wider risk to the community.

There are criminals using the road network across the region to target Toyota Prius and Honda cars to steal the catalytic convertors. There have been six of these offences reported last two weeks of January and there are various cars being used by the criminals. We have had offences in Keyworth, Ruddington and West Bridgford and offences are taking place any time of the day or night.

We continue to investigate reports of breaches of the Coronavirus regulations. Last week, 27th January, whilst working with colleagues from Rushcliffe Borough Council we visited a pub in Cropwell Bishop and an Indian Restaurant where significant fines were issued.

Team updates: Rushcliffe South



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Sergeant
Steve Robinson

My feeling is that it won't come as any surprise to learn that policing over the festive period was a very different experience. The usual vans full of officers trawling round the pubs of Rushcliffe were replaced by vans (less full) of socially distanced officers responding to calls about more than one household mingling.

An accidental house fire at Costock where an elderly lady sadly lost her life was an unwelcome start to this period. The beat team spent four days policing the scene and were very well looked after by the local community. We have also been heavily involved with an operation to tackle the increase in rural crime in the Thoroton and Oak parishes. Due to an extensive policing effort this has resulted in a huge reduction of reported thefts and burglaries.

Since the latest lockdown we have been no stranger to dealing with Covid breaches with tickets being given for a house party in Cotgrave and a door to door salesman in Costock, both having been given the opportunity go home. There were also tickets for lock-ins at pubs in Cropwell Bishop which was then backed up by joint visits with the Rushcliffe Borough Council Licensing Team.

Taking a more positive turn, we assisted with policing at the Gamston Vaccine centre and were offered the opportunity of a Pfizer jab. This was due to the unique storage rules that would have meant some going to waste. As a result the whole team have had the vaccine and are looking forward to our second dose.

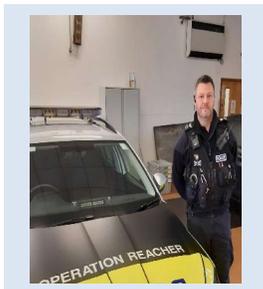
Undertaking this role has been very rewarding and it is with great sadness that I announce this is my last stakeholder report as I am retiring at the end of February. I have faithfully served the communities of Rushcliffe South for nearly eight years and can say I have thoroughly enjoyed it.

Retirement brings a fresh challenge in these strange times. I have no fixed plans yet but intend to find gainful employment away from policing and spend more time with my family and on long dog walks. Bringing me to my successor, an (re)introduction by Sgt Chris Jury:

After a 7.5 year absence, I am very pleased to be back as the Rushcliffe South Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant. As most of you will be aware, I have conducted this role before for 2.5 years in a temporary capacity, before handing over to Steve in 2013.

Time has passed quickly and since my last stint, I have been a Response Sergeant in the Gedling, St Anns / Sneinton, City Centre, Clifton / Meadows / Beeston areas, before latterly working in that role in Rushcliffe. Experience wise, have also previously worked as a Beat Manager for East Leake and the surrounding villages, together with having been a Response and Patrol officer in Rushcliffe before, so it is an area that I am passionate about and I am looking forward to getting started and, no doubt, meeting all of you over the coming weeks and months

Team updates: Reacher team



**Sergeant
James Ross**

Reacher summary

7 arrests 10 warrants/searches

Drugs and vehicle seized.

19 stop searches

January has seen us being able to develop our community intelligence into action. Working with residents in Bingham we were able to react to drug related crime as it was happening with positive results. This also led to arrests in neighbouring county. Working with information provide by residents also allowed the seizure of nuisance vehicles causing anti-social behaviour in the centre of Bingham. Working with the local officers we will continue to support their efforts to address ASB issues within the town centre.

We have also been working with our local communities where information on Covid breaches were flagrant and completely unacceptable. This included those found drinking and watching football in the Plough pub at Cropwell Butler. A number of fines have been issued and will continue to be issued by the team for those disregarding the regulations and putting people's health at risk.

As a result of asking you on social media of where they would like to see us, we have been out on our more rural parts of the Rushcliffe area. Concerns were raised by the residents of the Screveton area in particular about the speed of vehicles going through the village. As a result of this we conducted traffic operations targeting the Fatal 4 in Screveton and surrounding rural villages. Some fixed penalties were issued for the more serious offences, but most stops were an opportunity for us to engage and educate drivers as to the consequences of their actions. Again please update us and follow us on social media to get real time updates of when we run these types of operations.

Our team has been working plain clothes patrols to address a spike in shed burglaries in the West Bridgford area. This has had a positive result and these offences have reduced but we would like to remind everyone to be vigilant and report anything suspicious to us.

We have some more activities coming up all as a result of the information given to us by you, our local community. Please keep that information coming to us. It is as important to us as you. We will continue to update here and social media to show you that we do act on what you tell us and it is making a difference.