

Stakeholder update

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

Inspector's update – January 2021

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.

The festive period was by no means normal this year and crime and anti-social behaviour reporting was less than we would normally expect to see. The new tighter Covid regulations have restricted all of our lives for the short term and Rushcliffe residents are on the whole doing the right thing in playing by the public health rules.

Pub owners, staff and customers fined after flouting COVID rules

We did take action yesterday 13th January against public house in which the owners, staff and four customers fined after it was found to be serving alcohol inside the premises in breach of current national lockdown laws.

Nottinghamshire Police officers undertook a routine check of The Plough Inn in Cropwell Butler on January 13, who were claiming to offer a legal takeaway food and drink service, to see the four individuals sat around a table drinking and watching television with a member of staff. Environmental Health Officers from Rushcliffe Borough Council have now served its owners a fixed penalty notice of £1,000 in line with central government rules and Police have issued £200 fines to all customers and the three owners and staff present at the time of the breach. The business has also received a prohibition notice ensuring it cannot allow individuals to enter the premises to consume food or drink.

We always look to advise and educate business owners as to their responsibilities and we thank Rushcliffe business owners for their high compliance to date and for playing their part in keeping customers and staff safe.

Investigation begins into killing of wild birds

A local man is assisting police with their enquiries in relation to the killing of wild birds.

Nottinghamshire Police officers have worked closely with the RSPB after they were called on 12 January following concern to wildlife in the Kneeton area. All birds of prey are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. To intentionally kill or injure one is a criminal offence and could result in an unlimited fine or up to six months in jail.

Wildlife Crime Officers from Newark and West Bridgford officers were assisted by investigators from the RSPB. Following excellent partnership work by the police and the RSPB we have interviewed a man under caution at the police station in connection with the death of two buzzards.

The incident was called into the RSPB following a report that the birds were killed using a blunt instrument and officers are now making further enquiries.

Wildlife crimes are often under reported and can pose some practical difficulties in the investigation, however this example demonstrates the police will seek to gather evidence and prosecute offenders. Officers have urged anyone with any information to contact police by calling 101, the RSPB or Crimestoppers and report similar matters. Inc 163-1201 refers.



Inspector Craig Berry

Team updates: West Bridgford

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**Sergeant
Sarah Merrall**

We have continued to provide regular patrols across the borough to provide reassurance and encourage residents to comply with the Covid Regulations. As I write we see ourselves in another period of lockdown. You must stay at home. We appeal to the public to abide by the current restrictions, only leaving the house for permitted, essential reasons. We understand that this is a difficult time for everyone and we will continue to engage, educate people out and about but will enforce by issuing tickets where this is needed for those who flout the rules.

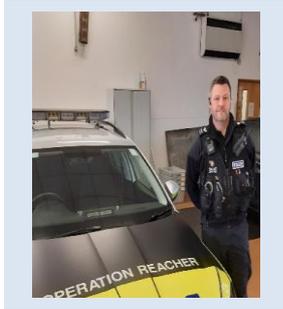
Residential burglary remains a priority. We are pleased to report a reduction of over 40% in burglaries compared with last year. However, throughout November and early December, we had a spate of over 20 shed burglaries where bikes were stolen from gardens, mainly in Lady Bay & Melton areas. We spent time out on foot in the area, revisiting and providing crime prevention advice to residents. Furthermore on 10th December, to help prevent and deter cycle thieves, we teamed up with RBC to provide crime prevention advice and Bike Register security marking. This makes it easier for us to re-unite stolen bikes with their owners as well as making the bikes less desirable due to being marked and traceable. We are looking forward to being able to hold further similar events once current restrictions ease again.

Another local priority has been drug dealing and its close link to Anti-social behaviour. The impact of drug dealing is that it often leads to violent crime along with drug users committing crime in order to feed their habits. We therefore continue to be intelligence led in our patrols and have had some good stops of vehicles and individuals over the last month where drugs have been seized. Offenders remain under investigation for these offences. Please contact the control room on 101 or Crimestoppers if you have any information or concerns about drug dealing taking place.

Throughout the Covid restrictions, we continue to work closely with The Friary, Framework & Rushcliffe Borough Council around any rough sleepers in the area, ensuring they have contact with support services. We have completed an early morning head count in order to see who is sleeping rough on the area and engage with them.

We again ask members of the public to secure their belongings and remain vigilant in supermarket carparks. These locations are seeing the highest footfall and so are natural locations for thieves to target. On 20th December police literally caught a thief red-handed when he was seen stealing a handbag from a vehicle. Fortunately, he was prevented from making good his escape and the property was recovered to the owner. The offender, Lance Collins, 34 years, from Sneinton, is due in Crown Court this month for sentencing after pleading guilty.

Team updates: Reacher team



**Sergeant
James Ross**

Over the last month the team has continued embedding within the Rushcliffe area. Work including the national drink/drug drive campaign and visible patrols in our urban and rural communities.

This has led to us having some time to ask local residents where they would like the team. This worked well and generated positive results and feedback from our local community. Please follow us on social media for the full stories.

Of course with the changes to the tier levels and national lockdown we have had to allocate ourselves to this area of business. It has been good to see that the majority of people understand the restrictions and are sticking to them. Those that have not have been dealt with positively.

We are currently working alongside side the local beat team and CID this week to target those committing environmental crime in our rural villages and targeting those involved in serious and organised crime, which sadly has affected a large number of people in our county and beyond.

In summary we have had made 4 arrests, 12 PACE searches, seized over £20,000 worth of vehicles and £30,000 worth of drugs.

