Local priorities for Daventry & Rural – You Said, We Did

Dear Resident,

You, our Community, chose your Local Policing Priorities for the period August to November 2023 as, Road Safety and Road Traffic Offences, Burglary and Vehicle crime.

During this period, we have worked with Parish Councils, Town Council, Highways, Housing Agencies, The Safer Roads Team, Neighbourhood Watch and other partner agencies in order to identify issues and concerns and tackle these.

You said, we did - Road Safety & Traffic Offences

Our focus on road safety continues from previous months. Our team have been out and about using the speed gun to provide a visible deterrent and enforce speed limits. Over this period, speed checks have been carried out in several locations including Maidwell, Lamport, Daventry Town, Brixworth and various other villages across the district. This is in addition to the work of our forces' Safer Roads Team who deploy the safety camera vans across the county and continue to enforce on our area.

We have been delivering road safety inputs to all age groups in Byfield, Badby, Daventry and a number of other schools across the area. This practical engagement teaches pupils safe crossing of roads and some awareness of the highway code. This is in addition to our regular patrols of schools at opening and closing times, in order to prevent parking issues.

Another 'OP METHANE' day of action took place in September at Crick, with 42 vehicles being stopped and checked. 15 vehicles were fully compliant with all legislation and weight requirements. 27 vehicles were dealt with for driving with no insurance, no license, using a mobile phone, defective tyres and a range of other road traffic offences.

Our team continue to provide high visibility patrols across the district in our fleet of marked vehicles, stopping persons and vehicles when appropriate. This has led to numerous vehicle recoveries in Watford, Woodford Halse, Daventry and Kilsby. These were for offences including driving with no insurance and driving without a license.

You said, we did – Burglary

Burglary of both residential and business property has remained a priority for the area. We remain committed to attending all residential burglaries and support the forces response teams by completing follow up crime prevention visits and conducting house-to-house enquiries when offences take place.

Two schools in Moulton reported being the victim of burglaries in this period and these offences were investigated by the neighbourhood team. The offenders identified on CCTV have been dealt with and referred to our youth offending team for suitable outcomes in relation to those offences.

As we move into the darker months, with a seasonal increase in burglary offences anticipated, our officers are continuing patrols in any areas identified as hot-spot locations and providing crime prevention advice to residents.

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You said, we did - Vehicle Crime

Our third priority this period was vehicle crime. We have seen an increase in this type of offending across the area with offences taking place in a number of the parishes. Thieves often target insecure vehicles or those expected to contain high value items such as tools.

Following analysis of the offences reported we have a been completing increased patrols in areas that have been impacted by these crimes along with assistance from both our response and operations teams to target this type of offending, this will continue over the winter months.

We have been visiting the victims of theft from motor vehicle offences and obtaining ring doorbell and CCTV footage to assist with the investigation of these crimes. We have also been offering safety tips and reassurance.

The team continue to use the *Northamptonshire Talking* messaging service to inform residents where these offences have taken place and share crime prevention advice.

Locally Identified Policing Priorities are reset each quarter. During each period we encourage the community to complete a brief survey to indicate what issues concern or matter most to you within your local area. This can be accessed via the Northamptonshire Talking application following signing up (Sign Up - Northamptonshire Talking).

We would like to thank all of those people that took the time to have their say in the direction of local policing resources.

Thank you,

Insp Dave Wakeman,
Sgt Greg Harrison, Sgt Josh Ellard and Sgt Lewis Judd, Daventry & Rural Neighbourhood Policing Teams

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Your Neighbourhood Team and how else we can help:

Daventry & Rural Neighbourhood Teams use social media to update the community on a variety of issues and encourage you to follow the below accounts:

Facebook: Northamptonshire Police
T**witter**: @NorthantsPolice
Northants Police Website: www.northants.police.uk

Facebook: Daventry and South Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Policing Team
Twitter: @Daventry Police

directly via email:
NT-Daventry@northants.pnn.police.uk

Please use the following link to the Daventry & Rural Neighbourhood Team Page on the Northants Police Website, this lists the Officers and villages within your Ward area: Policing in your area | Northamptonshire Police (northants.police.uk)

Crime Prevention
Crime prevention advice | Northamptonshire Police (northants.police.uk)

Alternatively, if you wish to remain anonymous you can provide information via: Crimestoppers or Fearless (Fearless is more youth orientated).

Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert (now Northamptonshire Talking) has been set up as a free service for the people of Northamptonshire who want to hear directly from the police about crime, issues and the actions taken by officers in their community.

Sign up here: https://www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk/#signup-section or alternatively scan the below QR code with your phone.

Crime statistics
For some time we have signposted our Parish Councils, NHW Co-ordinators and Community Members to www.police.uk where you are able to get an overview of crime and antisocial behaviour in your Ward area

You can also use the following website as a research tool to have an overview of issues affecting your Ward area: www.streetcheck.co.uk is an alternate site where you can view information about crime in your area.

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Top tips for preventing theft from your vehicle

- Always lock it – even if you're just away for a moment, make it habit to always lock up
- Close windows and the sunroof to prevent 'fishing', where thieves reach in by hand or with a wire or tool to gain access or take items
- Secure anything that's on the outside of your vehicle – roof racks, bike racks, top boxes and tool chests can easily be stolen. Keep them secure, and try not to leave things in them
- Take possessions with you or hide them. Phones, coins, sunglasses, medication – all can provide quick cash to an opportunistic thief. Never leave wallets, handbags, purses or bank cards in an unattended vehicle
- Hide electrical items and leave no clues – take sat nav mounts off, wipe away suction marks, and put away charging cables to deter opportunistic criminals
- Park in well-lit and busier areas when out and about.
- If you have a van you carry tools in and can't remove them overnight, mark them clearly with your name or firm using paint pens, and seal with clear lacquer. A locking tool cabinet and in-vehicle cameras can also provide a further layer of protection. Photograph your tools, note serial numbers and consider registering them with an online property register
- Invest in tested and police-approved security items - see https://www.soldsecure.com/

Find more vehicle crime prevention advice here: https://www.northants.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/

Report non-emergency crime and suspicious activity by calling 101 or online at www.northants.police.uk/RO. In an emergency, always call 999.