Sibbertoft Parish Council – PLR update November 2024

Northamptonshire Talking November
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Highlights:

- Between18th - 22nd November, Neighbourhood Watch are hosting their autumn webinar series, focusing on a range of crime prevention and safety topics: Register here.
- Information on harassment and stalking
- WaterSafe offer advice on keeping your drinking water lead-free
- ERA share advice on keeping your home safe this winter (and offer an exclusive NW member discount for a limited time)
- Patlock highlights how good exterior lighting helps keep your home secure.

Northamptonshire Talking October newsletter

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October newsletter from the Northants Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner:

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Update on last month's topics

- **Northants Police Sibbertoft residents meeting**
  - This will be held on Saturday 23 November between 10:00 and 11:30 at the reading room.
  - PC Lee Stevens and PCSO Kev Lumbis will chat about the following:
    - The Police team that covers Sibbertoft and how to contact Northants Police
    - Staying safe at home
    - Staying safe on winter roads
    - Staying safe online
    - The Northamptonshire Talking messaging service
    - I am also waiting to hear if they can carry out property marking while they are with us
  - Around 12 people have indicated they would like to attend so far. I will send out a reminder next week and in the week leading up to the meeting.

- **Neighbourhood Watch signs**
  - I've been round the village and could only see two signs, one on the entrance to the village from Naseby and the other on the approach from the Gliding Club, which is extremely faded.
  - I collected six new signs from Andy Crisp last week.
  - My proposal is to replace the existing two signs, add a new sign to the back road approach from Clipston and the main approach from Marston Trussell.
  - That leaves two signs which I propose to place at the start of Westhorpe and halfway up Welland Rise.
  - Before I do that, I wanted to check my proposal with members of the Parish Council.

- **Speeding in the village**
  - Thanks to the Clerk for sending me the details for speed watch next year and to the Chair for the instruction manual for our speed sign.

Winter fuel allowance scam

This is scam reported by a member of the public in Northampton, which involved a cold caller knocking on the door of an elderly person in the area.

The cold caller told the occupant that they were from "Survey Solutions" working with "Northants Council" to support people who've had their winter fuel allowance stopped.

The scammer produced a card machine attached to a mobile and asked the victim for his debit card details so they could receive the winter fuel payment directly into his bank. Luckily, they were suspicious and declined.

Key things to remember:

- There's no need to open the door to unexpected callers – it's OK to send them away
- It's better to speak to unexpected callers through a window or the letterbox
- Don't bother to check ID cards – they will be fake if the caller is not who they say they are
- Display a 'No Cold Calling Home' sticker
- Set up passwords with utility companies so you know if they are genuine when they call
- Don't keep large amounts of cash at home
- IF YOU'RE NOT SURE, DON'T OPEN THE DOOR