

South Northants Towcester Safer Community Team

Ward Update
January 2015



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Wards covered in this update

- Grange Park Ward
- Brafield and Yardley Ward [Brafield on the Green, Castle Ashby, Cogenhoe, Denton, Little Houghton, Whiston, Yardley Hastings]
- Hackleton Ward [Hackleton, Horton, Piddington, Preston Deanery, Quinton]

Happy New Year to you all, below is the list of priorities for the wards that I cover. Please take the time to read each topic, so that we can tackle them together.

School Parking

Parking is always a concern for most residents in the villages; please could I remind you all to park responsibly.

Here are ways to assist in reducing these complaints, please consider the recommendations which are listed below when parking your vehicle on the Highway.

Do not wait or park where there are restrictions shown by:

- Yellow lines along the edge of the carriageway
- School entrance markings on the carriageway

Do not park your vehicle where it would endanger or obstruct pedestrians or other road users. For example; do not stop:

- Near a school entrance
- Where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users
- Opposite a traffic island [if this would cause an obstruction]
- Opposite or within 10 metres of a junction
- Anywhere you would prevent access for emergency vehicles.

This year I will be visiting each School during either morning or afternoon to promote considerate parking.

Anti-Social Behaviour

I will continue to patrol around areas where ASB may occur. There will be a visible patrol around the allotments, community centre in Grange Park and Skate Park in Yardley Hasting. I would encourage residents to report any anti-social behaviour on the Police non-emergency number 101. This will help Towcester Safer Community Team and me to prioritise those areas.

Speeding

It appears that some residents have concerns with regards to vehicles speeding through their villages; I would encourage you to join the Speed Watch Campaign to make difference within the community. For more information, please contact via e-mail: amy.thompson@northants.pnn.police.uk

Crime

In 2014, there have been a few burglaries in the wards; where personal belongs have been stolen from either households or sheds. Please check your home security and make any improvements where needed. If you would like any assistance with checking your home security, don't hesitate to contact me.

Policing

We currently are recruiting for volunteers and Special Constables to assist us with the local policing priorities, operations and events in the area. If you would like to become either volunteer or special constable with us then please let me know or alternatively go on www.northants.police.uk and click on **Careers and volunteering**.

Below are the main crimes reported during **December 2014**:

Grange Park Ward:

No main crimes for December for this ward.

Brafield and Yardley Ward:

- **Burglary in a Building**, where garden equipment was stolen in Bedford Road, Brafield on the Green. This happened between 30th November and 30th December 2014.
- **Burglary in a Building**, unknown if anything was stolen at this time. This happened on Bedford Road, Brafield on the Green, between 24th November and 24th December 2014.
- **Burglary in a Building**, where garden equipment was stolen on Bedford Road, Brafield on the Green. This happened between the 17th and 18th December 2014.
- **Burglary in a Building**, Where horse riding equipment was stolen on Church Lane, Brafield on the Green. This happened between 17th and 18 December 2014.
- **Criminal Damage** to a vehicle on Parkhill Road, Castle Ashby. This happened between 1st and 28th December 2014.
- **Criminal Damage** to a vehicle on Billing Road, Brafield on the Green. This happened between 21st September and 21st December 2014.

Hackleton Ward:

- **Criminal Damage** to vehicle on Elm Way, Hackleton. This happened between 2nd and 3rd December 2014.
- **Thefts (other)** – Christmas decorations were stolen from garden on The Drive, Horton. This happened between 5.30pm and 11.15pm on 19th December 2014.
- **Theft (other)** – 6 Antique Iron plant pots were stolen from garden on Captain Court, Horton. This happened between 19th and 20th December 2014.

Activities and Events:

Please can you let me know ASAP if you would like me to attend any fetes, events, talks in your village so I can check my availability to support/attend.

TIP OF THE MONTH:

Driver advice: winter and bad weather driving

Drivers can pledge to – **slow right down in bad weather and avoid driving at all if possible.**

Weather can be unpredictable and turn quickly, making roads treacherous. Ice, snow, heavy rain, and fog significantly increase the risks on roads. Stopping distances can double in the wet and increase ten-fold in ice and snow, and if you can't see clearly, you can't react to hazards. Hence driving in bad weather can be lethal.

Brake urges drivers to follow the **A, B, C** of staying safe in winter and bad weather conditions.

Avoid driving

If possible, avoid driving in snow and other treacherous conditions. Never set off when it's snowing heavily or if it's forecast to snow, and avoid driving if you possibly can in other bad conditions like fog, heavy rain and ice. Consider alternatives like public transport. If you drive to work, speak to your employer in advance about home-working arrangements when the weather is bad, especially if you live in a rural area prone to flooding or snow.

Be prepared

Even if you avoid setting off in dangerous weather conditions, you could get caught out, so be prepared by:

- ensuring your vehicle is well-maintained through an up-to-date MOT, regular service, and regular walk-round checks by you

Clear

ice, snow and condensation completely from your windscreen and all windows before setting off. Clear snow off the roof of your vehicle too, as it might fall and obscure your vision during your journey.

www.immobilise.com



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Call 101 to speak to your local officers, discuss concerns you have about where you live or to report incidents and crimes that do not require an emergency response

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In an emergency, call 999