

South Northants Towcester Safer Community Team

Ward Update
October 2015



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Wards covered in this update - Grange Park Ward

Adam Simmonds, Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire, has today announced he will not be standing for re-election when his term in office ends in May.

Mr Simmonds - who was voted in to office at the first Police and Crime Commissioner elections in November 2012 - said he is tremendously proud of the work he and his staff have completed on behalf of the public of Northamptonshire, across what he called "the most incredible journey and adventure".

Explaining his reasons for choosing not to stand again in May, Mr Simmonds said that although his future role on leaving office is yet to be decided, he remains totally committed to public service and positively influencing the lives of others.

And although he will be standing down in seven months, Mr Simmonds assured the public that he will be giving his all across the remainder of his term to continue to deliver all that he promised he would.

Main SEPTEMBER reported crime:

Theft from motor vehicle 6th September 23:50-06:30 7th September Cheaney drive, lorry broken into, **printer equipment stolen**.

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Criminal damage to motor vehicle 19th September 21:00-29th September 08:00 The Meadows, Vehicle scratched deliberately.

Locally identified priorities:

You Said - Parking,

We Did – we have had several reports and concerns raised by local residents ,the parish council and police about parking around grange park, mainly in the Saxon avenue area and along Finney drive, these are vehicles parked up for local businesses nearby, with no current parking restrictions present this is being looked at by all agencies to try and resolve the problem and due to the recent road traffic collision on Saxon avenue outside Richmond residential home we are all keen to get this resolved so drivers and pedestrians can remain safe.

Activities and Events: All held at the community centre café.

October - 8th 16:00-18:00

Youth club talk - 12th November at 7pm at the community centre

I have attended the Richmond retirement village coffee morning and spoke to several residents about crime prevention and keeping safe, I was able to give out leaflets and some personal attack alarms, purse bells and many other things to help them to remain safe in the community. We also spoke about the recent distraction thefts in the south Northants area, where thieves have been watching the vulnerable at chip and pin machines in stores and then taking their cards by distracting them outside the store.

Please protect your pin and identification.

Thank you for inviting me to your summer fayre I really enjoyed my first one and hope to see you all there again next year.

Very community spirited and I think an overall success for everyone involved.

TIP OF THE MONTH: Do not use your mobile phone when driving or get distracted

Types of distraction include using a mobile phone, using headphones, applying make-up, eating and drinking. Offences include dangerous driving, Section 3 careless driving, not in proper control and use of mobile phone.

- Driver distraction is a major cause of death and serious injury in the UK. Driving is the most dangerous thing that most of us do on a daily basis and requires full attention, but many drivers have a sense of over-confidence and attempting to multi-task is common.
- Around a third of drivers contravene the law regarding the use of mobile phones whilst driving. Other distracting activities such as eating or smoking at the wheel have also been shown to increase the risk of crashing, yet lots of drivers admit to doing this.
- Distraction isn't just an issue for drivers, for people on foot or on a bicycle, being side-tracked by a mobile telephone, or not being able to hear due to listening to music, or forgetting to hold a child's hand, can be lethal.
- Certain age groups possess intrinsic vulnerabilities. For instance a recent study revealed an 11-year-old pedestrian is three times more likely to be killed or seriously injured during school run time than a 10 year old.
- Pedestrian causality rate for girls in particular rises steeply from the age of 11. By age 12 nearly 73 per cent of children have a mobile phone. More significantly, they use their mobile phone functions much more than younger children do - because of this, 25 per cent acknowledge that they themselves have been distracted by personal technology when crossing a road.



Report crime on the road confidentially.

DRIVEWATCH 0800 174615

In an emergency call **999**

For non-emergencies call **101**

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Operation Journey - making Northamptonshire's roads safer

With the introduction of CTO10/A's drivers caught using their phone are likely to have one of three possible disposals.

- Driving course. Similar to a speed awareness course.
- 3 points and £100 fine
- Court appearance

EMOpSS (traffic), Local Response Officers, Safer Community Teams and Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service are all involved with enforcement, road checks and visits to schools and the Safer Roads Team will be out and about across the county

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