

Towcester Safer Community Team Update – September 2015

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MONTHLY UPDATES

This month will see the introduction of a team monthly update where we will provide you with an overview of the team's work around crimes and priorities in your area. In the next few weeks all of the team will be using twitter to give you instant updates on crimes and incidents in your area. We will let you know when this is live so you can follow our daily activities.

SCAMS

PCSO Jen Harrison and Mick Wallace (volunteer) will be working with trading standards this month to protect and prevent people from mail and online scams. These scams can extort large amounts of money from elderly and vulnerable victims. If you have a relative, neighbour, friend who is getting large amounts of this mail there may be a good chance they have responded to a scam. Scams include;

You have won a lottery, sweepstake or competition.

BUT YOU HAVE TO SEND MONEY

Money you have won is being held in a holding company

BUT YOU HAVE TO SEND MONEY

Somebody has left you an inheritance

BUT YOU HAVE TO SEND MONEY

A clairvoyant can stop bad luck/direct good luck towards you

BUT YOU HAVE TO SEND MONEY

There is a "secret" deal which will make you rich

BUT YOU HAVE TO SEND MONEY

Remember, if it seems too good to be true it probably is! Advice from trading standards;

- Never respond to scam mail – even those that appear to have official stamps stating “Guaranteed Winner” e-mails, texts or telephone calls.
- Never send money in advance to claim a prize.
- Never give out your personal or financial details to strangers or to people who should have this information already.
- Always shred anything with your personal or bank details on.

For further information and advice on how to protect yourself from scams visit the Northampton trading standards webpage, www.thinkjessica.com or www.actionfraud.police.uk



ARRESTS & RURAL CRIME

A male has been arrested in the Lois Weedon area and charged following theft of vehicle batteries from a farm. We get reports across the area of crime relating to farm equipment and property being stolen.



Please work with us and give us information on any suspicious activities, you can report this on 999 if you are witnessing a crime, if you see suspicious activities report on 101 or use the Northants police website -Do it online -suspicious activity report (anonymous).

We have crime prevention packs and advice specifically for farms so if you would like one please contact us at SCT-SouthNorthantsTowcester@northants.police.uk

CESAR MARKING



Northamptonshire Police Cesar - Datatag Scheme.

Northamptonshire Police have joined forces with the UK's only official ACPO approved marking scheme for machinery – **CESAR** – to offer the rural community in Northamptonshire the opportunity to have their machinery and equipment protected by CESAR at a **discounted price of £99 per Cesar system or Cesar compact system.**

From sit-on lawn mowers to combine harvesters, trailers to horseboxes, quad bikes to mini-diggers – There is a CESAR marking System out there for YOU.

Working with CESAR, Northamptonshire Police will be hosting CESAR – IT days across Northamptonshire to allow you to have your machinery marked. To secure your place,

Email; cesar-it@northants.pnn.police.uk

Phone; **Pc Hutchings 07557 77 83 82**

The Cesar-it days will be arranged around the demand of yourselves and availability of your machinery.

Anyone presenting a machine to be protected by the Cesar system must provide;

- 1) Original receipt / proof of purchase.
- 2) DVLA V5 log book or original certificate of conformity.

Places are limited and bookings for installation must be made and paid for in advance.

To enable them to be eligible for the discounted price, we will require 10 items to be marked in one place on the same day. The 10 items can be from different owners so don't worry if you only have one or two items to get marked.

SAFER ROADS – PC JAN POWELL

- In an effort to reduce collisions and near misses the Safer Roads Team and Northamptonshire Highways are working in partnership in relation to the lane layout and traffic light sequence at the A43 Tove roundabout.
- Ongoing work with South Northamptonshire Council and Northamptonshire Highways in relation to A5 traffic congestion around the Yardley Gobion car boot sale.
- Partnership work with South Northamptonshire Council, Northamptonshire Highways and the Forestry Commission regarding traffic congestions and increased parking at Salcey Forest.
- Speed enforcement with the Safer Roads Team in Silverstone.
- Speed enforcement in Passenham following recent collisions.

- PCSO Harrison and I have been working with Gayton Parish Council and Northamptonshire Highways around speeding issues.
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ASB PRIORITIES

Deanshanger, Springfield park– We have a strong partnership with the Parish council, school, youth activators and other partners to address ongoing reports of noise, damage and abusive behaviour in the park. We are patrolling the area to identify those causing issues so please let us know any information that can help us stop this. Crime prevention officers are supporting and working with the Parish council to “design out” crime and anti-social behaviour through looking at the park and equipment. However, it is important to say that the majority of young people use this area appropriately and it is an asset to the village so we will be intervening only with the few who spoil the use for others.

Towcester town, Recreational ground & churchyard – A successful partnership & community day was run in conjunction with the Vision café on the Rec. Young people worked to tidy the area up, a graffiti artist worked with them on the legal art wall. Much of the reported drinking and cannabis use has reduced; parents are stating that the area is improved. However we are aware there are still some issues ongoing so will continue our focus in this area.

Similar issues are being reported in the church yard, PCSO Charlotte Whitehead is working with the church around security and prevention. Charlotte has identified some of those using the area for this purpose and has contacted parents and referred the individuals for partnership intervention. If you have any information around drugs please report it to us on 101, or through the suspicious activity tab on the force website or crime stoppers.

Hartwell Village hall- PCSO Tara Cooksammy is working with the Parish council to address reports of drug use, noise and ASB in the carpark. Names have been submitted to our anti-social behaviour unit for partnership intervention.

A warning for any involved in ASB we do try to provide intervention but if this does not stop their behaviour they could end up with a civil injunction (these have replaced old ASBO's).

PARKING AROUND SCHOOLS

There have been a number of complaints to Police regarding routes between several schools in the area. School routes and parking in the vicinity of schools is always a hot topic and not easily resolved due to the locations of these establishments and a general increase in vehicles owned and used by families. Police encourage the following to be taken into consideration in order to reduce issues:

- Park with consideration to residents – do not block or overlap driveways.
- Do not park on the corners of junctions as you reduce views and make it awkward for vehicles to safely turn into or out of a street.
- Do not park across or impede pedestrian crossings or school zig-zag markings.
- Do not drive along pavements when a road is blocked – be patient and wait for traffic to clear.
- On congested routes plan ahead and do not proceed unless there is a clear space to use to give way to oncoming traffic or to allow traffic to give way to you.
- If possible join with other parents and share journeys to reduce the number of vehicles used and/or avoid congested routes.
- Please be patient where a car has to cross a pavement to exit a carpark. The driver's view may be restricted and this will be further reduced by pedestrians congregating whilst waiting to pass.
- Be aware that children do not easily judge the speed of traffic and may step out into the road. 30mph may be the limit but generally much slower speeds are required.
- Pedestrians, especially with young children, should use the side of the road with the widest pathway and wherever possible protected from flowing traffic by barriers or parked cars. *"Why should we have to cross and use the other side of the road?"* – If it's the safest option in any situation then it's worth doing! A large number of children using a narrow path will always be at risk no matter how busy the road.

The above list is not exhaustive and there will be occasions where people make errors of judgement, especially under pressure. We are all human so please be patient. Police officers will monitor where they can, however there are a large number of schools across the area and villages all experiencing the same issues.

SCT CONTACT

To contact us in an emergency call 999, 101 for non-emergency and all other enquiries

Our email address is SCT-SouthNorthantsTowcester@northants.police.uk