



PLR February Update



Key Information

Neighbourhood Beat Bus and Community Surgeries

Up-to-date information about our beat buses and events can be found on: [Your area](#) | [Northamptonshire Police](#) (northants.police.uk) under 'Meetings & Events' tab

Latest News

Up-to-date information about general force news, witness appeals, campaigns, court cases and appeals for wanted people, can be found on: [Latest news](#) | [Northamptonshire Police](#)

Report a crime

Information about the different ways you can contact the police or report a crime, can be found on: [Contact us](#) | [Northamptonshire Police](#)

PLR Changes

- If there has been a change of PLR, you need to notify NCALC and complete the form [here](#)
- Please note that there is only **one** PLR contact for each council or meeting, regardless of size. If you would like to add additional people to the mailing list to receive the monthly update and other communications, you can contact NCALC.
- You should also notify your PCSO if there has been a change of PLR and provide the contact details of the new PLR or an interim contact detail (eg the Clerk or a Councillor)
- If you have a change of email address, you need to inform NCALC and your PCSO, so we can ensure we can still reach you. You can find contact details at the end of this update.

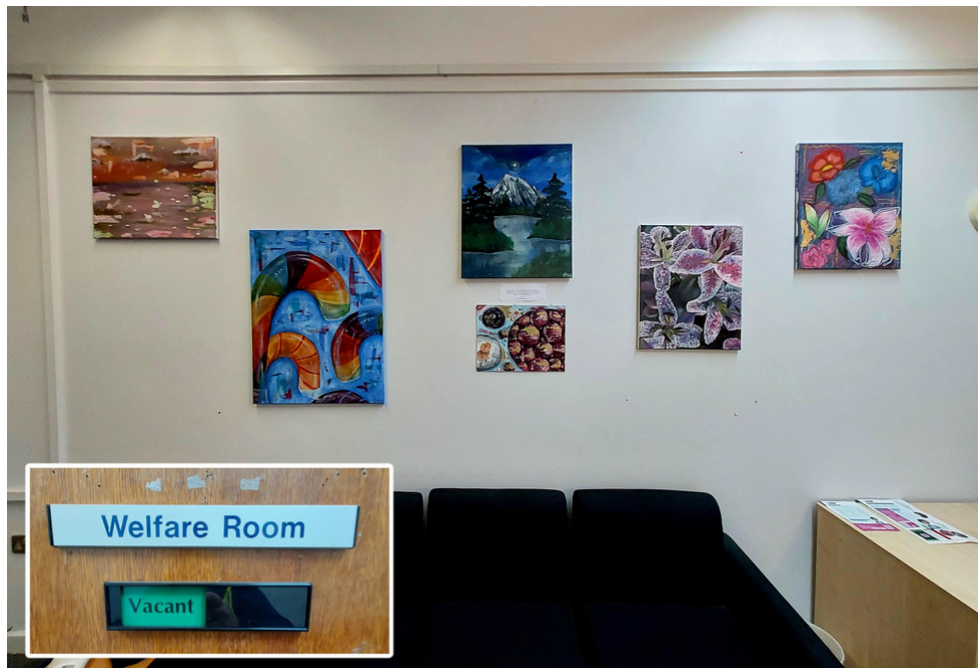
Northamptonshire Talking

We aim to send all PLR digital communications through our [Northamptonshire Talking](#) platform. It is essential all PLRs register on the platform using their council email address so that you can be added to the PLR group. The system uses location based messaging, therefore all communications you receive will be relevant to your area and your council.

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Creative kindness: student artist donates work to police station

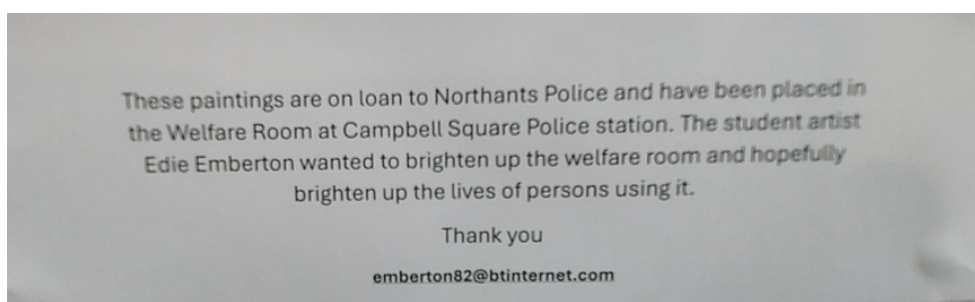


A local art student has kindly donated some of her work to make a welfare room at her local police station a more welcoming place.

Edie Emberton is hoping to study Fine Art at university this September and donated the artwork to the Campbell Square base in Northampton in order to make it a more relaxed and interesting environment for the people who use it.

Police welfare rooms play a vital role in supporting officer and staff wellbeing. They offer a quiet, calming space where staff can step away from the pressures of demanding shifts, decompress after difficult incidents, and reconnect with their mental and emotional balance.

These rooms help promote resilience, reduce stress, and create a healthier working environment, ultimately supporting the people who dedicate themselves to keeping the community safe.



Tackling knife crime



- 385 knives seized
- 7 firearms seized
- £39k worth of drugs recovered
- £30k in cash seized
- £9k of counterfeit goods recovered
- 82 arrests made
- 14 vehicles seized

A five-month Force-wide operation which took place last year saw a reduction in knife crime, an increase in positive outcomes for those who carry knives, and more than 350 knives taken off Northamptonshire's streets.

Operation Glendale was launched last summer with clear aims to reduce serious violence, reduce repeat offending and the involvement of young people in knife crime, and to increase the positive outcome rate for offenders.

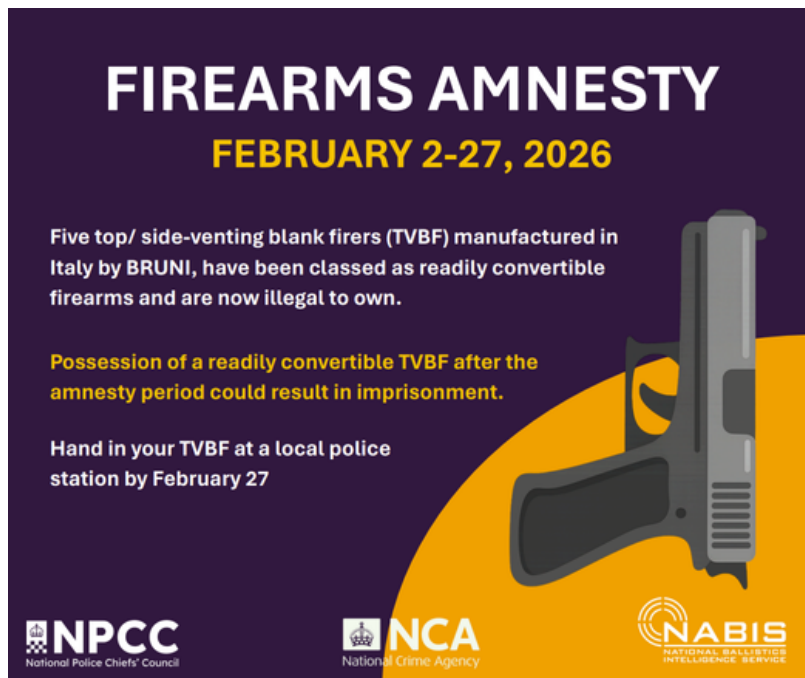
The operation, which ran from May 2025 and concluded in Autumn, has now been fully evaluated with some significantly positive results, notably a decrease in knife crime of 4.89% and an increase in the number of detected knife crime offences.

During the course of the operation, 385 knives and seven firearms were recovered, £39,000 worth of drugs, £9,000 worth of counterfeit goods, 3,000 illegal vapes, 14 vehicles, and £30,000 in cash were seized, 31 test purchase operations took place, and 82 arrests were made, in addition to daily business.

However, as well as enforcement, safeguarding and prevention were also an integral part of the operation with the team engaging with more than 7,600 young people either directly or through County Lines' webinars.

Read more [here](#).

Firearms amnesty



Northamptonshire Police is asking people to hand in unwanted and illegal firearms as part of a national four-week amnesty which began on February 2.

Coordinated by the National Ballistics Intelligence Service (NABIS), the firearms surrender will run for just under four weeks from Monday, February 2, to Friday, February 27.

The four-week amnesty is a campaign to remove firearms from falling into the pool of criminally used weapons, with a particular focus on BRUNI top/side venting blank firing (TVBFs) firearms.

In their original state, top-venting blank firers (TVBFs) have a fully blocked barrel and are designed to discharge only blank cartridges. When discharged, combustion gases vent from the top of the weapon.

But since 2021, UK law enforcement has recovered 800 of these guns converted to fire live ammunition, and data shows that at least five homicides have occurred using a converted TVBF since 2023.

Whilst people will have purchased these firearms legally for their intended use, they are now no longer to be kept in your possession, therefore they should be handed in to your local police station before February 27, 2026.

Read more [here](#).

Rogue trader warnings



An increase in rogue trader incidents across Northamptonshire has prompted police officers to issue a warning to local residents.

Rogue Traders will often cold call at your address, claim they are working in the area, have materials left over for a cheap job, and can start immediately.

They will often claim they have noticed issues regarding your property, for example the roof/tiles/driveway are damaged or in need of repair and then pressure you into signing up or agreeing to services on the spot. Sometimes, they will also drive the occupant to cash point or bank to withdraw money.

Crime prevention advice

- If someone cold calls at your address and you don't recognise them, don't open the door.
- It is ok to say no to a cold caller.
- When looking for work to be completed at your property, obtain at least three quotes before choosing a trader.
- Pay by card, pay in stages, and avoid deposits or upfront payments.
- Only pay for work once fully completed and you are satisfied with the job.
- All reputable companies provide a written quote and a 14-day cooling-off period.
- Ask friends/neighbours for recommendations.
- Never allow a trader to take you to a bank.
- Consider installing smart doorbell or CCTV cameras outside your home.

PLR reminders

DON'T FORGET

- All PLRs need to be registered to Northamptonshire Talking to receive any PLR communications, and stay up to date with alerts from their local neighbourhood policing teams. You can contact your team anytime via the platform with queries, pass on information, or reach out to arrange a community engagement or meeting.
- There is only **one** PLR contact per council. As a PLR, you need to disseminate any relevant information to **all** councillors. **PCSOs will not be sending through separate reports or messages to clerks and councillors, as well as the PLR.** If information is not being communicated to your council, this needs to be raised with your council chair.
- All PLRs should receive monthly contact from a PCSO within their local neighbourhood policing team. This may be by email, phone, or an in-person visit, depending on circumstances. You are welcome to contact your team at any time between these monthly check-ins. We encourage you to use Northamptonshire Talking for this communication, as it helps ensure you receive a prompt response and allows your query to be escalated when necessary.
- We aim to advertise all our community engagements on both Northamptonshire Talking and the force social media pages on Facebook. If your council have a Facebook page or a website, please share these with your communities as a chance to meet their local teams in person, and raise any issues.

Contact details

The next monthly PLR Update will be sent out at the beginning of March, 2026

For further information, to provide feedback or suggest articles for this update, please contact:

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