

Doncaster East Neighbourhood Newsletter

March 2023

You said, we did

You said: Our current priorities based on public feedback are burglary, drugs, nuisance vehicles, antisocial behaviour and improving police visibility.

We did: Continuing with high visibility patrols, stopping vehicles, ascertaining the driver and passenger details, and taking any relevant action. We've also stopped, searched, and acted against several individuals linked to drugs offences.

Crime and anti-social behaviour update



We have received reports during the recent teachers strike that youths have been attending the fast-food restaurants at the Quora retail park and committing ASB.

We have already worked to identify the group, completed home visits, and submitted ASB referrals to Doncaster Council for further work.

Please speak to your children and make them realise the effect that this sort of behaviour can have on people, especially those who are vulnerable.



Whilst looking for a stolen van in the Kirk Sandall area this afternoon we saw a couple of suspicious men in a car park next to the Bowling green, just off Doncaster Road.

As we entered the car park the men decided it was time to leave the area but couldn't decide which way to turn. There was a strong smell of cannabis in the air which raised our suspicions.

The two were stop searched which resulted in a small amount of cannabis being seized.

Once we had dealt with this matter, we then returned to looking for the stolen van, which was doing its best to hide in the car park of the Glass House Pub.

The van was recovered for forensic testing and the investigation continues.

What your neighbourhood team have been doing

Thorne Day of Action – Tacking ASB and Speeding in Thorne



We were out in Thorne on Tuesday 21 March for a day of action around antisocial behaviour and vehicle crime.

Following a number of issues with antisocial behaviour in the area, the team carried out after-school patrols around Finkle Street, the Quora Retail Park and Wike Gate Road Park.

Speeding operations carried out at Fieldside and King Edward Road saw over 200 vehicles checked, with none found to be going over the limit.

Two traffic offence reports were issued - one for a driver failing to wear a seatbelt and another for no MOT.

One driver was reported on summons for having no insurance, driving other than accordance with a license and no seat belt, and another was reported on summons for driving without insurance. Two vehicles were also seized.

We also teamed up with pupils from King Edward Primary School and Brooke Primary School to carry out parking patrols. They spoke to parents about where they park their cars and gave advice about safe and considerate parking.

Following concerns raised by residents about vehicles continuing to park in the Market Place on Silver Street, we patrolled the area and spoke to a number of motorists. Two fixed penalty notices were issued for causing an obstruction.

Sergeant James Housley, from Doncaster East NPT, said: "Yesterday our team was out in Thorne focussing on the issues that local people have told us matter to them – namely antisocial behaviour, speeding and illegal parking.

"We spoke to a number of groups of young people yesterday, all of whom were well behaved and polite. We will be working with our partners at the council to see what activities can be set up to give them an alternate space to gather and use their energies in a positive way.

"We also took action against a number of motorists, including issuing traffic offence reports, seizing vehicles and issuing fixed penalty notices.

"Days of action like yesterday are important as they allow us to focus on the concerns raised by our local communities."

Post box theft!



Over recent weeks there have been six incidents involving the theft of Royal Mail post boxes. Eyewitnesses and Local CCTV has helped us locate and identify the suspected offenders!

During the early hours of Tuesday 7 March, a small white van which we strongly believe is involved in the thefts was spotted in Hatfield Woodhouse. A marked police car was soon hot on its tail, flashing its blue lights and siren. The driver of van decided to take a chance and head towards Thorne.

Officers made their way to the area, and successfully deployed a stop stick, causing the tyres to deflate on the van. The driver realised he was now losing, but like a true postie was committed to making his deliveries.

Special delivery number one was the front seat passenger, who was successfully delivered with a signature to our officers with handcuffs.

The driver continued to drive with a number of flat tyres, which were now causing sparks in the road. His answer to this was to go off road and hit the fields of Greendale.

We all thought the saga was over as the van approached some locked gates in Thorne retail park, but no in true movie style he drove straight through the gates which at the time looked quite impressive but has caused significant damage to a local business owners' property.

Seemingly giving up on his last delivery, the driver took to ditching the van and running for freedom. The driver was arrested and delivered to Doncaster custody for several offences.

The investigation is still on-going, and we will do our best to keep you posted!

Suspect arrested on suspicion of robbery

An elderly woman who attended Sainsburys in Thorne to do her weekly shopping unfortunately was the victim of a robbery. The woman was leaving the store pushing her trolley when she was pushed out of the way and had her handbag forcibly removed from her which was also attached to her trolley.

Officers quickly attended the location to check on the welfare of the victim before conducting CCTV enquires and gathering statements – the suspect was identified and arrested a short time later.

Two vehicles seized in Armthorpe



Two in two days for the Armthorpe Officer!

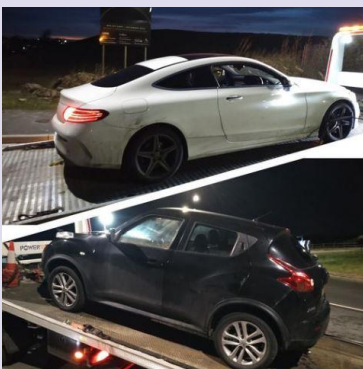
Both the pictured vehicles have been driven in Armthorpe over the last couple of days without a valid policy of motor insurance allowing them to do so.

Uninsured vehicles are a danger to other road users and put the law-abiding drivers at greater risk.

We recognise motor insurance is not a cheap purchase, but the simple fact remains it is a lawful requirement if you would like to drive a vehicle on a road.

Uninsured vehicles often tend to have other offences associated, such as driving without a valid driving licence, no tax or even involved in crime.

Seize one get one free!



Yesterday evening we received calls from members of the public who were concerned about the way the two pictured vehicles were being driven on the M18.

The vehicles were described as driving dangerously, travelling well over the speed limit, and overtaking using the hard shoulder. They were seen to leave the M18 at Junction 5 and head towards Dunscroft and Stainforth. Doncaster East NPT officers found the vehicles parked on waggons way, Stainforth, with a group of young males and females stood next to them.

When officers asked who the vehicles belonged to, nobody wanted to admit being the owner or driver.

A quick check of the Police National Computer revealed the white Mercedes had been given a warning notice 6 months ago for being driven in a similar manner. This vehicle was therefore seized under section 59 of the Police Reform Act.

On seeing the white car being towed the driver of the black car decided to raise his hand in the hope he could prevent the same happening to his car.

There was one problem.....it transpired he wasn't insured to drive the vehicle, so this was also seized.

Offenders brought to justice

Two arrested and charged!



On 24 February this vehicle was stolen from Balby and later used in a Burglary at a business premises close to Wheatley Hall Road.

The offenders stole a trailer with a quad bike on the back, along with several tools. What the offenders didn't plan for, is our road crime unit and Air support to be quickly on their tail.

Officers quickly got behind the stolen vehicle and trailer requesting it to stop. Predictably the vehicle didn't stop, and the offenders decided to take a chance heading towards Dunscroft.

They then decided to go off road, dragging the trailer across farmers' fields to escape.

Our air support was on hand to follow the vehicle as they decided to give up on their stolen goods and make a run for freedom in Hatfield.

When they realised running was not their best choice, they took to playing hide and seek, not realising they were on camera from above.

Local officers were guided to where they were hiding and arrested the two men. The men were later interviewed, charged, and remanded to court.

Appeal

Purse theft at Doncaster Aldi – do you know this man?



Officers are looking to identify the man pictured in connection with a reported theft at Aldi in Quora Retail Park in Thorne, Doncaster.

Shortly before midday on 25 February, a woman was shopping in Aldi when a man began following her round the store.

When she was temporarily distracted, the man is said to have taken her purse, containing around £200 in cash.

We are now looking to identify this man and speak to him as part of our enquires.

He is described as being in his mid to late thirties, slim and approximately 5ft 9 – 5ft 10ins tall.

Please email DoncasterEastNPT@southyorkshire.police.uk

Speeding operations



Community speed watch

What is community speed watch?

This is a scheme that allows volunteers to monitor the speed of vehicles passing through their community.

How do community speed watch volunteers monitor the speed of drivers?

Volunteers use hand-held devices that tell them about the speed at which drivers are travelling through their 'patch'.

What action is taken against speeding vehicles?

The details of the driver of the speeding vehicles are ascertained either at the roadside or via a letter, the appropriate action is then taken.

Location	Number of vehicles monitored	Number of speeding vehicles
Manor road, Hatfield	100	11
Station road, Stainforth	100	11
Kirton Lane, Stainforth	100	9

Child Exploitation

CHILD EXPLOITATION: Any child could be at risk of exploitation.



Children who are often left alone without support or supervision can be at risk of being exploited.

Criminals look for ways they can befriend, manipulate, and coerce children to work with them.

If you suspect a child is being neglected, report your concerns so we can help.

Help us protect children from exploitation.

For more information and support visit:

https://orlo.uk/stop_exploitation_nIQ1K

Crime prevention advice

Want to protect your home?

Think WIDE(N) (WINDOWS, INTERIOR, DOORS, EXTERIOR, (NEIGHBOURS)) to have the best possible protection against burglary.

WINDOWS: Lock your windows

INTERIOR: Put your interior lights on a timer

DOORS: Double or deadlock your doors

EXTERIOR: Put your exterior lights on a sensor

NEIGHBOURS: Keep an eye out for neighbours

Keeping in touch

Come and see us

We're now carrying out regular community engagement events, which are published on Facebook. Keep an eye out for more pop-in police stations, giving you the opportunity to speak to officers about issues important to you, report crime and receive crime prevention advice.

	Location	Date	Time
Armthorpe	Aldi, Church Street	14 th April	10.30
Edenthorpe & Kirk Sandall	Sainsburys	14 th April	2pm
Hatfield, Dunscroft & Dunsville	Hatfield Library	14 th April	10.30
Stainforth & Barnby Dun	Methodist Church, Church Road	5 th April	10.30
Thorne & Moorends	McDonalds	21 st April	7pm
Armthorpe Community Meeting	Armthorpe Community Centre	20 March	7pm
Thorne & Moorends Community Meeting	Moorends Miners Welfare and Community Centre	Cancelled - Bank Holiday	

Other ways to keep in touch

- Email us at **DoncasterEastNPT@southyorkshire.police.uk**
- Sign up for SYP Alerts to get messages, updates, and information about your area at **sypalerts.co.uk**
- Like us on Facebook at **Doncaster East NPT** or follow us on Twitter: **@DoncEastNPT**
- Visit **southyorks.police.uk** for more info or to report non-emergency crime
- Call **101 for non-emergencies** or **999 in an emergency**
- Call Crimestoppers to give your information anonymously on **0800 555 111**

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