

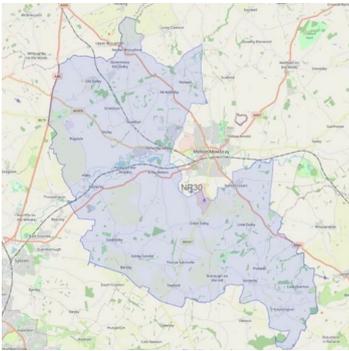


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Welcome to your Melton Mowbray rural south police e-newsletter. Here you will find all of the latest news from a rural south policing perspective .

Welcome to the rural south beat

Hello from the rural south beat. PC Ben Tranter (shown below left) and PCSO Andrew French (shown below right), patrol from Old Dalby in the north to Knossington in the south and as far east as Little Dalby and west as far as Ragdale.



February crime and incident statistics

Here are details of incidents on the beat over the last month:

- Thefts – 5
- Burglaries –3
- Criminal damage – 3
- Assault (including domestic related assault) – 19
- Road Traffic Collisions / Road Traffic incidents – 8
- Drug dealing/possession—2

As you can see acquisitive crime is relatively low but there has been a higher demand on your local police in relation to Assault and Domestic Related Assault incidents.

Road safety / policing the roads

We are pleased to report considerably fewer road related incidents in February following the Rural South beat team focusing on reducing casualties, reducing anti-social use of the roads and denying criminals use of the roads. As mentioned in the previous newsletter we have put together a number of small operations targeting the areas that see the most issues. PC Tranter has continued to dedicate more time to road traffic policing; vehicle defect tickets issued in addition to cars stopped for excessive speed. PCSO French has once again been conducting high visibility patrols on the beat's roads to deter anti social use of the roads and poor driving.



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We have seen some serious flooding in areas of the Rural South in February, specifically in Hobby Road area near Asfordby. PCSO French has spent time monitoring the situation to ensure road safety.



Rural thefts

February has seen an increase in thefts from rural premises. Rural thefts remain one of the three main beat priorities, so the beat team are putting a lot of attention into reducing this threat. In addition to this we have continued to keep farm and agricultural thefts relatively low and making efforts to stop / check any agricultural equipment moving around. Both PC Tranter and PCSO French have dedicated hundreds of miles of overt patrols across the beat to deter criminals including driving in and out of farmyards and businesses to protect the rural community.



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Drugs

The beat team continue to work proactively with the Drugs beat priority, gathering intelligence and regularly stopping suspicious vehicles.

Other beat activities

PC Tranter and PCSO French have held numerous beat events and surgeries allowing the residents of the area to meet us face to face. This gives us the chance to engage with you and answer questions you may have. If available, we have a marked car with us to allow children to see what equipment we use and have a go.

Anti-Social Behaviour in Asfordby



Asfordby has suffered numerous incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour and Criminal Damage to a dwelling.

Residents on Main Street have reported a group of young males kicking front doors and running away causing distress to some of the residents as well as being a down right nuisance.

In response, the beat team are doing the following: increased patrols in those areas, working with the local authority and having some extra CCTV in-

stalled in that area. We are getting names come through and they will be dealt with.



Upcoming Beat events

24 March the beat team will be attending Brooksby College student engagement event.

The next edition will be out soon!