

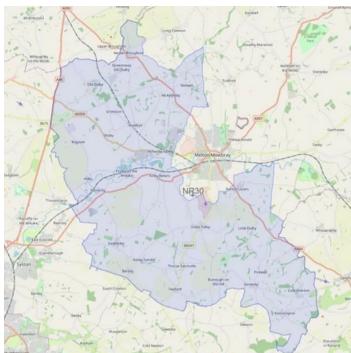


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Welcome to your Melton Mowbray rural south police e-newsletter. Here you will find all of the latest news from a rural south policing perspective .

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 the south and as far east as Little Dalby and west as far as Ragdale.



December crime and incident statistics

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

Thefts – 4

Burglaries – 5

Criminal damage – 3

Assault (including domestic related assault) – 6

Road Traffic Collisions / Road Traffic incidents – 24

Drug dealing/possession—2

As you can see acquisitive crime is relatively low but there has once again been a higher demand on your local police in relation to incidents on the road network.

Road safety / policing the roads

Patrols across the beat to see off the rural crime trend have continued. Vehicle stop checks for trailers, plant and equipment, as well as targeted visits to areas that have been hit by thefts. Ragdale being one of them following a burglary and theft.

The Rural South beat team are 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.



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The work completed on the road surface on the A6006 at Shoby, more commonly known locally as Shoby Bends. You may recall in previous newsletters noting the sheer volume of collisions occurring at this location, the concern for safety, and the amount of police and ambulance time taken up by the issue of cars falling off the road.

After reports submitted by the beat team and some action already planned by the council (change of speed limit and road resurfacing) the number of cars leaving the road has been greatly reduced.

To follow on with the Road Safety beat priority, PC Tranter has dedicated more time to road traffic policing; vehicle defect tickets issued in addition to cars stopped for excessive speed. This is reflected on the high number of Road related incidents this month. PCSO French has been conducting high visibility patrols on the beat's roads to deter anti social use of the roads and poor driving.



Rural thefts

January 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.

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 any 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.



Other beat activities

Mobile ANPR has been used to target vehicles being driven on our roads that have no tax, MOT or insurance. Tickets have been issued



Responding to emergency calls including horse and cart racing on the A46, Road traffic Collisions and broken-down vehicles in dangerous positions, reports of a burglary in progress and visiting Gaddesby Primary School for an educational visit with the Early Years class.

PCSO French, together with the safeguarding team, will be holding the first student engagement beat surgery at Brooksby College on Friday 30th January.

Upcoming Beat events

Thursday 5 February 2:30 –3:30—Burrough Court Café, Burrough on the Hill

Friday 6 February 9:30—11:00—Gaddesby School, Gaddesby

The next edition will be out soon!