PLR September Update

Key Information

Neighbourhood beat bus and community surgeries Up-to-date information about our beat buses and events can be found on: <u>Your area | Northamptonshire Police</u> (<u>northants.police.uk)</u> under 'Meetings & Events' tab

Latest news and similar highlights Up-to-date information about general force news, witness appeals, campaigns, court cases and appeals for wanted people, can be found on: <u>Latest news |</u> Northamptonshire Police

Report a crime Information about the different ways you can contact the police or report a crime, can be found on: <u>Contact us | Northamptonshire Police</u>

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 recieve 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.







Operation Snap

Members of the public have helped to secure the successful prosecution and removal of six drivers from our roads after submitting dash-cam evidence to Northamptonshire Police via Operation Snap.

Footage submitted via the online portal on the Force's website captured examples of some of the more serious driving offences witnessed on our roads, including dangerous driving and without due care and attention.



Thanks to the evidence recorded by other drivers on the county's road network, Northampton Magistrates' Court has handed out a combined total of six years of driving bans and £3,154 of fines and costs. Alongside unpaid work and community orders, five of the defendants were ordered to take extended driving tests, while two of the offences was deemed so serious, the drivers received suspended custodial sentences.

People can report driving offences by uploading video evidence via the simple online Operation Snap portal on the Force website and completing a form, which automatically creates a witness statement to provide a full account of the incident. Reports are then triaged by trained police staff, who check the footage to ensure it falls within the scheme's remit and contains clear views of an offender's number plates so they can be identified. If it matches the Operation Snap criteria, police officers in the Safer Roads Team then examine the footage. If a driving offence is identified, legal proceedings will begin where required.

The team only has 14 days to investigate any offences and members of the public are asked to submit their videos as soon after the incident as possible to allow the maximum time for the footage to be reviewed. Anyone who submits footage via Operation Snap can find out the outcome of their submission by following the link on their confirmation email which will take them to a monthly update. For more information about Operation Snap or to submit video footage, visit the Northamptonshire Police website at Operation Snap: Northamptonshire | Northamptonshire Police.

Targeted town centre patrols



Towns across Northamptonshire are seeing extra policing patrols this summer as neighbourhood officers continue targeted activity to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in 'hotspot' locations. These additional patrols, which are over and above daily neighbourhood policing activity, have been enabled through hotspot funding made available by the Home Office.

With a particular focus on tackling and deterring anti-social behaviour, as well as violent offences, theft and shoplifting, officers are carrying out high-visibility patrols in locations and at times where data has identified that incidents are most likely to occur. In July, Neighbourhood officers conducted an extra 230 visible hours in town centre locations through the hotspot

patrol fund activity. This was in addition to more than 1000 hours of regular neighbourhood policing patrols and nearly 500 hours of dedicated night-time economy duties. Anyone with information about crime or anti-social behaviour happening in their community is urged to report it.

In an emergency, where a crime is in progress or someone is at risk of being hurt, people should call police on 999. Otherwise, please report online at www.northants.police.uk/RO or call 101. There is also a 24/7 live chat service which can be accessed by clicking on the chat icon on the bottom righthand corner of the police website.

Reports for certain types of anti-social behaviour, such as vehicle nuisance, criminal damage or drug misuse, can be made to the police at: Report antisocial behaviour | Northamptonshire Police or on 101. If the issue you are reporting is not a police matter, you will be signposted to the appropriate agency.

Anti-social behaviour issues such as fly-tipping, noise nuisance, graffiti or fly-posting, can be reported to the local council. Organisations across the county, including Northamptonshire Police, are coming together in support of the Home Office campaign, Safer Streets Summer. This partnership campaign is working to improve town centres by tackling the issues that matter to people, including retail crime and anti-social behaviour, to make communities safer for everyone.

Kettering tobacco seizure



Police and Trading Standards officers have found illicit tobacco worth more than £250,000 in a self-storage unit in Kettering. Officers from Kettering Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) and North Northamptonshire Council's Trading Standards carried out the joint visit on Friday, August 8.

The enforcement was the result of an investigation which began after officers received information which suggested large amounts of illicit tobacco were being stored within a container at the storage facility. Although no-one was present at the unit, the team found a total of 708 packs of hand rolling tobacco and 325,080 individual cigarettes (16,254 packets) worth an estimated £258,000.

<u>Report concerns about the sale of illegal tobacco products</u> by visiting the North Northamptonshire Trading Standards website.

You can report non-emergency crime or suspicious activity by calling 101 or visiting www.northants.police.uk/RO. In an emergency, always call 999.

Illegal and nuisance bike seizure

Daventry officers working to improve their community have seized illegal and nuisance motorbikes and other vehicles, making good on their pledge to concerned residents.

Vehicle nuisance is regularly voted as a local priority in Daventry, with people reporting dangerous riding, excessive noise and other issues to



Northamptonshire Police. Seized vehicles include off-road motorcycles, a quad bike, an e-bike, and an illegal e-scooter.

Where vehicles are not road legal and the ownership can't be established due to criminal use, they will be crushed, preventing them from being used illegal and irresponsibly in the future. Others, such as the quad, may be released if ownership can be proved and the claimant has the means to collect it from the recovery agent.

The seizure activity is being run by officers from Daventry Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) and Operation Fragment, a partnership project working to tackle crime, anti-social behaviour and environmental issues in the town.

Launched in September 2023, Operation Fragment brings together Northamptonshire Police, West Northamptonshire Council, Daventry Town Council, housing bodies and charities to tackle crime and environmental issues and provide advice and support to residents. Its current focus is on the Grange Estate, having started its work the previous year on the Southbrook Estate.

You can contact the team by emailing OpFragment@northants.pnn.police.uk

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Have your say- tell us your priorities

Tell us about the issues that matter most to you in the area where you live and work by completing the locally identified priorities survey. The information you give us will help identify the local neighbourhood policing priorities for area.

We would like to know about any crime or anti-social behaviour that is causing you concern and if there is anything specific you would like us to focus on. We'd also like to know how safe you feel when out and about in your neighbourhood and whether you think the police are doing a good job at tackling local crime



and disorder. The survey takes just a few minutes and we would really appreciate you taking the time share your views. The more feedback we get, the better we can understand what the issues are for local people.

We would like all PLRs to complete the survey so we can understand the issues important to you in your Parish/Town Councils/Meetings. Please share this information with the local residents in your area and encourage everyone to have their say. They do not have to be signed up to the platform to have their say, but we encourage everyone to register for an account so we can update them on what we are doing to tackle the issues important to them.

Click <u>here</u> to have your say.

Contact details

The next monthly PLR Update will be sent out at the beginning of October 2025.

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

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