

PLR October 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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Positive progress

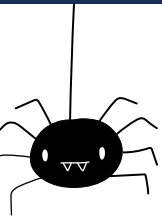
We now have 271 Police Liaison Representatives across the county collaborating with neighbourhood policing teams, Neighbourhood Watch, and the Northamptonshire Independent Advisory Group (IAG). The PLR scheme has continued to develop and make positive progress since the initial launch. Strong connections have been built with both Councils and local officers, ensuring that communication lines between communities and Northamptonshire Police remain open and effective.

Key highlights

- **Increased engagement:** PCSOs regularly check in every month with PLRs to understand what is happening in your communities. Contact rates have significantly improved from the beginning of the year and remain consistent.
- **Strong collaboration:** Productive meetings with the PLR working group, the annual PLR conference, and various roundtable events have helped address concerns quickly and share important safety updates. PLRs continue to work with neighbourhood policing teams to organise and support safety events and community surgeries.
- **Awareness and support:** The role has helped contribute to raising awareness of key safety initiatives, community engagements such as the beat bus, and engagement schemes such as Speed Watch.
- **Providing a community voice:** Representatives have attended various discussions with Northamptonshire Police and partners, ensuring your communities and residents feel heard.

Overall, the role is progressing very well and continues to have a meaningful impact, promoting safety, trust, and collaboration with Northamptonshire Police.





PLR Reminders

Multiple contacts and duplicate information

- As a PLR, you are responsible for sharing information that your neighbourhood policing team provide with the rest of your council.
- PLRs are the single point of contact for their council. Councillors and members of the public should feed information into their PLR who will liaise with their PCSO.
- There is one PLR contact per council. PCSOs will not be sending duplicate information to the PLR **and** the Clerk of your council.
- Clerks and the rest of the council will receive information from their PLR. If this is not happening, this should be discussed within your Council about the PLR fulfilling their role.

Contacting your PCSO

- If there is an incident in your local area, you need to report this through the correct channels. If further action is required, this will then be tasked to the relevant officer.
- Having a PCSO as a point of contact does not change this procedure.
- Please refer to the contact expectations.

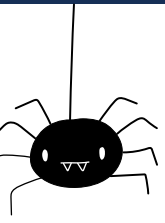
Beat buses and surgeries

- PLRs are encouraged to attend surgeries where possible in order to interact with their neighbourhood policing team and their communities.
- We ask that PLRs share upcoming surgeries on their social media pages and websites to encourage their residents to attend and raise any issues with officers.

Parish council meeting attendance

- Please refer to the contact expectations.
- Points of contact will arrange with the designated PLR to attend a council meeting at least every 12 months.
- If a PLR requires their point of contact to attend a meeting in between this 12-month period for a particular concern, they should reach out and the point of contact will endeavour to accommodate this request to the best of their ability.





Question time

Northamptonshire residents are being invited to put their questions on crime and policing to Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Danielle Stone and Chief Constable Ivan Balhatchet at an online public meeting next month.

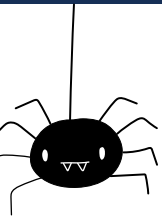
The event will take place between 6.30pm and 8pm on Tuesday, October 21, and will be live streamed on both the Commissioner's and the Northamptonshire Police Facebook pages www.facebook.com/NorthantsOPFCC www.facebook.com/northantspolice

For those that don't have a Facebook account, the event will also be live streamed on Northamptonshire Police's YouTube, where you do not require an account to view. The link to the YouTube page will be shared closer to the event date.

Questions about any policing or community safety issue are welcomed – potentially covering subjects such as neighbourhood policing, violence against women and girls, retail crime and town centre safety, road safety or funding.

Questions can be sent now on email - chiefschat@northants.police.uk. Names won't be read out during the broadcast or shared online. Questions can also be sent anonymously using an email link that will go live 14 days before the broadcast. And questions can also be asked live during the broadcast through the Facebook chat.





Positive outcome– Class A drugs conspiracy



Five men have been sentenced to a total of more than 39 years in prison following their involvement in a Class A drugs conspiracy in Northampton.

Layne Liburd, aged 39, Ford Prior, aged 31, Tony Bobowicz, aged 50, Jamie Newton, aged 33, and Alan Jackson, aged 50, all worked together from April 2024 to August 2024 to supply up to 7kg of cocaine across the period.

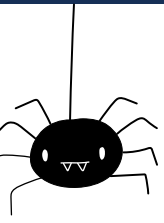
An investigation led by the East Midlands Special Operations Unit was launched and uncovered evidence that all of the men were involved in Class A drugs supply. On June 15, Newton and Jackson were arrested for possession with intent to supply Class A drugs at the Leicester Forest services at junction 21 of the M1 and upon a search, they were found to be in possession of a large quantity of cash, white powder, a knuckle duster, a silver butcher's meat hook, and an axe.

A search of Jackson's home address in Daventry then uncovered mobile phones, amphetamine, a machete and cocaine. At Newton's home address, they found cocaine, cash and mobile phones. On July 24, police officers executed a warrant at Jackson's home address, and once inside, found white powder and drug dealing paraphernalia.

And on August 6, 2024, the group's crimes were finally stopped when Liburd, under Prior's instruction, collected two kilo blocks of cocaine from an associate's address and then passed them onto Bobowicz, who acted as a courier for the drugs. Thanks to some fantastic proactive police work, Bobowicz was stopped by officers a short time later at the junction of Tintern Avenue and Dallington Road in Northampton, and when they searched his car, they found the large quantity of Class A drugs, worth upwards of £200,000.

Read the full article online [here](#)





Operation Workforce

Two joint days of action as part of a policing operation targeting key crime types in Northampton town centre led to 12 arrests.

Run by the Northampton Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT), Operation Workforce is using repeated cycles of targeted partnership work to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB), retail crime, drugs and serious violence in and around the Market Square area.

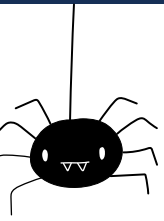
As part of the operation's focus on drugs and drug exploitation, last month (August 19 and 20) Northamptonshire officers from across the Force were joined by colleagues from British Transport Police (BTP) to carry out patrols with two of their drugs dogs and carry out proactive patrols and engagement in the town centre and train station areas.

Part of the operation's focus was tackling county lines drug dealing, which saw a warrant carried out at an address in Northampton, resulting in three arrests and the seizure of illegal drugs and cash, with an investigation ongoing.

A total of 12 arrests were made, with two people already charged with drug possession, drug supply and weapons-related offences, and individual investigations ongoing. A further 13 people were stop searched during the operation after the drugs dog indicated they may have illegal drugs on them.

Read the full article online [here](#).





Positive outcome– Clear hold build team



Neighbourhood police officers working on the Clear Hold Build team in Kettering have recovered a number of knives and weapons as part of operational activity to target violent crime and those involved in it.

The Clear Hold Build team, led by Sergeant Jay Cheema, has been focusing on this area of Kettering for the past six months, as part of a multi-agency approach designed to crackdown on criminal activity and regenerate areas most affected by crime and anti-social behaviour.

Drug dealing, serious violence and anti-social behaviour were raised as the key issues by the Highfield community and officers have been carrying out enforcement activity as part of the 'clear' phase, which aims to conduct operations to arrest offenders and disrupt their activities.

Officers recovered multiple knives and weapons following arrests made during proactive patrols and warrants carried out at addresses across the Highfield estate. Among the weapons seized were a 30 centimetre curved sword, a 60 centimetre sword, a 30 centimetre zombie knife, a dagger, a zombie-style knife, a combat knife, a flick knife and a machete.

It is now illegal to be in possession of a zombie knife or ninja sword and members of the public are encouraged to hand them in or face the risk of being convicted of knife crime offences. If you own one you can hand it in at one of the [permanent knife bins](#) that can be found at various locations across the county. You can also hand in any type of knife to help ensure they are disposed of safely and securely.

Visit www.northants.police.uk/knifecrime for more information.



Contact details

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

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

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