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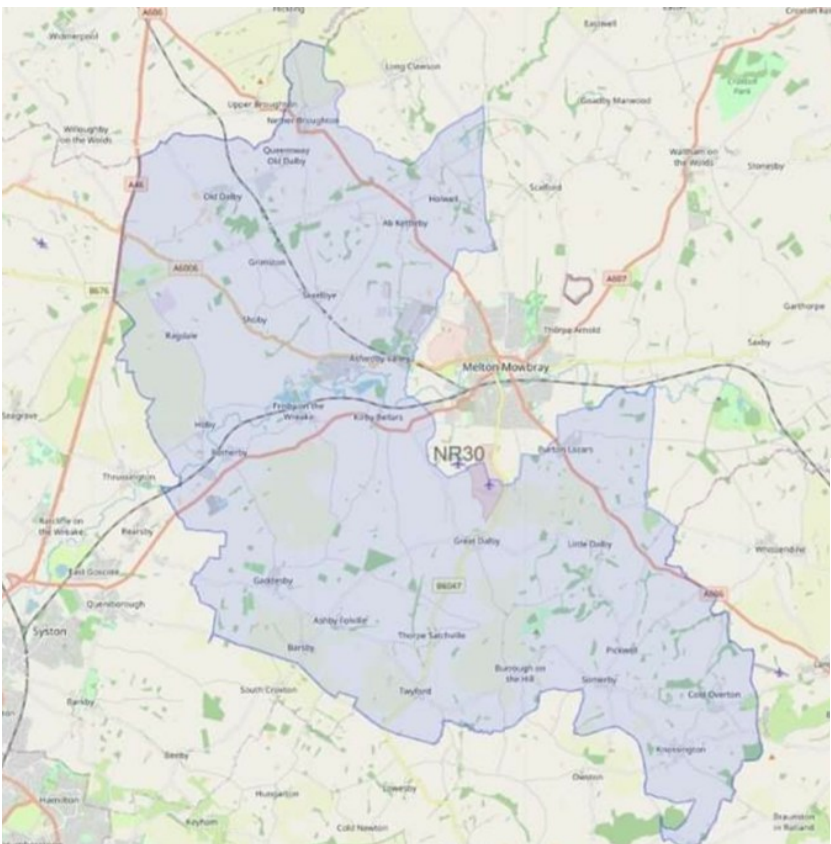
Melton Rural South Newsletter

August 2026

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 centre), PCSO Andrew French (shown left), and PCSO Wittering (shown 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.

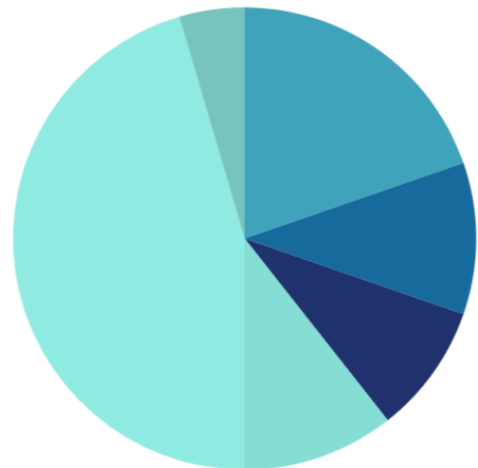


Crime and incident statistics

August statistics:

Thefts – **13**
Burglaries – **7**
Criminal damage – **6**
Assault (including domestic related assault) – **7**
Road Traffic Collisions / Road Traffic incidents – **30**
Drug dealing/possession—**3**

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



Theft (13)	Burglary (7)
Criminal Damage (6)	Assault (7)
Road (30)	Drugs (3)



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Road safety / policing the roads

There have been a reduced number of reported road traffic incidents from the previous month. Unfortunately there has been one fatal road traffic collisions however most have been left with very minor injuries if any. The number of road users driving dangerously still remains high, and once again we see excessive speed and not driving to the road and weather conditions being responsible.

As mentioned previously 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 and cars stopped for excessive speed. We have continued conducting high visibility patrols on the beat's roads to deter anti social use of the roads and poor driving. We will all continue to conduct speed monitoring operations across the beat. Just a reminder to please continue driving safely and to the conditions of the road while out on the beat to avoid any more road traffic incidents and prevent receiving any ticket for bad driving.

Rural thefts

August has seen an reduced number of reported 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 continuing to reducing this threat. We have continued to try and keep farm and agricultural thefts relatively low and making efforts to stop and check any agricultural equipment moving around or in fields. PC Tranter, PCSO French and PCSO Wittering 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.

Drugs

Drug related incidents are staying relatively low across the beat and your reports are helping to keep them low and find whoever is involved. The beat team continue to work proactively with the Drugs beat priority, gathering intelligence and regularly stopping suspicious vehicles. If you suspect any of this is going on near you try and gather evidence and then report it to us so we can continue gathering evidence and reduce the amount of drug related issues.

Other beat activities

Each month we hold numerous beat events and drop ins allowing residents to meet us face to face and raise any concerns. This gives us the chance to engage with you and answer and 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.

PCSO Wittering had the opportunity to assist with Operation Pedal Fast in the town centre, targeting illegal e-scooters and e-bikes to get them out of the community and this work will be continued across the beat to increase safety while out and about. PCSO French attended Somerby coffee morning to help give some reassurance after there had been an increase in crime around the area.

Pro-active patrols have continued by the beat team to address the anti-social behaviour being carried. We have also been working very closely with parish councils and Melton borough council to tackle ongoing issues around the beat.



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Upcoming Beat events

12/09/26 - 10.30-11.30 at The Milk Shed Great Dalby
12/09/26 - 12.00-13.00 at Gaddesby coffee morning, St Lukes Church
19/09/26 - 9.30-10.30 at Ashby Folville Coffee morning at the village hall
19/09/26 - 11.00-12.00 at Gates Garden Centre Cold Overton
28/09/26 - 10.00-11.00 at Somerby Church
07/10/26 - 11.00-11.30 at The Co-Op in Asfordby
10/10/26 - 10.00-11.00 at Ashby Folville Coffee morning at the village hall

We look forward to seeing you there and in the mean time keep an eye out on Facebook and Neighbourhood Link to see what we are getting up to and any additional updates.

Thank you from the Rural South Beat Team.



Ab Kettleby, Asfordby, Asfordby Hill, Asfordby Valley, Ashby Folville, Barsby, Brooksby, Burrough On The Hill, Burton Lazars, Cold Overton, Eye Kettleby, Frisby On The Wreake, Gaddesby, Great Dalby, Grimston, Hoby, Holwell, John O'Gaunt, Kirby Bellars Knossington, Leesthorpe, Little Dalby, Nether Broughton, Newbold, Old Dalby, Pickwell, Ragdale, Rotherby, Saxelby, Shoby, Six Hills, Somerby, Thorpe Satchville, Twyford, Wartnaby and Welby.

PC Tranter, PCSO French and PCSO Wittering