



PLR August 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.

Group Join QR Code





Summer caravan *safety*

As the holiday season gets underway, Northamptonshire Police's Rural Crime Team has issued a timely reminder to caravan owners planning to hit the road this summer.

Simple checks before you travel can help protect both your caravan and your home, allowing you to enjoy your holiday with greater peace of mind such as ensuring all doors, windows and outbuildings are securely locked, and using timer switches on lights to make the property appear occupied. When purchasing security equipment, always look for products carrying the Secured by Design accreditation. These have been independently assessed to a recognised police-preferred standard, helping to reduce opportunities for criminals.

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Operation *Spotlight*

Throughout July, officers from Northamptonshire Police joined forces across the UK to shine the spotlight on the fatal four driving offences which are considered the main causes in road traffic collisions.

Operation Spotlight aims to raise awareness of the dangers and consequences of the four biggest contributory factors in collisions - driving under the influence of drink or drugs, mobile phone use, speeding and not wearing a seatbelt. In addition to the traditional fatal four driving offences, the Force have also been focusing on the fifth contributory factor in collisions - careless driving. Anyone caught committing a driving offence, putting themselves and others at risk, will face further action. Read more [here](#).

Introducing *The Phoenix Project*

A Northamptonshire Police initiative that helps young people at risk of criminal exploitation, drug harm or violence has been given a rebrand and has increased its offer. The Youth Violence Intervention Unit (YVIU) was launched by the Force in February 2024 and so far, has helped 402 young people aged between eight and 17-years-old. Following feedback from young people who have been through the scheme, the service will now be called the Phoenix Project. Read more [here](#).



Running for *road safety*

Andy Cox, Detective Chief Superintendent and Head of Crime and Justice at Northamptonshire Police, is nearing the halfway point of a gruelling 200km running challenge to raise awareness of road danger and support the road safety charity Brake, which supports victims and bereaved families and campaigns for safer roads.

The challenge also supports Northamptonshire Police's commitment to reducing road deaths and serious injuries. Anyone wishing to support Andy and Brake can do so via his fundraising page here: [Andy Cox is fundraising for Brake, the road safety charity.](#)



Community *Open Day*

Join us at this years community open day on Sunday, 16 August at Wicksteed Park from 11am to 4pm. Visitors will have the chance to explore service vehicles like the Joint Command Unit, take a closer look at specialist equipment, and speak directly with teams from across the services to learn helpful safety advice. Find out more [here](#)



Operation Myth



A Wellingborough gang who lived lavish lifestyles funded by the profits of supplying drugs in the town have been jailed for a combined total of 26 years and seven months. The four men and one woman were sentenced at Northampton Crown Court in July for their roles in an organised crime group (OCG) supplying Class A and B drugs and laundering the proceeds. Read more [here](#).

Shoplifter jailed

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A prolific shoplifter who repeatedly targeted businesses across East Northamptonshire has been jailed for 26 weeks. The offences took place in Rushden and Higham Ferrers throughout July and involved thefts from a number of local retailers, including Co-op, Tesco Express and Sainsbury's. Read more [here](#).

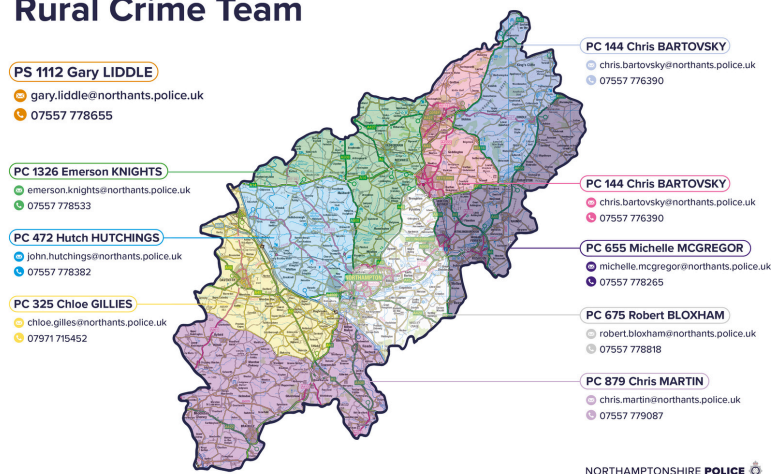
Reintroducing your *Rural Crime Team*

The Rural Crime Team consists of one Sergeant and seven Police Constables, supported by Special Constables, providing county-wide coverage across Northamptonshire.

The team offers specialist advice and support on a wide range of rural issues, including:

- Plant and machinery theft
- Trailer and caravan identification
- Wildlife crime and incidents
- Heritage crime
- Rural crime prevention
- Equine-related incidents
- Hunting activities
- Tack marking and theft prevention

Rural Crime Team



What is Rural Crime?

Rural crime covers offences that occur in rural locations or involve agricultural businesses, equipment, livestock, wildlife, or heritage assets. Common offences include machinery and vehicle theft, livestock crime, fly-tipping, criminal damage, poaching, hare coursing, wildlife offences, and fraud targeting farmers and rural communities.

Need advice or support?

The Rural Crime Team are available to provide guidance, preventative advice, and operational support to officers and communities across Northamptonshire. You can use the attached map to this newsletter to find out who your Rural Crime Team officer is, or drop them an email to get in contact about anything you're concerned about.

Criminal Behaviour Order Breach

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A 73-year-old man who was issued with a two-year Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) after persistently targeting his neighbours has been fined. At Northampton Magistrates' Court on July 9, Kevin Lowe was fined £307 and ordered to pay a £123 victim surcharge and £85 in court costs after admitting breaching the order within days of it being granted.

Rogue trader advice



Officers from Northamptonshire Police's Economic Crime Unit are asking people to be extra vigilant of rogue traders and door-to-door sellers following an incident in Northampton. The UK Finance national message to stop fraud is to TAKE FIVE: STOP – CHALLENGE – PROTECT. Read more [here](#)

PLR shared events calendar

If your council/organisation are holding an upcoming event that you'd like to share with other PLRs, send the details through for the next PLR update



Daventry women's walk and talk

When: The first Saturday of every month, 2pm

Where: Meet by the café in Daventry Country Park, Off Northern Way, Daventry NN11 2JB

This is a great chance to connect with others, share experiences, and have meaningful conversations about safety and wellbeing in our local area. Whether you're attending for the first time or are a regular walker, everyone is welcome.

Contact details

The next monthly PLR Update will be sent out at the beginning of September, 2026

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

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