

Neighbourhood Watch 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](#)

Welcome Neighbourhood Watch members!

Northamptonshire Police is keen to keep you informed about current campaigns and to share the various ways you can get involved. Strong relationships between Neighbourhood Watch groups and Northamptonshire Police are vital to keeping our communities safe. By working closely together, we can share local knowledge, build trust, and respond more effectively to concerns. This partnership ensures that residents feel heard, supported, and empowered-creating neighbourhoods where everyone looks out for one another and crime has less room to take hold.

Get in touch

You can contact your neighbourhood team by entering your postcode on the local area page [here](#). You can click on the orange email icon next to a member of your neighbourhood team to send your message. The message will be received in the team inbox, ensuring it is picked up efficiently by a member of the team. You can also reply to Northamptonshire Talking messages you receive from Northamptonshire Police by clicking the "reply" option at the bottom of the message.

Look up your local Neighbourhood Policing Team

Click on an area below or find your local Neighbourhood Policing Team by entering a street address or postcode:

Q Search



Lee Curtis
Police Constable

Email



Scott Farrant
Inspector

Email



Dan Freeman
Police Commu...

Email



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](#).

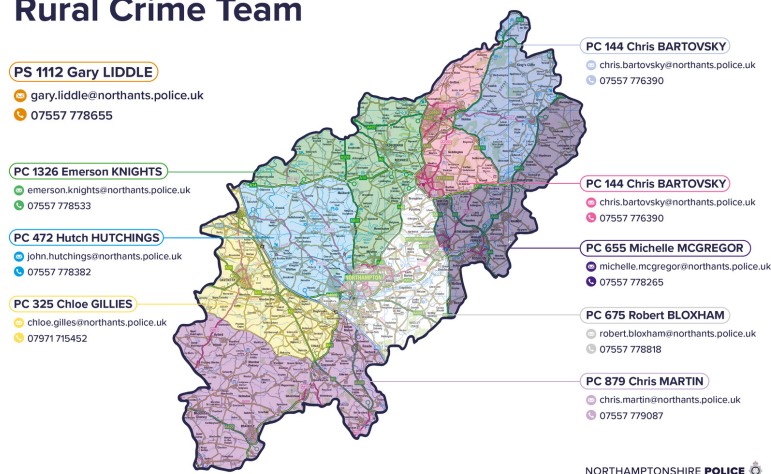
Reintroducing your *Rural Crime Team*

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](#)