



# **Newsletter**

#### **Welcome South Northants**

Welcome to the Northamptonshire Talking newsletter designed to keep you up to date on how this platform is being used to keep you and your communities safe.

Over **44,000** people have signed up to the platform. Northamptonshire Police want to thank you for the huge role you are playing to help them tackle crime and protect people, by responding to their messages and providing vital information.

## Meet your local team

You can find out who your local team is by entering your postcode on the <u>contact page</u>, which will take you through to your area. Your PCSO's are your community contacts who can offer support and advice about local crime concerns. The teams also hold regular community surgeries and beat buses which give you a chance to meet your team in person. These are advertised in advance and you can see them on your local area page.

#### **Your PCSOs:**

PCSO Chris Dudley- NS1
PCSO Emma Teagles- NS1
PCSO Matthew Taylor- NS1
PCSO Nicole Degg- NS2
PCSO Danni Morgan- NS3

#### **March Engagement Statistics**

This month, your Neighbourhood Policing Team held 17 community engagements.

Community engagements play a huge role in strengthening ties between communities and the police.

They give you a chance to meet your local teams, ask advice and guidance on your concerns, and stay up to date with important issues.

Beat Bus Surgeries

9 Community Events

**2** Community Surgeries

# **SOUTH NORTHANTS UPDATES**



#### **School parking issues**

The team have been receiving reports of anti-social and illegal parking outside of schools in the area. Pick-up and drop-off times are busy outside schools. This can cause an increased safety risk to both children and parents. Parking restrictions outside schools are there to keep you and your children safe. Parking inconsiderately can put people in danger and you also risk being fined. For more information please visit our website <a href="here">here</a>.

### Harpole cannabis factory

Officers led a warrant which uncovered a large-scale cannabis farm at a property in Sandy Lane, Harpole, after receiving information that indicated that the Class B drug was being grown inside. Within the building, officers found around 500 cannabis plants spread among several rooms. We encourage anyone with any information on cannabis grows in their area to contact us, or you can do that anonymously through Crimestoppers. A 44year-old man was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of a Class B drug (cannabis) and of possession of a knife/sharp pointed article in public. He has since been released on conditional bail pending further enquiries and an investigation is underway.

Please report suspicious activity to police by calling 101 or online at <a href="https://www.northants.police.uk/RO">www.northants.police.uk/RO</a>. You can also contact crimestoppers anonymously at 0800 555 111.

#### **Residential Burglary**

- Burglars often break in at the rear of properties.
   Ensure your rear garden is secure at all times with 1.8m perimeter fence/wall/gate and keep all gates locked
- Make sure the front of your property is easily seen – fences and hedges should not be more than 1 metre high
- Install dusk to dawn lighting above your front door
- If you're not in the room, close the window

- Keep your doors locked at all times so many burglars just walk in – don't make it easy for them!
- Make sure your house looks occupied, leave lights on when you're out. Use timer switches for when you're away
- Security products help to deter and detect crime <u>Get Smart Security With Ring Doorbells,</u> <u>Cams & Security Systems</u>
- Please contact your local team for support and advice

# **GENERAL UPDATES**



#### **Op Snap**

This scheme allows the public to submit dashcam evidence online regarding road offences within 14 days of the offence. The team **can only accept video footage.** They will then prosecute the driver with a notice of intended prosecution.

In February 2025, there were 154 submissions to Op Snap. You can submit your footage here <u>Northamptonshire Police Operation Snap</u>.

### How do I report speeding?

If you are concerned about speeding, you should contact your neighbourhood policing team first. You can also report driving offences online here Report a road traffic incident | Northamptonshire Police.

Your PCSOs have received speed enforcement training and can use the speed guns if you report speeding concerns on a certain road/area. PCs have the power to stop and deal with vehicles at the roadside who can educate drivers or prosecute them with a ticket. PCSOs can give out warning letters to drivers caught and will then pass on their reports to the safer roads team.

You can access road safety information and data via our public access system <a href="here">here</a>. You can see our enforcement locations, the monthly number of offences throughout the county, and submissions and outcomes of Op Snap.

#### Get involved!

Help keep your community safe by joining your local **neighbourhood watch** scheme <u>here.</u>

**Growing Together** offer litter picking activities throughout the county. More information available here.

Northamptonshire Healthy Futures provide free drug and alcohol training sessions to promote healthier and safer communities. You can sign up to session of ketamine on 23rd April <a href="here">here</a>, and dependency and addiction session on 28th April <a href="here">here</a>.



Please rate this message and let us know what you thought of the first Northamptonshire Talking newsletter issue. If you have any topics you would like to see in next months issue, please let us know.