



Welcome to your Rutland police e-newsletter. Here you will find all of the latest news from a Rutland policing perspective and crime prevention advice to help keep yourself safe.

News



Knife crime

A young man from the Melton area was reported to have been in possession of a knife in public in Oakham, causing some fear and concern in the community. Sergeant Darren Richardson and PC Joe Lloyd managed to trace the offender to his home address in Melton, where he was confronted about the allegation in the presence

of his parents. The young man was later interviewed and has been reported to the Youth Offending Service. The knife was also recovered, and is now safely off the streets. This is a great example of teamwork and the importance of community intelligence.

March has also been the subject of a force-wide initiative called, 'Op Sceptre' which focuses around the rising threat of knife crime in our communities. In Rutland, officers have conducted school talks at Catmose College, Uppingham Community College, Ketton Scouts, North Luffenham Primary School (as mentioned in previous newsletter) and one is planned to take place at Great Casterton school. We estimate that over 500 Rutland school children will have heard this important message by the end of the month.

#LivesNotKnives

Uppingham

Provision for young people in Uppingham was one of the beat team's main talking points in March. Working closely with the Community Safety Team at Rutland County Council and local town councillors, the beat team have committed to help find a solution to issues that are reported to us. It is our belief that only a very small minority are causing a nuisance through intimidation, swearing and general anti-social behaviour. Whilst we recognise that our young people need to feel part of the community and have a space they can call their own. It is important to note that we will clamp down on bad behaviour in public and will not tolerate it. In fact, this last week a number of warning letters have gone to parents of young people we have identified as having caused anti-social behaviour and follow up visits to home addresses are planned in the week beginning 25 March.

Rutland North & Rutland South

Theft from vehicles around Rutland Water continue to be an issue. Offenders are targeting areas where cars have been left securely parked at the side of the road. We suspect that the offenders are waiting for cars to park up and for the drivers to leave, rather than opportunists just driving by. Number plates are also being stolen. We advise people visiting Rutland Water to use the available car parks as they are regularly patrolled and secure. Please do not to leave any items on show as this only increases the risk of your vehicle being targeted. In regards to making your number plates safe, we have a limited number of anti-theft/tamper kits available on a first come, first served basis. Please make contact with us via our Facebook page or visiting the front enquiry office at Rutland County Council.



Hello..... to our new head wear



Leicestershire Police have recently introduced the use of “bump caps” to uniform standards.

They have received mixed feedback from members of the public, with some preferring the old style “custodian” helmets as opposed to this more modern approach. The introduction of this new piece of headwear does not mean the custodian helmet will disappear from the force altogether, but you may see the former being worn more commonly by our officers in the future.

and finally... Women in Policing (WiN)

Following International Woman’s Day, we would like to highlight two amazing women that have over 32 years’ experience of policing in Rutland. PCSO’s Nicole Welsh and Dianna Freeman were part of the inaugural group of Community Support Officers employed by Leicestershire Police in March 2003. Nicole has worked in Oakham, Uppingham, the North and South of Rutland. She currently works on the Oakham town beat alongside, PC Joe Lloyd. Nicole loves the variety the job offers, the people she meets every day and having the opportunity to help the community.

Di is somewhat of a rural expert with a multitude of contacts in the animal welfare communities and genuinely cares about the beautiful natural wildlife in Rutland. Di is currently on the Rutland North beat covering villages such as Casterton (you may have seen her chasing after motor cross bikes in the quarry), Ryhall, Cottesmore, 29 in total. Both are an integral part of the team, who bring a great deal of experience, determination and fun.

