

Local priorities for East Northants – You Said, We Did

In August and November 2022, we set three local priorities – Road Safety, Drug Misuse and Burglary.

These were based on what local people told us concerned them most in their neighbourhood, as well as local crime statistics and information from our partners (such as the local council).

These priorities have been the focus of much of our work over the last four months and below is an update about some of the work we have been doing to tackle them.

Road Safety & Traffic Matters

- Twenty-five tickets/summons/S59 warnings have been issued.
- Speed enforcement locations have been completed across the area including (but not exhaustive to) Wellington Road, Raunds; Addington Road, Irthlingborough; Main Street, Aldwincle; Buntings Lane, Warmington; Huntingdon Road, Thrapston; John Clark Way, Rushden.
- Over 25 intelligence logs have been submitted relating to road safety & traffic offences.
- Traffic enforcement regarding poor parking has occurred at schools in Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Raunds & Brigstock.
- Nine vehicles have been seized
- Crimes have been investigated for offences such as dangerous driving/driving whilst over the prescribed limit or driving whilst disqualified.
- Ten arrests have been made for various traffic related offences.
- Twelve VOI scooter accounts have either been suspended or permanently banned as a result of interactions from the Police.

Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse

- The team have executed 10 warrants relating to drug offences in Oundle, Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Raunds and Irthlingborough. Two resulted in Cannabis Growths. Investigations into these are ongoing.
- Sixteen people have been dealt with for drug related offences during this time and been offered a diversionary course to help deal with their addiction unrelated to the warrants. Three more arrests have been made unrelated to the warrants for possession with intent to supply offences. All of these investigations are ongoing including investigations into modern slavery alongside the possession with intent to supply offence. One person is currently under investigation for Proceeds of Crime related offences relating to drug supply in Higham Ferrers.
- Officers have used Stop and Search powers on 19 occasions, resulting in 10 positive outcomes for drug offences. One vehicle has been searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act.



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- Over 186 intelligence logs have been submitted relating to drug offences alone.
- A drugs dog operation was conducted in the public houses in East Northants in September in conjunction with North Northants Council Licensing Department and the local Town Councils. 7 people were interviewed or dealt with for personal possession offences as a result and all given out of court disposals.
- One Emergency Closure Order was issued for a property in Rushden whereby it was necessary to enact this legislation to protect vulnerable young people from harm.
- One Partial Closure Order was granted at Court to protect a vulnerable adult in Irthlingborough at risk of cuckooing.
- Work in conjunction with Longhurst Housing to secure an eviction for a flat known to cause ASB and drug use / deal.
- Educational County Lines Talks have taken place at 16 Primary Schools in East Northants.

Burglary

- Every reported residential Burglary even just to an outbuilding has received a reassurance visit from a member of the team and a Burglary Prevention Pack issued to victim and immediate neighbours. There have been 50 reported residential burglaries including attempts between August & December – all of these have been visited and signed up to receive Neighbourhood Alerts.
- Crime Prevention Events on home security have been held at Raunds, Thrapston, Irthlingborough, Rushden and Oundle.
- Arrest of male suspected of committing multiple burglaries in Rushden - case sent to court & suspended sentence received.
- Pro-active patrols of areas historically vulnerable to burglary are being undertaken as part of Operation Lapland - the Christmas Operation for theft / ASB.

[Protecting your home from crime | Crime prevention | Northamptonshire Police \(northants.police.uk\)](#)

Everyone who lives or works in Northamptonshire is invited to tell us about any local issues that concern them and the easiest way to do this is by sharing your views here:

[Click here to tell us your views about local policing issues](#)

Our priorities for the next period will be:

- Road Safety & Traffic Offences
- Burglary
- Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse



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At a county level, there are four Matters of Priority that the Force is giving special focus to this year – serious and organised crime, serious violence, drug harm and violence against Women and Girls. Please do look at the Northamptonshire Police website with regards to the results we have had from weeks of action regarding the matters of priority that the East Northants Neighbourhood Team have been involved in.

The local neighbourhood priorities are based on the issues that are of most concern in that particular area and are agreed three times a year. Your feedback is really important and we appreciate you taking the time to [share your views](#) with us.

Thank you

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