



# NEWSLETTER

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## Tackling your priorities

Welcome to our latest newsletter.

Over the last three months we have been busy working with our partners to tackle the issues that have been identified by you as a priority.

Here is an update about some of the work we have been doing to help make your community safer.

### **SPEEDING**

Local residents, particularly around the area of Boughton Green Road identified speeding as a priority issue for action.

We have carried out a number of speed enforcement sessions during the past three months in various locations, including Boughton Green Road, Eastern Avenue North and The Harborough Road.

A total of 26 people were stopped and given endorsable fixed penalties, with one person found to be driving at an unacceptable 42mph in a 30mph zone.

### **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

Incidents of anti-social behaviour and young people gathering in inappropriate places are often reported to us, and over the past three months we have been paying particular attention to the areas of Kingsthorpe Front and Link Road.

We have been patrolling on a regular basis and interacting with the youths responsible for causing the problems. We are working closely with the young people in the area and have a number of projects planned for the new year.

### **RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY**

Are you going on holiday? If so, is anyone looking after your property while you are away? Do your neighbours have a key? Have you cancelled your papers, milk and window cleaners? If you let us know we can add your area to our patrol plan. Please contact **Kerry Searle**, at Weston Favell Police Station: **03000 111 222 ext 2860**  
Email: [kerry.searle@northants.police.uk](mailto:kerry.searle@northants.police.uk)



There has been an increase in thefts from vehicles in the area recently, in particular Sat Nav systems. Please make sure you completely remove all items from your vehicle when leaving it unattended—and don't forget to take the sat nav cradle and suction pads with you, and wipe away any marks.

For more information about home and vehicle security, visit [northants.police.uk/guardian](http://northants.police.uk/guardian)

## You said, We did

# Raft building events for local young people

Kingsthorpe, Boughton Green and St David's Safer Community Teams, in partnership with the Kingsthorpe/St David's Neighbourhood Management Board will be staging a series of raft-building and canoeing events at the Nene Whitewater Centre in Northampton.

The thoughts behind staging these events are threefold. Firstly, we want to reward young people for their continued good behaviour.

Secondly, we want to give those that are bordering on anti-social behaviour or minor criminal behaviour an opportunity to behave and be rewarded for doing so.

Finally, we want to take the young people out of their comfort zones to have fun and interact with Police and Community Support Officers in a fun and testing environment, as

well as giving them an opportunity to try sports they may not have a chance to do otherwise, with a view to diverting them from ASB or criminality.

On the morning of the event, the young people will be transported to the venue in police vehicles. They will then be kitted-out with wetsuits and life preservers ready for the day's events.

After some initial safety advice, a canoeing session will begin and the youngsters will learn to control their canoes by playing a series of simple games such as "canoe tag".

After lunch, the participants will be divided into two teams to build their own rafts out of logs, rope and plastic drums. There will then be a raft race across the river Nene, followed by a game of "last man standing" in an inflatable boat!

Feedback from parents and guardians from youngsters who have attended similar events, indicate that they often show an improvement in both their behaviour and attitude toward authority.

## Your current local priorities

**These are the priorities we have agreed with our local communities for the next three months:**

### **Kingsthorpe & Boughton Green**

- Youths gathering in inappropriate places (Link Road)
- Residential Burglary
- Speeding

### **St David's**

- Youths Gathering in inappropriate places (Kingsthorpe front)
- Speeding
- Parking



# Bright Ideas for Darker Nights



**As the nights get darker earlier, burglaries tend to increase, so leave lights on inside your house.**

- Leave a light on in more than one room, such as the lounge and the bedroom. Remember to choose low-energy lamps.
- Use a timer switch to operate the lights as it starts to get dark. Change the times that the light comes on to create the illusion that someone is moving around inside the house.

- Make sure your front door is well lit and fully visible from the street. Police recommend dusk to dawn lighting that automatically comes on as it gets dark. Dusk to dawn lamp adaptors are available from DIY stores.
- Keep shrubbery and hedges at the front pruned to below one metre to remove cover for a burglar to work unseen and allow visibility by neighbours.
- Keep your curtains closed at night—if you are away, ask a neighbour to close them for you.
- Check existing lighting is in good working order and replace any faulty equipment. Remember to check batteries in torches and smoke alarms.



**And finally—this may seem obvious, but one in four burglaries happen because houses are left insecure—so always make sure doors and windows are locked!**

# Tell us your views

Our surgeries and community meetings provide opportunities for you meet your local officers, get advice, and discuss any issues, concerns or ideas you may have about your local area. Come along and tell us what you think is the main priority for your community.

## SURGERIES/COMMUNITY DROP-IN SESSIONS

**ASDA** in Harborough Road—every Saturday, 3pm to 4pm

**Kingsthorpe Police Post** Harborough Road  
Every Thursday 6pm-8pm

## Students Surgeries

Students are invited to come along to surgeries held at Kingsthorpe **Community College**, Boughton Green Road (Term time only) Every Tuesday 12.30pm to 1pm

**Mobile Police Station: Link Road**—12pm to 4pm—Thurs 21 Jan/ Tues 9 Feb/ Thurs 25 Mar  
Thurs 15 Apr/ Thurs 27 May

# Your local officers

Sgt Danny Gasson



PC Jon Bolton



PCSO Leslie Conopo



PC Alan Dyer



PC Mumnoon Ahmed



PCSO Melissa Simpson



PC Steve Dyer



PCSO Kirsten Bates



PC Junior Anderson



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