

Keeping in touch

101 – national police non-emergency number comes to Northamptonshire

101 is the new number to call report crime and other concerns to Northamptonshire Police that do not require an emergency police response.

You can call **101** to report a crime or incident that has already happened, to speak to your local Safer Community Team or any other officer or member of staff, to give us information about crime or criminals in your area, or to make a general enquiry.

999 should still be used in an emergency.

Community Connect

The Force's new Community Connect messaging system allows you to receive important updates about crime and policing in your area. The Safer Community Team also regularly publishes updates on the activities the local officers have been doing in your area. To register for this free service, please visit:

www.northants.police.uk

Press the Community Connect button on the left-hand side of the screen and follow the steps to sign up.

To get in touch:

Tel: 101 (textphone 18001 101)

Email: SCT-SouthNorthantsTowcester@northants.police.uk

Web: www.northants.police.uk

In an emergency, call 999



South Northants Towcester Safer Community Team NEWSLETTER



Date: **Winter 2011**

Update from around your area

Over the summer months, Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers from Towcester Safer Community Team have attended a number of community events and hosted a programme of Street Briefings across the area, while continuing their work around crime and anti-social behaviour. Two very successful public consultation events were held in the town, where 432 residents told us about issues in their neighbourhood.



With the start of the new school year, PCSOs contacted many of the schools and community groups in their villages to offer talks to children about a range of issues. In the lead up to Halloween and Bonfire Night, specific talks were given about the importance of staying safe while having fun, and being considerate to others during the festivities.

The team has continued its work around serious acquisitive and rural crime, and regularly runs proactive operations stopping suspect vehicles and people across the area, to deter and disrupt any criminal behaviour. Officers continue to follow up on all reports of crime and anti-social behaviour, reassuring victims and robustly dealing with offenders.

Taking action in your community

Across Towcester SCT area, two locally identified priorities have been selected: speeding and anti-social behaviour.

You Said: Speeding

We Did: Police officers and PCSOs from Towcester SCT have carried out a number of high-visibility speed enforcement operations across the area using handheld speed devices. Officers have issued a number of Fixed Penalty Notices to drivers substantially over the speed limit, and have issued Warning Letters and given words of advice where appropriate.

Safer Community Team officers have been active in a number of locations throughout the area, including: Towcester, Pattishall, Gayton, Kislingbury, Rothersthorpe, Bugbrooke, Grange Park, Blisworth, Deanshanger and Cogenhoe.

You Said: Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

We Did: Officers from the SCT have continued high-visibility anti-social behaviour patrols across the area, visiting identified hotspots and responding to incidents to deter and disrupt anti-social behaviour. On attending incidents, officers have made use of their powers to seize alcohol from underage youths, issue warnings about seizing vehicles that are being used in an anti-social manner and referring repeat offenders to the local Anti-social Behaviour Unit.

Local officers follow up on all incidents of ASB with the person reporting it and often adopt interagency working with partner organisations to help solve issues in a holistic manner, preventing them occurring again. Through the local Joint Action Group, SCT officers have been involved in arranging local youth provision at Grange Park and Bugbrooke to assist in preventing anti-social behaviour.

Rural crime week of action



During the summer, South Northants SCTs ran a Week of Action aimed at tackling the crime issues that affect the farming and rural community. During the Week of Action, more than 100 local farms were visited and given crime prevention advice, along with signage to deter would-be

criminals. They were also invited to sign up to our Community Connect messaging service.

Several police operations were carried out during the week, including stopping and checking more than 65 farming and commercial vehicles in partnership with VOSA and HM Customs and Excise. A unique police-marked tractor was displayed outside Towcester Police Station, and more than 100 members of the public had the opportunity to explore the effective crime prevention measures installed on the vehicle, and to speak to local officers about issues affecting the farming community.

Since the Week of Action, the SCTs have continued to visit local farms to raise awareness of rural crime, as well as regularly patrolling the area's rural roads and stopping suspect vehicles to help deter and disrupt criminals.

Your local Safer Community Team takes rural crime very seriously and will continue to work to reduce crime and tackle offenders.

