

Local priorities for Northampton – You Said, We Did

In April, we set our local priorities. 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've been doing to tackle them.

Burglary

Burglary has been highlighted again as an area of concern by members of the public living in Northampton. There has continued to be an increase in burglary and we have again responded to this, in line with concerns addressed by the community.

Since May 2023 a new operation was launched to increase a police presence in targeted hotspot areas across Northampton in response to reported burglary offences. These patrols have taken place at key days times with officers dedicated to increasing a police presence in areas that require reassurance, high visibility and crime prevention in line with analytical data produced by the force.

One particular job of note was some good work between the Burglary Team West and the local Neighbourhood Policing Team in relation to a spike in burglaries across the NN5 area whereby an offender was captured on CCTV and identified by a local PCSO. He was arrested and charged, then in court was convicted of three counts of fraud for using stolen debit cards and sentenced to 24 weeks in prison.

Another incident of note is whereby a male was identified as being in possession of a stolen pushbike which was later found to have been stolen from a burglary. The Neighbourhood Policing Team arrested the male who remains on police bail for further enquiries and police were able to return the bike to the rightful and (very happy!) owners.

We continue to hold beat bus surgeries in areas affected by burglary to reach residents face to face. The local Neighbourhood team have always conducted reassurance visits to victims of burglaries to offer them further crime prevention or target hardening advice and signposting for extra support, as required, as well as utilising Northamptonshire Talking to liaise with affected communities.

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Drug Dealing & Misuse

We have focused on hotspot areas within Northampton in bid to tackle drug dealing, knife crime and serious violence.

Since the start of 2023, there has been an increase in violent crime in and around the Racecourse. This is a hot spot area for drug dealing and knife crime. The intention of our activity is to deny criminals the ability to carry weapons resulting in serious violence and disorder, provide reassurance to the public by a visible presence, and to deter crime and disorder. Our activity will continue to include a mixture of proactive plain clothes patrols and high visibility patrols, stop searching where appropriate. The Beat Bus has been deployed with partner agencies to offer crime prevention advice and engagement with the public.

We have conducted just over 15 warrants across Northampton resulting in drugs, cash and weapons being seized. We have also safeguarded any children who have been linked to these incidents. We have also stopped and searched numerous persons in relation to drugs and weapons offences and arrested and seized items relating to these offences. We encourage people to contact us with information about any suspected drug issues, or to do it anonymously via Crimestoppers. [Independent UK charity taking crime information anonymously | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/)

Road Safety and Road Traffic Offences

Road safety has now been a priority on the area for a long period of time. We are working with schools regarding inconsiderate parking and we have based our Policing response on the 'Fatal Four' offences: 1. Inappropriate Speed. 2. Use of a mobile phone. 3. Not wearing a Seat Belt 4. Drink / Drug driving.

The following offences have been successfully prosecuted as a result of traffic stops:

Use a motor vehicle without insurance, Drive a motor vehicle on a road whilst not wearing a seatbelt, Drive otherwise than in accordance with a licence, Drive whilst alcohol level above limit, Fail to stop at red light, Drive a vehicle whilst using a mobile phone, Incorrectly inflated tyre, Drive a vehicle in a dangerous condition, Driving whilst disqualified.

Neighbourhood officer's traffic stops have also discovered weapons, drugs and immigration offences.

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 completing our Local Priorities survey:

www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk/LocallyIdentifiedPriorities

Alternatively, you can contact your local neighbourhood officer at

- NeighbourhoodTeamNorthampton@northants.police.uk

At a county level, Northamptonshire Police focuses on a number of priority areas each year. At a local level, we set up to three priorities for each policing area every four months. These 'locally identified priorities (LIPs)' are based on the issues that are of most concern in that particular area.

Your feedback is really important and we appreciate you taking the time to [share your views](#) with us.

Thank you

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