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YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR NORTH COMMUNITIES – JUNE 2017

Welcome to the third edition of the newsletter focusing on the work being carried out within our communities in the north of the county.

These newsletters will be quarterly and aligned to our priority setting, focusing on what matters most to our residents.

We are dedicated to protecting our residents and keeping people safe. Our force is proud to work closely with the communities we serve and the multi-agency work that we do. We want to reassure all residents that we treat all criminal behaviour seriously and encourage you to get in touch with any concerns.



Juliette Everett
Community Policing Superintendent

COMMUNITY PRIORITY SETTING

The North Rural Community team was delighted to welcome parish council representatives from across the North of the county to Police HQ in May.

Local priorities were discussed and agreed, with speeding identified as the issue of greatest concern.

Inspector Nick Masters talked through the SARA (**Scanning, Analysis, Response, and Evaluation**) problem solving process used to identify and **solve** repeat crime and



community problems. He discussed how this related to addressing speeding and the partnership work of the police, councils and communities.

Presentations were made on how our communities can directly raise concerns and

give feedback to us through their local officers and the use of BedsAlert, Twitter and [Survey Monkey](#).

PCSO Juliet Wright explained and promoted the Speedwatch and Neighbourhood Watch schemes and we were delighted to get new recruits signed up. Sergeant Ruth Connelly spoke about the wider work of the Community Policing Teams.

Superintendent Juliet Everett, Chief Inspector Bernie White and John McKinney from Bedford Borough Council, were available to answer questions from the floor, as well as all of the local Community Officers.

The event was well received by attendees who welcomed this evolving process of delivering Community Policing across the north of the county.

IN THE NEWS THIS MONTH

Suspected Biggleswade drugs den closed

Bedfordshire Police has successfully boarded up and changed the locks of a suspected drugs den in Biggleswade. Together with Aragon Housing, the Community Team attended an address in Potton Road on Wednesday 17 May and seized drug cultivation equipment for destruction.

PC Charlie Crozier from the North Rural Community Team said: “We know issues like this matter most to our local residents. By working together with our partners we have cleaned up another address that has been involved in the supply of illegal drugs and which has had a negative impact on our communities. We urge anyone with information on behaviour causing concerns in your area to come forward. Information from members of the public is invaluable and helps us to protect people and fight crime.”



If you wish to report a crime call 101, in the case of emergency always call 999. Alternatively you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Goldington police surgery

Due to a recent increase in burglaries in the Goldington area of Bedford, a police surgery was set up where PCSOs gave crime prevention advice, raised awareness of the break-ins and offered reassurance to residents.

More police surgeries will be organised in the coming weeks in the Putnoe area.



Day of action at Richbell Court

On Saturday 22 April the North Urban Community team attended a day of action at Richbell Court, organised by BPHA. We were joined by Bedford Borough Council, Bedfordshire Police Cadets, Neighbourhood Watch and local councillors.

The day received a great response from the community, engaging with relevant organisations. The Cadets took part in a litter pick around Cobden Square and crime prevention advice was given at our Mobile Police Station. PCSOs and Cadets also took part in a door knock, finding out local issues in the area and what matters most to our local residents.



Disrupting drug activity

The community team is still working hard to disrupt drug activity and the impact it has on vulnerable people in the Bedford area. Within the last month there have been some significant arrests of suspects linked to this type of criminality and two people are currently remanded in custody awaiting trial.

Please be vigilant to unknown people coming and going from neighbours'

properties and report any suspicious behaviour to us on 101, and always call 999 in an emergency.

THE LATEST CRIME OUTCOMES

As the Community Crime Inspector in the North it is my privilege to give you the latest update on the outcomes of various incidents that have occurred in your area.

Thanks to the fantastic work by our officers and staff and as well as our communities across the county who submit intelligence to the police, I am happy to provide you with the following outcomes.



A 27-year-old man from Clifton was charged with four counts of theft and bailed to court.

A 44-year-old female from Bedford was charged with fraud and perverting the course of justice after she made a false allegation of theft.

Four men were dealt with by community resolution following criminal damage and theft at a pub.

Inspector Alex House, Community Crime North

ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY

In recent weeks the North Rural Community Policing Team accompanied by partners, including Neighbourhood Watch, Speed Watch and Street Watch, have held a number of Operation Beneke events in the following areas:

Brogborough, Aspley Guise and Aspley Heath, Great Barford, Marston Mortaine, Cardington, Stewartby, Harrold and Fairfield.

Specific emphasis was placed on recruiting new members to Beds Alert, Speed Watch, Street Watch and Neighbourhood Watch. All schemes are supported by Bedfordshire Police and require only as much time as volunteers are able to offer.



Following a recent Op Beneke in Cranfield a Street Watch Group was set up. The induction was also attended by members from neighbouring Marston Moretaine, whose successful and proactive group has been running for several years.



Next engagement event – 15 June

The North Urban Community team is holding their next engagement forum at police HQ in Kempston. We have invited all local councillors and Neighbourhood Watch area coordinators, and it will be the first time local priorities will be set for our new policing area.

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