

Simon Riley is Broxtowe's Neighbourhood Policing Inspector. He publishes monthly blogs and in his **January blog** Simon said (edited):

### **Staff Changes**

This month we have welcomed a new member to the team at Broxtowe South. PC Paul Humphries has joined us from the Response team at West Bridgford and will be taking up post as a beat manager at Stapleford. Paul brings a wealth of experience and I know he is very keen to get stuck into his new role. We are very glad to have him and look forward to him becoming an integral part of the neighbourhood's team on Broxtowe South.

This month has also seen a change in the shift patterns of the local teams. This is a force-wide change which sees all neighbourhoods' teams in the county working the same shift pattern. What this means locally is that all of the team on Broxtowe South now work the same shifts, likewise the team at Broxtowe North, but at opposite ends of the shift pattern to each other. There will always be one of the teams on duty on any given day, but this may mean that at times your local team may all be on a rest day. However, should there be an issue that needs addressing on Broxtowe South when the Broxtowe South team is on a rest day, for instance, then the increased number of officers who would be on at Broxtowe North means that there is greater flexibility for officers to be deployed from there to cover on the South. Additional positives of this move include having a whole team on at a time, meaning that if I need to deploy a greater number of officers into an area to tackle a particular incident or problem, then I have a bigger pool of NPT officers available to me at any given time. It also means that there is more scope for having officers deployed into high visibility patrols on their areas and I am already receiving feedback that the increased visibility has been noticed and is appreciated. Unfortunately, it doesn't mean I have more officers per se, but it does mean more available when a particular team is on duty and allows us to work a bit smarter in respect of our priorities.

### **Communication / Engagement Update**

The force website is currently being reviewed and you will soon begin to see a whole host of changes in the coming months. We will be moving to a national template in terms of how the website is constructed, improving the user experience and the quality of the information available to our communities. The idea is that the new pages will be more intuitive and more informative and much easier to navigate, so if you log on one day and find something completely different-looking to that which is there now, don't be alarmed, it's not broken, it's just new! My monthly blog may also look slightly different along with the monthly priority updates. More information will be made available on this as we progress.

### **February's Blog (edited):**

Again, unfortunately we had some of the more serious crime types to contend with this past month. We are currently dealing with an Aggravated Burglary in Stapleford on 13th February where the victim was threatened and assaulted with knives before the offenders got away with cash and a credit card.

Unfortunately we also saw another serious offence in the form of another violent robbery on Tuesday 12th February, when Carphone Warehouse on Queens Road in Beeston was robbed by 3 males who threatened staff with a knife before making off with a number of stolen phones. One staff member was assaulted by one of the offenders during the process of the robbery, fortunately not seriously.

### **Priority Crime Updates**

I reported in my blog last month that we had seen a significant increase in burglaries, both sheds and peoples' homes in Stapleford. I'm very pleased to be able to tell you that Stapleford is showing a very marked reduction acquisitive crime - burglary, auto-crime, shop theft and other theft are all down significantly on the numbers recorded in January. My neighbourhoods' teams have been very active in the past month in addressing the recent spike with proactive patrols, both high visibility and out of uniform, a lot of crime prevention engagement and the arrest of one or two, what we considered to be key nominals who were contributing to the upsurge in acquisitive crime and their activity has brought about a positive dividend.

In terms of our other priority areas, we continue to target a number of prolific shoplifters, on both sides of the borough, with a number having been arrested and put before the courts this past month. Most notable of these was Richard BROWN, of Chilwell, who was sentenced to 4 months imprisonment for a number of offences, having only been released from prison a couple of weeks previously. Alongside BROWN, 2 of our most prolific offenders on the North of the borough, Lewis LAYLAND and James PEARSON were convicted at court of a number of theft offences in February. Incidentally, I have been asked why we view shop theft as a priority on Broxtowe - my answer is simple; A significant number of shoplifters are also burglars and auto-crime offenders, but these offences are often harder to prove, as they are not very often witnessed or caught on CCTV, as shop thefts very often are. Where we can identify, arrest and lock up prolific offenders for shop theft, they are unable to commit other types of crime elsewhere on the borough and as such, they will be targeted in this way

### **Agile Technology for our PCSOs!**

During the past year, all frontline, uniformed police officers on Broxtowe have been issued with personal-issue laptops to enable them to be out in the community for longer, saving them the need to come back to the station to submit essential reports and driving a number of efficiencies around how we

deploy our officers. I am pleased to tell you that I have also secured 4 additional devices which are currently being trialled by some of my PCSOs - 2 on Broxtowe North and 2 on the South of the borough. Longer term, the personal issue of agile technology to PCSOs is just one area of a review currently being undertaken by the force into the PCSO role, however, it's hugely beneficial to be a part of this trial and again, should increase the amount of time our PCSOs are able to stay out on their areas during each tour of duty.

### **Community Engagement**

Some really positive community engagement work has taken place this past month. The Beeston beat team organised a coding event in Beeston Square where over 60 bikes and scooters were marked. They also gave out crime prevention advice in relation to securing bikes and how to deter thefts. It was a brilliant event with lots of support from Councillor Richard MacRae and local residents. We are planning on organising more of these events in the near future in other areas. They will be advertised on social media so please look out for them and support if you can

PCSO Luci Allsebrook has been working on promoting Neighbourhood Watch in Stapleford, including a social media campaign to try and reach more residents. She has had a very positive response and she is currently collating the information with the intention of setting up initial meetings in the near future. Neighbourhood Watch is a great way of the Police working with the local community to keep people safe and reduce and we would like to set up a number of new NHW schemes throughout the area. If you would be interested in helping with this then please get in touch.

Finally, a superb event was recently held at the Chinese Language School, at Alderman White School in Chilwell. My thanks go to Sp. Insp Gurmit Kaur (our Community Cohesion Co-ordinator), PC Serita Blake (Beeston Response), Pc Michael Appleton (City Response) and PCSO Roz Hare (Beeston NPT) for their involvement in this. These events are always a welcome opportunity for us as a local policing team to get involved with our various, diverse communities and for them to get to know us and what we are about. This Sunday (March 3rd) sees an open day at Beeston Muslim Centre on Evelyn Street, which my team and I will be attending. If any community leaders have any event(s) that they would like us to attend, then please contact me or either of my Sergeants and we will always try and support them where we can.

### **Neighbourhood Policing Team**

Inspector Riley advised Chief Constable Craig Guildford has, this week, confirmed that every Inspector-led Neighbourhood Policing area will be getting an additional 3 beat managers during 2019/20. This is hugely welcome news, as I'm sure you'll agree.

Details of our neighbourhood police team, plus monthly blogs and details of current policing priorities can be viewed on the Notts Policelocal area pages.

#### Priorities for Stapleford

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- Motor Vehicle Crime
- Shop Theft
- Burglary Residential

More information is provided on the local pages by clicking on the relevant priority. Visit the local page, each month, to keep up to date with the Inspector's blogs or see my posts on Bramcote Today.

#### **Crime Prevention Advice**

Visit the Nottinghamshire Police Crime

Prevention Advice Centre at [www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice/prevention](http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice/prevention)

where you will find a raft of information to help make your belongings less desirable to thieves.

#### **Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch Update (NottsWatch ®)**

We are currently planning our 2019 Conference, themed Common Ground. It will be held in Sutton-in-Ashfield on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Following recruitment of a Comms Team, we have commenced issuing seasonal newsletters. Our winter issue can be viewed by visiting [www.nottswatch.co.uk](http://www.nottswatch.co.uk) > About Us > NottsWatch Newsletters. This includes details of Tech and Tea, a collaborative initiative NottsWatch enabled develop in three pilot areas in the county. We have a local session each Monday, 2-3pm at Beeston Library. It's an opportunity for an informal chat about any technical issues you have with your mobile phones, tablets etc.

We are close to launching a new and improved, mobile optimised website, from which it will be easier to read about the various projects we are involved with.

**Useful links re community safety can be found on Bramcote Today's new website:** <https://bramcotetoday.org.uk/community-safety/>Contact me if you would like further information about this project or setting up a NHW scheme.

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