



**Brackley Neighbourhood Team**  
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## **Annual Report April 2018**

Over the last 6 months there has been a marked increase in thefts of tools from vans. This has been a national trend and not unique to South Northants. Officers from South Northants Neighbourhood Teams have spent some considerable time investigating this recent series of offending and identified a number of persons linked to a local Travellers site just on the Northants/Bucks border. On 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 officers from Northamptonshire Police undertook several warrants within the site and arrested a number of persons. Searches yielded a large quantity of tools, mobile phones and number plates. In total 12 persons have been interviewed in relation to offences including; theft from vehicles, shoplifting and theft of fuel. Several other people are still sought for interview and those already interviewed have been bailed pending further investigation and forensic work being undertaken.

As previous stated this is a national trend and although South Northants theft crimes have significantly reduced since 19<sup>th</sup> February people should not be complacent in terms of their vehicle security and reporting of unusual and suspicious behaviour.

We recommend that you visit [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) to access up to date crime statistics for your area. Fortunately South Northants has no other significant crime trends and the Team are always happy to discuss any individual concerns.

Northants Police support local social networks such as 'Brackley Burglary Crime & Prevention', 'Newbottle & Charlton Crime Prevention Group', 'Northamptonshire Street Watch' (all Facebook) and other village networks by providing information and advice for circulation. We recognise the value of these pages for keeping a two-way flow of information between the police and the public. The above sites have provided very popular and all communicate with each other to increase their effectiveness.

We are still keen to expand virtual networks for the sharing of information to prevent, disrupt and deter crime, so if you would like more information on how to develop a similar Facebook site for your area please contact Sergeant Michaela SIMONS. These sites have enormous potential in assisting to make the area less attractive for criminals. Please take a look at the above mentioned pages for examples of content and rules.

Members of the community that do not use the internet or social media can obtain this information from Parish Councils and NHW Schemes.

Brackley currently has an active Street Watch scheme that is always seeking new members. Street Watch, in a nutshell, is the equivalent of a mobile Neighbourhood Watch. In addition it can cover the entire Community and tackle issues such as; vandalism, anti-social behaviour, drug abuse and dog fouling. If you are interested in helping your community and setting up a Street Watch scheme in your area then please contact your local Police team at Brackley for details.

Visit our website for more information and updates:  
<http://northants.police.uk/neighbourhoods>



Neighbourhood Alert is the messaging service run by Northamptonshire Police and was formerly known as Community Connect. It has been re-launched under the name Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert and now has greater functionality than previously, allowing our frontline police officers to send alert messages direct from their mobile devices to thousands of local people. They will be able to do this in real-time while they are out and about policing the county.

The alert service is free and simple to activate by registering at [www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk](http://www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk) and is available to anyone living or working in Northamptonshire.

After signing up to the messaging system, **people will receive regular alerts from Northamptonshire Police, Neighbourhood Watch and other partner organisations**, keeping them up to date and informed about crime, and issues relevant to them and the area where they live or work.

Alerts are received either by email, text message or voice message – whichever suits. People will also be given the option of what they want to receive alerts about, and how often – they will only receive messages about topics they have selected.

Many of our Neighbourhood officers and Response teams have been trained to use the alert system and are now regularly sending out messages to the

public, including; crime alerts, missing person alerts, witness appeals and crime prevention advice.

This alert tool provide us with a really effective way to reach the communities we serve, improving the flow of information and therefore making a greater impact in the prevention and detection of crime and the reduction of anti-social behaviour.

There are already 10,000 local people registered with Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert.

### **Contacting Northamptonshire Police in South Northants**

**999** for a crime or incident in progress and where someone is immediately at risk of harm.

**101** to report non-urgent incidents, crimes and for all other enquiries.

A link to Northants Police Website allows you to report a non-urgent crime online <http://www.northants.police.uk/page/do-it-online>

For non-urgent enquiries you can email Brackley Neighbourhood Policing Team via: [NeighbourhoodTeamSouthNorthants-Towcester@northants.police.uk](mailto:NeighbourhoodTeamSouthNorthants-Towcester@northants.police.uk)

Follow us on Twitter using @BrackleyNPT @BrackleyNptSgt

Brackley and Towcester Police Stations no longer have front offices for the public to visit.

Daventry Police Station still has an active front office which is open to the public 10am to 4pm Monday – Saturday.

### **Examples of when 101 should be used.**



**In an emergency or if a crime is in progress call 999.**

## Useful Links

Northamptonshire Police Website  
<http://www.northants.police.uk/>

Check if a vehicle is taxed or untaxed and report if necessary:  
[vehicleenquiry.service.gov.uk](http://vehicleenquiry.service.gov.uk)

Trading Standards – Advice and help for consumers – Don't get caught out, find an approved trader:  
<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/Community/trading/Pages/default.aspx>

Contact CRIMESTOPPERS anonymously about crime:  
<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Fearless is a site where young people can access non-judgmental information and advice about crime and criminality:  
<https://www.fearless.org/>

Report to South Northants Council:  
Fly Tipping, Dog Fouling, Street Lights, Litter, Noise Pollution and other issues.  
[www.southnorthants.gov.uk](http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk)

Advice on boundary disputes with neighbours:  
<http://www.rics.org/uk/knowledge/consumer-guides/boundary-disputes-guide/>

Street Doctor:  
<http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/northamptonshire-highways/roads-and-streets/Pages/report-highway-problem.aspx>

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