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Daventry & Rural AGM Report for 2025

Daventry Town and surrounding area

PS Greg HARRISON continues to manage the team responsible for Daventry Town and its largest surrounding villages including Long Buckby, West Haddon and Crick. We are based at Daventry Police station and supported by the 24/7 response policing team also based at Daventry providing emergency response to the district.

Operation fragment

PS Josh ELLARD works on The Grange Estate as part of a partnership operation to tackle specific issues within the area.

Operation Fragment was originally established in response to the increase in youth related ASB, Criminal Damage and violence occurring on the Southbrook estate in Daventry. Following a successful year of working in the Southbrook area, focus shifted to The Grange Estate, also in Daventry. The geographical area of The Grange is similar to the Southbrook.

A similar model has and will be used within The Grange to try and improve the lives of the residents living in the area.

From the start of Operation Fragment, one of the key elements of success was always trying to get the community to talk to the police and engage more regularly. We have a number of mechanisms to communicate, including via the Northamptonshire Talking Application, a dedicated email inbox and face-to-face as we patrol on foot around the estate.

The key element to Operation Fragment is the partnership working. Representatives from the following agencies and groups meet monthly to monitor progress:

- West Northants Council
- Daventry Town Council
- YOS
- Fire (arson reduction)
- Housing (Futures / Bromford/ Southern)
- Community Safety Partnership (WNC)
- ASB officer (WNC)
- Community Development Team (WNC)
- Police (including local PCSOs)

Issues regularly discussed include Anti-social Behaviour, drug dealing, fly tipping and associated environmental issues, upcoming events in the communities and school inputs. Understandably, the police focus on all of the crime reports from the community, but we are often the eyes and ears who are out and about in the area the most. Therefore, we can report back to our partners on areas where they can come in and improve things.

Daventry Rural – North and West

PS Lewis JUDD oversees the wider rural areas, including Woodford Halse and Weedon, as well as the northern rural district covering Brixworth, Moulton, and the surrounding parishes. The team operates from both Daventry police station and our Brixworth office, ensuring a strong presence across the area. We are well-supported by the force's rural crime team, which has now expanded to six police officers and a police sergeant, who are dedicated to targeting the offences that have the greatest impact on our rural communities and farming sector.

Key Achievements and Initiatives:

- **Enhanced Patrols and Community Reassurance:**

  This year has seen an increase in reported crimes, particularly thefts of and from motor vehicles in Moulton, Overstone, and Boughton. Officers have been conducting high-visibility patrols in these areas to prevent offences and reassure the community that we are addressing their concerns. Numerous arrests have been made, and stolen vehicles have been recovered and returned to their owners. The vast majority of these offences are committed by offenders from surrounding counties and more metropolitan areas. Increased efforts are being made to liaise with these forces and adopt a joint approach to prevent further victimization. We encourage anyone with a keyless entry or high-powered vehicle to research simple theft prevention devices, such as faraday bags, which block the key's signal and make the car harder to steal.

- **Intelligence-Driven Actions:**

  Officers continue to act on intelligence provided by the community to disrupt offending and act where possible. Notable examples include a series of burglaries in Brixworth, resulting in the arrest of three suspects, one of whom has been sentenced to prison, while the other two are awaiting court appearances. We have also had success in disrupting organized crime groups active in the area. Successful drug warrants executed at Justin Park and Boughton resulted in the recovery and destruction of more than 500 cannabis plants and the remand of two individuals to prison.

- **Ongoing Crime Management:**

  Officers on the team continually manage a crime workload allocated from the response teams, who may not have the same amount of time to devote to investigations. We see many offences involving dogs being dangerously out of control and encourage dog owners to consider obedience training and using a lead when walking around other people due to the unpredictable actions of dogs.

- **Community Engagement:**

  Our community support officers are a key visible presence in the villages, keeping updated with the thoughts and feelings of the community. We strive to attend events that provide

opportunities to engage with the public and understand what matters most to them. The PCSOs also maintain close working relationships with schools, care homes, and colleges in the area, addressing safeguarding concerns and building lasting relationships from a young age. Please take the opportunity to speak with any member of the team if you see them, they will be more than happy to address and concerns you have or offer crime prevention advice. We will be continuing to utilize the Beat Bus and plan in police surgeries across the area throughout the year.

- **Road Safety:**

  Road safety remains a paramount priority for our team, with increased efforts dedicated to the detection of offences and the education of the public regarding road risks. Unfortunately, we have once again witnessed a number of fatal road traffic collisions across the district. A key contributing factor in most of these incidents has been one of the "Fatal Four" road traffic offences: speeding, driving under the influence of substances (alcohol or drugs), not wearing a seatbelt, and mobile device use.

  In collaboration with the force's Safer Roads Team, which is responsible for the mobile speed camera van, our enforcement officers are equipped with handheld speed detection devices. Additionally, we utilize the extensive Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) network to proactively stop uninsured vehicles and remove them from the road.

If you would like to be kept up to date with crimes and police activity taking place on the local area we would encourage you to sign up for our community messaging service - https://www.northamptonshiretalking.co.uk

Should you wish to discuss a particular issue that is of concern to you or meet a member of your Neighbourhood policing team then please contact us using our team inbox: NeighbourhoodTeamDaventry@northants.pnn.police.uk

PLEASE DO NOT REPORT CRIMES VIA THIS EMAIL ADDRESS

Reporting an issue or crime to the Police can be made in a number of ways.
This includes ringing 101 or online at Northans.police.uk
Northants Police's new website offers a reporting system for:

- A road traffic incident
- Missing person – no immediate harm
- Terrorist activity
- Fingerprints appointments – this could be asked for when travelling abroad
- Hate Crime/ Incidents

So that your report can be managed as quickly as possible, it's important to consider the following information and have it ready to provide:

- the date and time the crime happened
- the location, such as address or road name along with the town or village

- a description of any people involved
- the details of any witnesses or suspects
- if you think there's any other evidence such as forensic evidence or mobile phone footage
- if there is clear CCTV footage of the offence being committed

The above reporting tool can be reached via:
https://www.northants.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/

USEFUL LINKS

- Northamptonshire Police Website: http://www.northants.police.uk/
- Check if a vehicle is taxed or untaxed and report if necessary: https://www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-tax
- Useful link for all matters related to driving: http://think.direct.gov.uk/
- This link will provide you with useful information to help protect yourself from scams: https:// www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/check-if-something-might-be-a-scam/
- Trading Standards – Advice and help for consumers: West Northants Trading Standards Contact Crime Stoppers anonymously about crime: https://crimestoppers-uk.org/
- Fearless - a site where young people can access non-judgmental information and advice about crime: https://www.fearless.org/
- Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Watch: https://www.ourwatch.org.uk
- Report to West Northants Council - Fly tipping, dog fouling, Litter, noise pollution and other issues: West Northamptonshire Council
- West Northants Council Advice on boundary disputes with neighbours: https://www.ricsfirms.com/residential/legal-issues/boundaries/rics-consumer-guide-boundary-disputes/

Thank you from Daventry & Rural Neighbourhood Teams