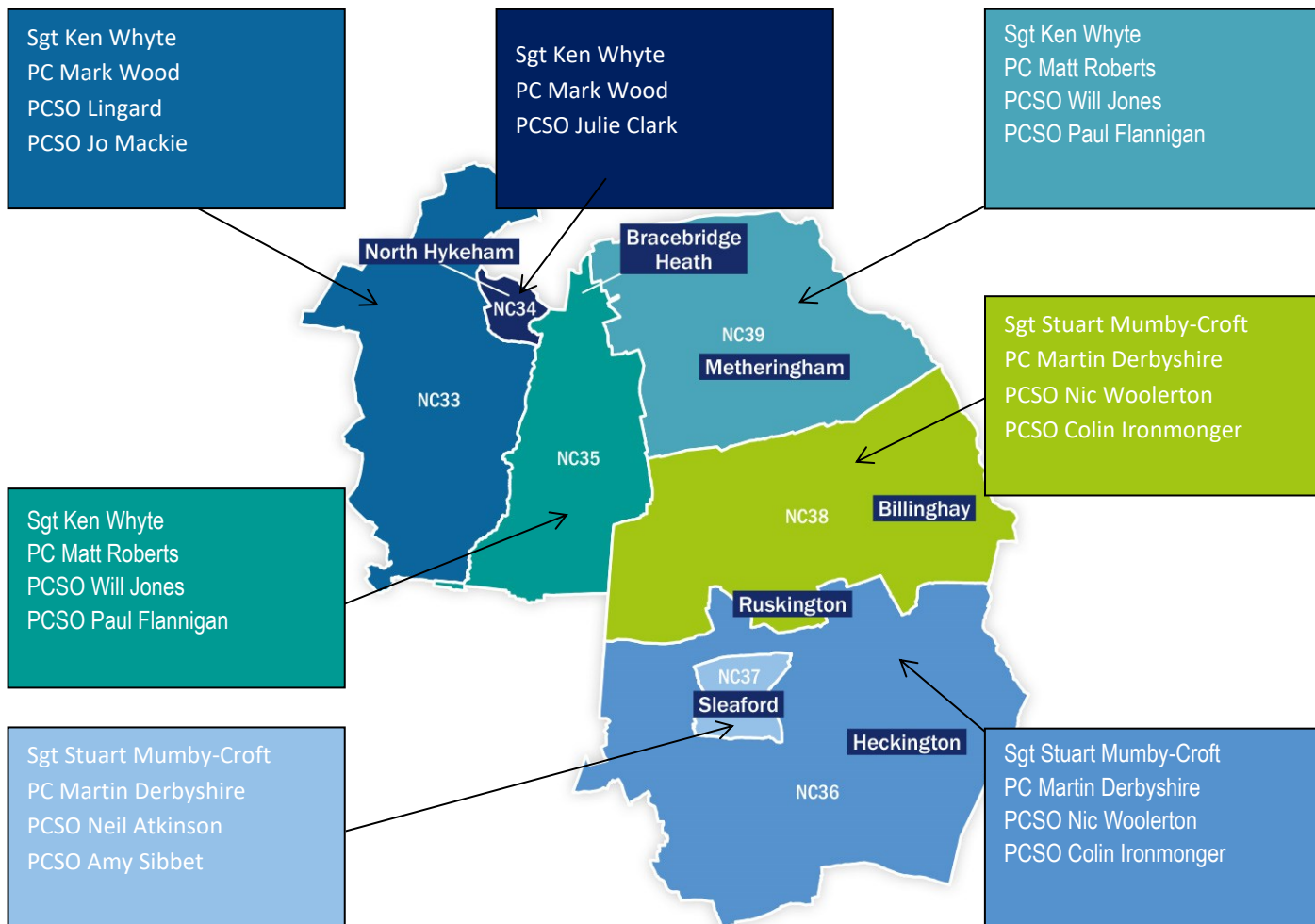


YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAMS



INTRODUCTION



Welcome to the July Edition of our Quarterly Briefing for North Kesteven.

As was alluded to in my last briefing many of you would have now had a letter regarding the dissolution of our neighbourhood panels and that we will no longer routinely attend at Parish Council meetings. However, I wish to reinforce our continued desire and commitment to work together with you all and encourage your continued communication with your local teams.

Looking at the demand on our services detailed on the graphics found on the following pages, we can see that during the past three months of this quarter, calls for service in relation to crime continue to account for less than a quarter of all calls made in North Kesteven at 23%. Once again, we have seen, especially when compared nationally, low levels of crime reported in our local area. Calls relating to Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) have slightly reduced since the previous quarter, with 15% of calls relating to ASB. We remain acutely aware however that ASB is a challenge we face locally as several months of lockdown restrictions continue to ease and our younger residents take advantage of recent warm weather to let off some of the pent up frustration they have felt at being confined to homes and small groups. We continue to work hard to try to minimise the impact of the small minority's poor behaviour in relation to this. The 31% of calls relating to incidents on our roads or to vulnerable members of the community reported as missing or for whom there are concerns for their welfare once again shows that there is a far greater demand on our officers time in relation to safeguarding our road users and vulnerable residents than there is in dealing with crime itself. The challenge is that these incidents where officers deal with the aftermath of traffic collisions or are required to care for and convey to hospital those suffering with mental health concerns are in themselves some of the most time consuming incidents we face, so while this represents 31% of all calls for service, the actual percentage of time dedicated to those types of incident will be significantly greater. We work hard to balance our resources, but those incidents where there is an identifiable threat of harm or to life must always take priority.

If you wish to view the crime statistics for your own area these are available at www.police.uk.

One key way of reducing the demand placed on resources at incidents such as road traffic collisions is to work hard to educate and prevent those accidents from happening at the outset. Reviewing our previous priorities outlined in the last Quarterly Briefing I am pleased to report on the positive progress made by the Sleaford Rural Team on their priority of speeding in rural villages. During the period they have been proactively targeting areas raised by the public and partners and sending a clear message to those drivers who may consider speeding acceptable. More importantly though, and something that will have positive implications moving forward has been their engagement and support of the Community Speed Watch (CSW) groups in their area. Part of this activity has also seen Ruskington recently sign up to CSW which is great news and is empowering for the community involved.

After the successes in the last quarter the team in Sleaford Town continue work to impact on illicit drug activity in the town. This is a work in progress as the team gathers the relevant intelligence to allow enforcement activity to take place. Much of our recent success has been as a result of community intelligence, so residents are encouraged to contact the team should they have relevant information. It can take time and great effort to piece together the threads of intelligence and information to bring this to a point where we can apply for warrants and seek enforcement. We are only too aware that residents reporting these issues can feel frustrated when swift action is not taken, but I can assure everyone in our communities that huge amounts of hard work and effort are being made in using the information and intelligence the public provide us to build an accurate picture and seek enforcement when we have all the facts and evidence ready to move forward.

The team continues to focus of Anti-Social Behaviour both in Hykeham and some of the surrounding villages. There is significant on-gong partnership working with our colleagues at NKDC surrounding this issue seeking a problem-solving approach to the ASB. A recent positive court outcome relating to some private land in Waddington is an example of this holistic approach. However, it is recognised that traditional policing methods and visibility still have a part to play in making our communities feel safe. Operation Reverse has been created to direct additional, dedicated police resources to specifically deal with ASB in the area. That extra resilience and activity can feed into our existing processes to deal with any identified prolific offenders.

The team covering Bracebridge Heath and Cliff Villages have focussed their efforts around awareness and prevention of scams and rogue traders. This potentially unseen crime can have a massive impact on the victims. The team have carried out joint working impact days with Trading Standards, targeting Rogue Traders. Visits to victims and potential victims has also taken place. Crime prevention and awareness information regarding all types of fraud have been regularly placed on Nextdoor and linked into this PCSO Julie had an engagement using our big multimedia van in Asda last month.

Julie's engagement at Asda was a positive success. This is one of a number of engagements that the teams have been able to hold since the gradual opening up of society. Other positive activities have included two bike marking events by the team at BBH and the Sleaford team were overwhelmed with the positivity surrounding their recent events in Sleaford and Heckington. More engagements are planned for the summer, look out for us at Heckington Show later this month too. Looking even further ahead, the team are working hard towards our World Café Event "Sleaford Speaks" in September. This should be an amazing experience where all areas of the community can come together to discuss and share their feelings regarding the issues that affect them and their communities. Look out for the specific World Café event which will be advertised by the Sleaford team very soon.

Looking to the future and the next three months, we will be focussing on our priorities which are listed on the following page below.

We will also be working with our partners, including North Kesteven District Council, shop and pub watch schemes and local businesses to continue to plan for a safe exit from lockdown with plans to remove restrictions likely to take place on 19 July. Throughout this period your local neighbourhood policing teams will be making themselves visible and working hard to ensure North Kesteven remains a safe and pleasant place to live and we encourage all residents to please contact us and tell us of any issues or concerns so that we can work together to address and resolve them as best we can.

I wish you all a very pleasant and safe summer.

Signature:	
Name:	INSPECTOR MARK HILLSON
Neighbourhood Inspector for [Area]:	NORTH KESTEVEN



OUR PRIORITIES

Our priorities for the next quarter are:

ASB problem solving – North Hykeham

ASB problem solving – BBH and Cliff Villages

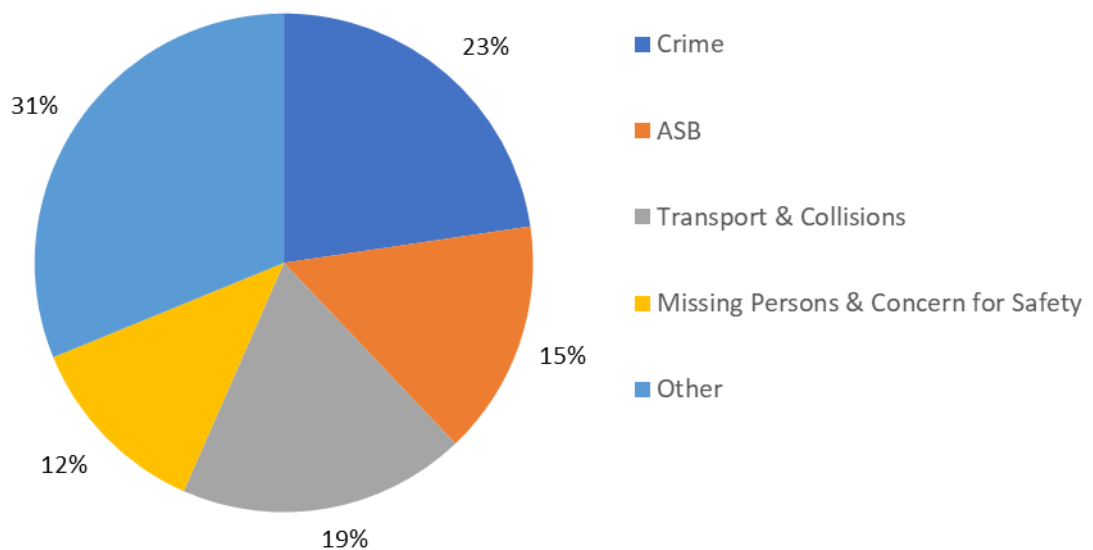
ASB problem solving – Sleaford Town

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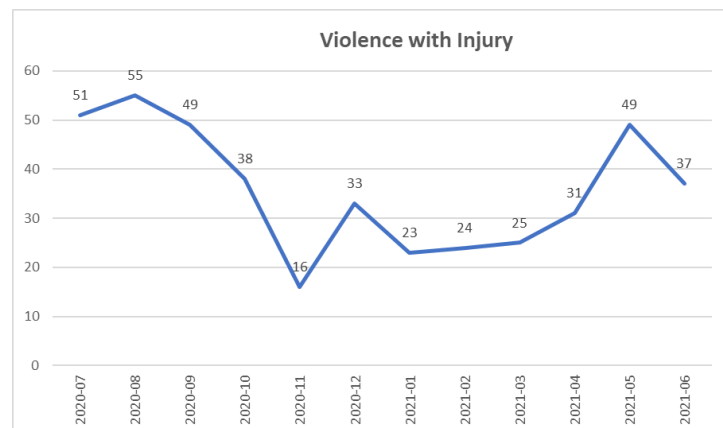
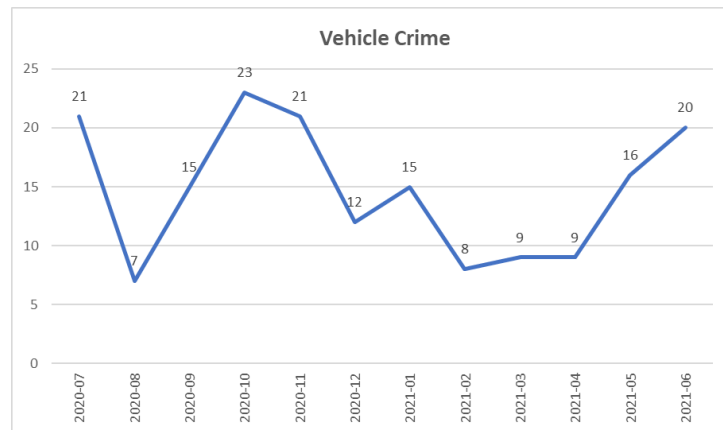
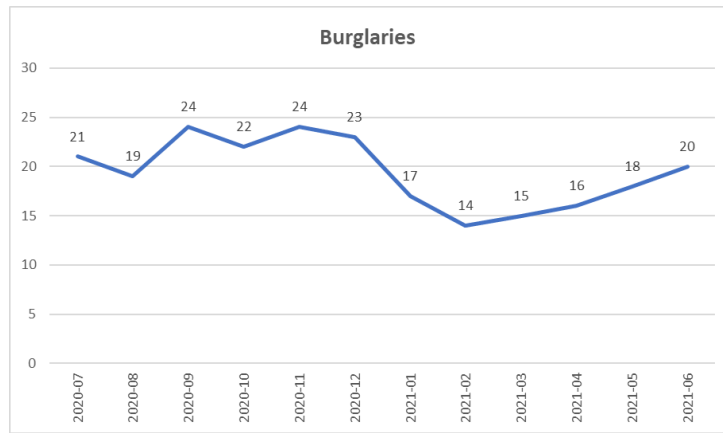
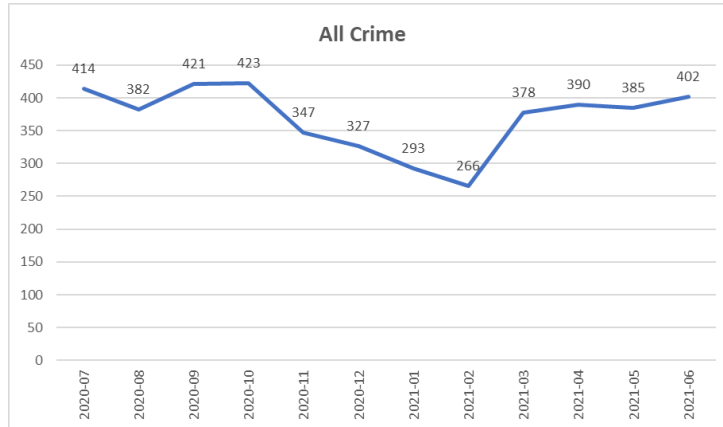
Speeding and road safety – Sleaford Rural

DEMAND ON OUR SERVICES

Calls for Service



CRIME



CONTACT US AND MORE INFORMATION

A range of information and resources are available including online crime recording at www.lincs.police.uk



Action Fraud has information about fraud and facilities for recording offences of fraud. www.actionfraud.police.uk



Crime and other incidents should be reported to Lincolnshire Police on **101**



Incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour (including noise nuisance and flytipping) can also be reported to North Kesteven District Council on **01529 414155**



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