

# Bracebridge Heath Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT)

## Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team



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## Quarterly NPT Priorities

Every three months your local NPT listens to your concerns and looks at recent crime statistics to shape the things we will concentrate on for the next three months. Our priorities for this quarter are;

### **1. Anti-Social Behaviour**

This is a priority for the NPT. General Response & Patrol Policing will routinely target all crime such as burglary, theft from motor vehicles and vehicle theft etc. Routine Response and Patrol Officers will deal with and challenge any ASB as they come across it or if it is reported to them. Please call 101 to report ASB or use 999 if it is happening real time. Reports of ASB will be investigated where possible by the Neighbourhood Policing Team Officers.

### **2. Traffic Offences**

Communities often report issues with speeding through villages, typically 30mph posted speed limits. Traffic Surveys typically show the speeding is not as prolific as it perceived to be, notwithstanding that there always a minority of drivers who excessively exceed the limit. This month focus will be paid to those who are found to be in excess of the posted speed limits. This responsibility will be shared with Response Policing and the Roads Policing Unit and Neighbourhood Policing.

During the month of October there has been an amount of traffic process (Speeding Tickets) conducted on our Beat Areas as follows with location shown indicated:

Leadenham – 35 speeding offences  
Branston – 2 speeding offences  
Waddington – 51 speeding offences  
Bracebridge Heath – 16 speeding offences

## Dwelling Burglary Prevention Advice

Last month we saw some dwelling burglaries in the areas of Bracebridge Heath, Leadenham, Wellingore, Waddington, Branston, Washingbourn and Metheringham. Several arrests have been made in connection with the burglaries at Navenby and Branston (separate offenders) and other suspects have been forensically identified in connection to other burglaries. Suspects have been arrested, interviewed & released under investigation whilst enquires and forensic submissions are completed.

Keep valuables out of view, car keys hidden, and doors and windows locked with approved BS locks. Many burglaries are sneak in opportunist thefts that occur whilst you are in. Consider a house alarm and be mindful about what you post on social media in relation to your movements. Doorbell cameras are an excellent deterrent and facilitate police to reviewing movement around properties that have been targeted by burglars. Do not leave your car keys visible in your house – most vehicles are now stolen with keys, often the sole target of a burglary. Keep car keys away from the letter box where they can be "fished" for with an implement similar to a fishing rod. This is what car thieves do.

## Vehicle Theft Prevention Advice

Vans and Land Rover Defenders have continued to be targeted for theft from driveways or roadside parking over this quarter. A number of work vans have been targeted for theft of tools which proves to be very expensive and disruptive to the victim. Where possible try and reverse vans up to a fixed object to prevent rear entry and if possible, block the van in. Products are available to enhance locks, dead locks down to simple high decibel PIR alarms should the factory alarm be electronically defeated. Consider an old-fashioned steering lock to deter a van thief and if finances allow, a tracker system.

## Connect with Lincolnshire Police on "Nextdoor"

Nextdoor is a free, social networking platform where residents can get in touch with their neighbours and local police officers to help keep their neighbourhood safe. Communities across the country have been using nextdoor for several years and over 80,000 people in Lincolnshire are already registered. No alongside updates from your local area, you can receive safety advice, urgent alerts, appeals and messages from Lincolnshire Police.

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(and enter your postcode)

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POLICE

101

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## **Christmas is Upon Us.....**

And with it comes an increase in crime. At home don't make your home a shop window. Don't leave presents or valuables in view, close curtains when it gets dark and lock windows and doors even when you are at home. Don't make your home attractive to burglars by leaving it in darkness. Use a timer switch, leave a lamp on or invest in a cost effective crime reduction product. If your car is iced over, do not leave it running whilst you are inside. It takes seconds to steal and will invalidate your car insurance leaving you with no claim to uphold. Do not keep large sums of money in your house. If it is unavoidable ensure it is locked in a safe. Mark your property. Register it on a property register such as the Immobilise UK National Property Register or for cycles try [www.bikeregister.com](http://www.bikeregister.com)

Keep your receipts, often insurance companies won't pay out without proof of purchase and proof of ownership.

### **Away from home.....**

If you are out for the night plan your return journey. Do not use unlicensed taxis, drink responsibly and be aware of your surroundings.

Always lock your vehicle and never leave anything on view such as Sat Navs, wallets, handbags, presents, cash etc. Christmas shopping is expensive – keep wallets, purses, phones in a secure pocket or bag, not your rear pocket vulnerable to pick pockets. Be mindful what you are posting on social media – don't publish your whereabouts or expensive presents that you have bought or received on Social Media. At the Cash Machine be aware of who is around you. Cover your key pad with one hand when entering your PIN and put cash away immediately. When back at home keep your wallet or handbag secure away from the doors to the address. Use faraday bags to place your car keys and bank cards into.

### **Fraud.....**

We know fraud can affect anyone at any time and whilst Christmas is a time for giving, please be careful of what you are giving and to whom.....

Cross the fraudsters off your Christmas card list and make sure they get nothing this year. Never assume that someone is who they say they are. This is relevant to all types of fraud. Check out the company or bank websites. Are you being asked for something those

sites state you will never be asked for such as PIN and card details or other information? Research sellers if buying a pet. Make sure you research who you are buying from and make sure they are a legitimate seller. Keep track of receipts and confirmation emails for online purchases. If you receive a message about your parcel and you are unsure, visit the site where you purchased the item and check your parcels status there.

Fraud and Scam specialist Officers from Lincolnshire Police delivered a well received presentation T Metheringham village Hall on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The talk revolved around how fraudsters will select their victims and the numerous methods that they will use. More information can be found at [www.lincs.police.uk](http://www.lincs.police.uk) For reporting fraud or attempts at fraud and cyber crime call 0300 123 2040 which is the Action Fraud Line. Always be aware that oncoming phone numbers and emails/websites can be cloned by the fraudster, a technique known as "Spoofing".

### **Special Constables in Lincolnshire Police**

Have you considered joining Lincolnshire Police as a Special Constable? You would be trained and operate with full time Police Officers in serving and protecting your community. It is both challenging and rewarding as well as a good foundation and route into a career as a full time Police Officer. Search on our website for information about joining Lincolnshire Police as a Special Constable at [www.lincs.police](http://www.lincs.police)

### **Want to know more?**

If you think there is an issue we should be focusing on, please get in touch at one of our public engagement Events contact us by email, or social media.

Crime statistics for your neighbourhood are available at: <https://www.police.uk/> Nextdoor is a great way of getting the latest relevant information for your area. Join at: <https://nextdoor.co.uk/find-neighborhood/>



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