



# Towcester Safer Community

## Team Update – Dec 2015/Jan 2016

**OP Lapland** - The festive period now seems many weeks ago and was a busy month for the team. We ran our seasonal Operation Lapland in Towcester town centre to prevent crimes such as shoplifting and alcohol related offences. You will hopefully have seen your local officers in the town whilst you have been driving through or catching up on shopping.

**Road Safety Operation** - On two dates we held road safety checks in Towcester town conducting voluntary breath tests on motorists. We were supported by local Special Constables and on the second date stopped over 150 vehicles in one morning. Nobody refused a breath test and it was good news that there were no arrests for drink driving. A number of tickets were given for use of mobile phones and not wearing seatbelts. Both these offences are the main reasons for road deaths and termed the "fatal 4", the other two being speeding and

drink/drive.

### **New service for victims of road trauma**

- The Police and Crime Commissioner has launched Voice: Road Harm, this is a new and extensive support service for victims of road-related trauma. The new resource will provide assistance to both victims of distressing road-related incidents and their families, in order to help them recover from both the physical and psychological impact of their experiences. Delivered by ASSIST Trauma Care, the service will see victims and their loved ones able to access support services including specialist face-to-face therapy by trained trauma care professionals and a telephone helpline providing emotional and practical support.

**Xmas Donations**- Donations were requested for Womens Aid in the run up to Christmas. Towcester Police station was a drop off point for any donations for men, women and

children who were accommodated in refuges. Essentials as well as toys and gifts were dropped off. A big thank to you all.

## **CRIME TRENDS**

**Towcester Town distraction thefts** - There have been no further reports of distraction thefts in the supermarkets' car parks, stealing purses and credit cards. We are not complacent about this, PCSO Harrison has been attending events to reach an older audience to warn them of this crime and how they can secure their personal property better and will continue work around fraud prevention over the coming months.

**Rural crime** - Brafield on the Green has suffered a series of generator crimes and sheep slaughter over the last 12 months. Further incidents in the last week in the Maidford area where there was an attempt theft of cattle grid gates and a stolen quad bike.

**Hotel car parks (Flore, Towcester, Grange Park)** - There have been a number of power tool thefts from vans in hotels in the Towcester and Daventry area. Officers across the district have focused their patrols in these areas. This has been one of our

main focuses due to the number we have had. These haven't strayed out of this location type yet but it is always best to secure property/vehicles.

**Crime Series** - There is often an increase in acquisitive crime around the festive period. A number of burglaries and theft from motor vehicles have been reported across the area in Towcester town and villages. Follow us on Twitter [@TowcesterSCT](https://twitter.com/TowcesterSCT) and get the latest on crimes as they are reported. Please report suspicious activity to help us track down criminals operating in our area. If you want to report information anonymously use Crimestoppers [www.crimestoppers.org.uk](http://www.crimestoppers.org.uk) to report online or call **0800 555 111**.

**Caravan Thefts** - We have now had caravan thefts from Cosgrove, Stoke Bruerne and Horton.

**Crimestoppers "Fearless Campaign"** - "Fearless" is a campaign aimed at the younger generation and run by crime stoppers. They have a website where young people can access non-judgmental information and advice about crime and criminality. What makes this site different is they provide a safe place to give information to about crime, 100% anonymously with 24/7 contact. They can report on **0800 555 111**.

This has been delivered into local secondary schools in the last year by local officers. But there is new training to continue this work. Please encourage any teens in your family to have a look at this. We want another generation of good citizens to continue the values set by our community groups.

### **ASB Priorities**

Whilst there have been incidents in some locations the main priority for us is Waitrose car park and the Rec area where we have seen an increase in issues with youths possibly smoking cannabis and associated ASB. If there is evidence at the time or any escalation we look to use ASB powers and dispersal on these areas to clamp down on this quickly. Again, please report issues to us so we can address them and deal with those responsible.

### **SCT Team Member Update**

My name is **PCSO Jen Harrison** and I have been a member of Towcester Safer Community Team since April 2007. Over this time I have been the team point of contact for a number of villages.



Currently I am the contact for, Bugbrooke, Kislingbury, Nether Heyford, Upper Heyford, Harpole, Rothersthorpe, Gayton, Milton Malsor, Pattishall, Fosters Booth, Dalscote, Eastcote, Astcote, Cornhill, Blisworth Arm, Litchborough, Cold Higham, Grimscote, Duncote, Potcote, Blakesley, Bradden, Maidford, Adstone, Slapton, Woodend and Foxley.

Over the past month I have continued a good working relationship Campion School and have met regularly with staff and have been on hand to give advice where appropriate and to talk with students about various issues.

I have also contacted primary schools within the above villages to arrange a programme of talks that include Stranger Awareness, Road Safety, Antisocial behavior and consequences and E-Safety.

I have attended several professional meetings in relation to a case that requires a multi-agency approach which has required a lot of police input over several months.

I work closely with my three PCSO colleagues on the team to contact people that have reported antisocial behaviour to gather further information and to complete house to house enquiries and visit victims across the villages of South Northants at times when burglary and vehicle crimes occur. I also attend reported incidents that can include antisocial behaviour, neighbour issues, mental health problems, and scams and also work closely with the Police Officers on the Safer Community Team and also the Response Officers who are often dealing with emergency incidents that involve people that I work with in the community.

I am one of the team that regularly tweets information that can be accessed by all members of the community and if you would like to see what the team are doing and what incidents have occurred in the area please follow us on Twitter [@TowcesterSCT](https://twitter.com/TowcesterSCT).

I am currently completing a course in my own time to gather a better understanding on mental health issues as this is an issue that myself and colleagues are dealing with on a regular basis.

### **Think you know your local PCSO?**

Who is this officer and what on earth could the reindeer have done!



**Monthly update provided by  
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