

BEAT TEAM VIEW

BY YOUR LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

NEWS

We hope all our readers had a lovely Christmas and a happy new year to all.

Neighbourhood Panel Meeting

The Panel meeting took place on the 13th January 2009.

A Neighbourhood Panel is where representatives of the community and the Local Neighbourhood Policing Team collect a range of community concerns.

The Panel considers these concerns and are then responsible for setting up to three local priorities for that area. The panel then work with others (the police, partner agencies and other community members) to address the local problems.

The panel can help to improve the quality of life for people who live, work and visit the area.

The panel decided that the priorities for the next 3 months would be:

- 1 – Speeding in the villages (remain a priority)
- 2 – Reduction of the Misuse of Controlled Substances in Villages
- 3 – Reduction of Dwelling Burglaries

The next panel date has been set for 7pm on Tuesday 21 April 2009 – location TBC.

This month's crime

We are continuing to see properties being burgled in the areas of Carlton Le Moorland, Norton Disney and Brant Broughton. At the moment it tends to be at weekends - early evening. See below for crime prevention tips.

Crime Prevention - Protect your Property from Burglaries

Reduce the risk of burglary happening to you by making sure you've taken these simple precautions:

- If your house is going to be left empty make sure all windows and doors are closed and locked and the burglar alarm is set.
- Use an invisible marking pen to code electrical goods such as TV's and DVD players. Mark the property with your house number and postcode. By doing this we're working to make it harder, riskier and less profitable for thieves to use or dispose of stolen goods.
- Lock away ladders or portable items that could be used to reach upper windows.
- If you are in the rear garden of your property it is essential you **still** lock your front door and garage. Burglar's are often opportunists and it can take only a few minutes for them to sneak in to your property and steal your purse, house and car keys.
- Fit dawn to dusk lighting, as illuminating a thief often deters them.
- Fit a burglar alarm. There are many alarms on the market, they range from the expensive, top of the range alarms which are professionally fitted, to cheaper alternatives that can be purchased from a DIY store. Ensure the systems meet British standard BS4737 (professionally fitted) and BS6707(DIY).
- Never leave a spare key in a convenient hiding place such as under a doormat or flowerpot.
- Never leave a garage or garden shed unlocked. Fit strong padlocks and make sure the doors are solid. Sheds and garages are usually full of expensive electrical equipment and need securing.

- A thorny hedge along the boundary can act as a good deterrent but ensure you can still see the property as you don't want to hide the thief.
- If you are going away for a length of time, ensure your milk and papers are cancelled, avoid leaving your curtains drawn and ask a trusted neighbour to check on your property a few times a week. Try and give the impression that someone is at home by using timers on your lights.

Please be extra vigilant and if possible use a house alarm and timer lights when appropriate. If anybody would like a Crime Prevention survey carried out please contact one of the beat team, they are provided free of charge! We can also security mark your belongings (bicycles, electrical equipment etc)

POLICE COMMUNITY PROJECTS

SID (Speed Indicator Device)

Over the past few months, Sid has been deployed in all villages at least twice. Watch your speed and make SID smile.

Drink Drive Competition – Shattered Dreams

During the months of November and December, the beat team ran the annual drink drive competition at Witham St Hughs, Bassingham and Brant Broughton primary schools. This entailed us going into the older children's lessons and talking to them about speeding and drink driving. The children were then asked to design a poster illustrating the dangers of speeding and drinking whilst under the influence of alcohol. We had a very good response of a high standard which made the judging even harder for Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership – Delphine Norton but the winners were announced and in a presentation ceremony received their prizes. Congratulations to 10-year-old Miriam Larocque from Bassingham Primary School who won first prize: a £100 worth of go-karting vouchers kindly donated by EFK Go-Karting on the A46. 10-year-old Darcey Dunne from Brant Broughton Primary School scooped second prize: a £50 gift voucher for Argos and finally to 10-year-old Emily Mills also from Brant Broughton Primary School who won third prize of a family ticket to Wheelgate Adventure Park donated by the park. Congratulations also to Witham St Hughs who came 4th and 5th. The winning posters were displayed across the area in post offices, public houses, shops and notice boards etc. The beat team would like to thank all of the people who made this initiative a success for the 3rd year running.

School Junior PCSO (Playground Council Support Officer) Challenge

The School Junior PCSO Challenge cup is underway. The three primary schools are competing throughout the year in various tasks to be crowned winners of the challenge trophy. The first task involved them organising and presenting an assembly on Bullying to the rest of the school. This including them directing their peers in role-plays and doing a powerpoint presentation. Each assembly was judged by Lincs Police Force Control Supervisor Helen Gilbert. Currently Bassingham are top of the league shortly followed by Brant Broughton and Witham St Hughs. Watch this space for the next challenge!

Youth Football/Netball Projects

We have various football/netball projects for both males and females about to start. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact PCSO Chris Boyle on the contact details below. Sessions are free of charge and transport provided. Please get in touch!

The Beat Team would like to congratulate Nathan Holland of Brant Broughton and Alex Atkins of Bassingham for their success in being scouted by Notts Forest and Boston Utd.

You can contact us via the following:

PC Matt Roberts – matthew.roberts@lincs.pnn.police.uk
PCSO Vicky Czajkowski – victoria.czajkowski@lincs.pnn.police.uk
PCSO Chris Boyle – christopher.boyle@lincs.pnn.police.uk

Or alternatively you can call direct through to us on this number:
07825100377, 07939312796 & 07825100378 – this is the mobile held by the beat team when they are on duty.

These numbers or emails SHOULD NOT BE used for reporting crimes or incidents, that need immediate action & you should always call (01522) 882222 for this purpose or 999 in an emergency.