

Stakeholder update

*Fortnightly update to stakeholders,
provided by the Rushcliffe Neighbourhood policing team*

Inspector's update – 20th May 2019

Welcome to the eighth Rushcliffe Stakeholder fortnightly update. My name is Craig Berry and I am the Police Inspector responsible for Rushcliffe Borough.

This fortnightly update aims to bring you information and news that is relevant to Rushcliffe residents and communities. There will be information and advice about crime and antisocial behaviour and updates including good news stories. We will report on Neighbourhood Policing activity, engagement opportunities and also work with our Community Safety Partners including Rushcliffe Borough Council. Please remember to sign up to our Facebook (West Bridgford Police and Rushcliffe South Police) Twitter @RushcliffeCops and Neighbourhood Alert for regular updates.

In terms of crime updates burglary and theft remain the focus and our challenge here on Rushcliffe Borough. In the last two weeks there have been eight reported residential burglaries including a burglary in Bingham on the 14th May from which a car was stolen. This vehicle was recovered after a police pursuit in Derbyshire and a sixteen year old was arrested and charged with a number of offences including the Bingham burglary.

I have said before that houses under renovation and housing developments are vulnerable to criminals and burglary and a number of large sites in Edwalton and Bingham have been targeted a number of times for plant machinery and other items of value. Individual houses under renovation in West Bridgford are often targeted for power tools left on site overnight. We try to identify these vulnerable sites as early possible so that we can visit and give crime prevention advice but we also use other tactics such as cameras to assist investigations.

On the 12th May there was an unsuccessful attempt to steal a JCB on a building site at Rempstone and two days later on 14th a JCB Tele handler was stolen at Redhill Marina. Theft of this type of machinery causes concerns because this is often a pre-cursor to some sort of burglary or ATM attack.

East Bridgford Garden Centre has been burgled twice overnight in April and again this month. The offender would have used a large vehicle to remove the garden items stolen. The Garden Centre are currently improving their security and we are carrying out more rural overnight patrols to identify suspects.

We expect West Bridgford to be busy in the next few weeks as the Cricket World Cup comes to town. The first of five matches at Trent Bridge start on Friday 31st May and ticket sales indicate that overseas tourists will make up over 40% of those visiting Trent Bridge Cricket Ground. We will be out on patrol around the ground but just give some thought to travel and personal safety as the whole will be very busy.



Inspector Craig Berry

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Team updates: West Bridgford



**Sergeant
Sarah Merrall**

Vehicle crime - There have been ten reported theft from motor vehicles in the last seven days (14th-21st May) in an around the West Bridgford area. On the 17th May two vans were attacked and power tools stolen from the Premier Inn car park, Nottingham Knight.

Separate to this there were two offences in which car registration plates were stolen from cars at Lingmell Close, Gamston and Cambridge Road, West Bridgford. Of interest on the 15th May a 16 year old male was arrested after a pursuit in a stolen car from Bingham and when arrested was found in possession of a number of stolen registration plates from cars in West Bridgford.

There has also been a further report of a purse being stolen from a shopper at Morrisons supermarket at Gamston. This is not the first offence of this type where the offender waits for the victim to return the trolley after completing their shopping before stealing a purse or handbag from inside the car. Police arrested and charged a Lance Collins, 33yrs, from Sneinton with a similar offence on 20th May.

The most common vehicle offence takes place overnight in which criminals walk or cycle the streets trying car door handles to find unlocked cars. In the last week there have been five of these offences in the greater West Bridgford area. Seldom is any damage caused to the car and often the victim does not even know the offence has occurred. As in this case on Boundary Road. Overnight Thursday 14th May the offender was wearing a hood and partial face covering and so evidential opportunities are limited. Please ensure you lock your car properly at night and don't leave any valuables or personal possessions on display.

Cycle theft - The Cycle marking event we held at Rushcliffe Arena with our partners at Rushcliffe Borough Council Community safety was well attended where we security coded bikes and registered them on the IMMOBILISE website. We don't want anyone to be a victim of Bike Theft and urge bike owners to secure their bikes with a quality lock, ideally a D Lock. We are still seeing an increase in bike thefts in West Bridgford with repeat locations at Rushcliffe Arena, Roko, Asda and Central Avenue. There is CCTV in situ at most of these locations and we are working identify the offenders caught on the CCTV so arrests can be made.

On Wednesday afternoon 22nd May we are assisting Rushcliffe Borough Council with the Nominated Neighbour Scheme and will be visiting residents at Walcote Drive to talk to them about the scheme and give crime prevention and safety advice around this and doorstep fraud.

Team updates: Rushcliffe South



**Sergeant
Steve Robinson**

The last fortnight on the South of Rushcliffe has seen extensive community engagements and a sad loss of life at a Road Traffic Collision.

A 35 year old cyclist from Cotgrave died after a collision with a car on 13th May at Radcliffe Road, Cropwell Butler. The driver of the car is a local resident. This is being investigated by the Crash Investigation Unit although at this stage there are no suggestions this is anything other than a tragic accident. Our thoughts are with the families.

The first on the scene was an off duty officer from West Bridgford who administered CPR. The road was closed for a number of hours which involved Response and Neighbourhood Teams from Rushcliffe Police and later assisted by Notts County Council Highways.

We have seen a number of firsts over the past fortnight. Bingham has had regular Beat Surgeries and Radcliffe has now entered the fray with PC Caroline Voce and PCSO Dave Wesson. This was replicated by PC Howard Shinn and PCSO Adam Loydall who held Keyworth's first Beat Surgery. A number of issues were raised and addressed at both. Future dates have been set and published on our social media site and at Keyworth library.

PC Shinn also carried out a Beat Walk at Keyworth with the local Housing Officer and PCSO Wesson had a meeting with Alan Howe of the Bingham and District Audio Magazine to discuss local issues. Not to be left out, PC Kelly Carlile carried out three school visits at Bunny, Brookside and Lantern Lane Primary schools.

Finally I just want to finish with some general fraud advice because every day I find that more Rushcliffe residents have fallen victim to various and often sophisticated fraud scams.

Fraud occurs by deception. Someone will often make contact claiming they are from a genuine organisation, usually from one that you use & generally create a sense of urgency to cloud your judgement.

Don't engage in conversations or respond directly to an email or text. Contact the organisation using a number you know to be genuine, like the number from a bill or off the back of your bank card & ensure the line is disconnected. If possible, call back from a different phone.

NEVER - Provide bank account information, send or receive money because of a cold call & never give away your bank cards or PIN's no matter how convinced or scared you might feel.

NEVER - Give away personal details online. Revealing your full name, date of birth & home address may lead to your identity being stolen.