

Nottinghamshire Police

Rushcliffe South Priority Setting Meeting

- **Chair:** John Crosby (Langar cum Barnstone PC)
- **Police Representatives:** PC Alfie Russell & PC Matthew Pooley
- **Minutes:** Bob Clarke (Orston NHW)
- **Venue:** The Grange, Radcliffe-on-Trent

Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 30th October 2025

Attendees; Anthony Gee (R.O.T. NHW), Andrew Shelton (Bingham TC), Pam Wregg and Alan Wilson (Cropwell Bishop PC), Rowan Bird (Bingham TC & RBC), Anne McLeod (R.O.T PC), Bev Bingham & Eileen Smith (Shelford PC), Francis Purdue-Horan (Bingham TC), Wayne Stapleton (Bingham TC), David & Karen Griffin (R.O.T. NHW),

Apologies: Julie Stephenson (Cotgrave)

Local crime levels and trends & recent police activity

PC Alfie Russel (AR) informed the delegates that the Neighbourhood Policing Team had been doing two shifts each during the summer in support of the Response Team. However, they were now back fully focused on issues on their usual beats.

"Hare coursing"

AR said that, locally, the only spike in criminal activity was "hare coursing". There had been daily reports, particularly around Bingham, Radcliffe-on-Trent and Stragglethorpe. Bev Bingham (Shelford) said "hare coursing" was an issue for them, and they also had problems with an individual driving a 4x4 vehicle across arable fields and damaging crops. Bev asked the police representatives how "hare coursing" should be reported. MP said that if in progress dial 999 and the response would then be prioritised. When asked if the Rural Team would respond AR confirmed there wasn't a specialist Rural Team, although some other forces did have these. However, the local police team do have 4x4 vehicles for these situations.

PC Matt Pooley (MP) said they were watchful "hare coursing" did not lead to other criminal activity such as theft of expensive farm machinery and GPS items. Those involved in "hare coursing" would have knowledge of farm access/exit points and may have broken locks on gates to return later to target expensive items.

Asked what measures the police were taking, MP said the police were working with manufacturers to encourage, for example, the fitting of "trackers" at source. He also said farmers are alert to the increased risk at this time of year.

AR and MP were asked about the circumstances of the cash machine theft in Cropwell Bishop in early October when stolen plant equipment had been used. They said that a stolen "telehandler" had been used to rip a cash machine from the Co-operative Food shop wall. The telehandler was abandoned at the scene and stolen cars had also been used. The cash machine had been located with a quantity of cash missing.

Drugs raid (Harvest Close, Bingham)

Andrew Shelton (Bingham) asked how the recent drugs raid on a property in Harvest Close had panned out. AR confirmed that the dealer had been convicted and jailed for 3 years 9 months. There was a short discussion as to who decided whether he could return to the same address on release. AR said that this was not a decision for the police.

CCTV – Bingham town centre

Wayne Stapleton (Bingham) asked AR for a police perspective on the effectiveness of the relatively new CCTV in Bingham town centre. For example, had it led to any arrests? AR said that the CCTV was very much a deterrent to crime and therefore its effectiveness was difficult to measure. Since the CCTV was installed there have not been any major incidents so from that standpoint they are doing a job. AR went on to say that CCTV had helped track the culprits who had recently broken into commercial premises to steal cash. AR added that “Ring” video doorbells were now widespread and being used more and more for crime detection.

Radcliffe-on-Trent

Anne McLeod (R.O.T.) was pleased to say that there was ‘not much going on’ at the moment. AR agreed. He said recent incidents mainly involved neighbour and domestic disputes and some isolated instances of criminal damage. However, it was expected that crime levels are likely to increase towards Christmas due to shop thefts.

Anti-social Behaviour

Julie Stephenson (Cotgrave) could not attend the meeting but had emailed Bob Clarke with the following details of ASB in the village. “Lots of minor damage caused with youths kicking doors on houses and cars, including those of vulnerable residents. Also, electric bikes without lights, riders doing wheelies on the main roads and without wearing any protection. These bikes have been “chipped” and can do high speeds and are ridden across the shopping centre scaring residents.”

MP said he was aware of these ASB issues but that very few incidents had been reported. He said it was important that residents should formally report ASB. In respect of the “chipped” electric bikes he said that it was not practical to chase the bikes, and there was reluctance from the police, in case a rider was seriously injured. AR said the team had had success when in plain clothes and the bikes stationary.

Speeding & Traffic lights on A52 (Radcliffe-on-Trent)

David Griffin said he was concerned at instances of speeding on the A52 through R.O.T. He said it would be useful to have a police car with speed camera occasionally stationed at Hillside Road. David asked if the speed cameras on that stretch were active and AR confirmed they were.

David said he was also concerned for drivers’ safety at the traffic lights as there were regular incidents of drivers turning before the filter arrow was showing. He said he had taken this up with the appropriate authorities but without resolution.

Out of control dogs (Bingham)

Rowan Bird asked what action had been taken regarding two black out of control dogs. AR said the police had witnessed them off-lead. The owner has been issued with a Community Protection Notice. If he is caught again it will go straight to court.

Actions/priorities for next three months

On the basis of these discussions the following Group priorities for the next 3 months were proposed and agreed:

1. Anti-social Behaviour
2. Acquisitive crime (generic term which includes shoplifting, burglary, robbery, larceny and fraud)
3. Rural crime

Any Other Business

The Home Office's Places of Worship Protective Security Scheme – John Crosby asked for details to be circulated with the minutes. (N.B. the application portal will close on 8th December.)

"Inspector's Blog" – David Griffin raised a concern that this seemed to focus mainly on West Bridgeford.

Date/venue of next meeting

Thursday 5th February 2026. Venue: Langar cum Barnstone Community Hall, Main Road, Barnstone, Nottinghamshire, NG13 9JP