

Nottinghamshire Police

Rushcliffe South Priority Setting Meeting

- **Chairman: John Crosby (Langar cum Barnstone PC)**
- **Police Representatives: PC Alfie Russell & PCSO Jane Barker**
- **Minutes: Bob Clarke (Orston NHW)**
- **Venue: The Old Court House, Bingham**

Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 24th July 2025

Attendees; Anthony Gee (R.O.T. NHW), Andrew Shelton (Bingham TC), Jacqui Turrell (Flintham PC), Pam Wregg and Alan Wilson (Cropwell Bishop PC), Rowan Bird (Bingham TC & RBC), Anne McLeod (R.O.T PC), Winifred Pell (Staunton Group NHW)

Apologies: Wayne Stapleton (Bingham TC), David & Karen Griffin (R.O.T. NHW), Julie Stephenson (Cotgrave), Francis Purdue-Horan (Bingham)

Local crime levels and trends

The chairman asked delegates to briefly report to the meeting any specific issues affecting their localities.

- Bob Clarke (Orston) – Increase in text and telephone scams
- Pam Wregg & Alan Wilson (Cropwell Bishop) – Anti-social behaviour
- Andrew Shelton (Bingham) – Parked vehicles causing obstructions
- Anne McLeod (R.O.T.) – ASB and Vandalism

Recent police activity

Domestic violence

PC Alfie Russell (AR) stated that the highest number of recorded crimes was related to domestic violence. These incidents were the province of the Emergency Response team; however, the Neighbourhood Police team were now providing support. PCSO Jane Barker (JB) added that neighbourhood disputes present a hefty police workload as they “go on and on”.

Car thefts

AR said there had been a number of “car key” burglaries targeting high value/performance vehicles such as BMWs and Audis. Thieves travel in convoy so CCTV and APNR cameras are used to identify the vehicles involved and AR said that there had been arrests and suspects charged.

AR was asked how we might best protect against these thefts. He said that the vehicles stolen were on driveways not the road allowing cloning of signals from keys left unprotected in the home. Keys should be kept in Faraday pouches or boxes to mask the signal. Although relatively expensive, an immobiliser was an option. Also JB said that the old fashioned steering wheel locks were still an excellent deterrent. She added that the police follow up these incidents with tailored police letters to

neighbouring houses requesting any CCTV footage and also giving advice on protection from theft and criminal damage.

Shop thefts

AR said that shop thefts were still a concern, mainly in West Bridgeford. He explained that the police recommend shops issue "banning notices" to offenders. If a person steals that is theft, if a person steals as a trespasser that is burglary. However, the law states that in order for an offender to be convicted of burglary he must know at the time of entering that he was in fact a trespasser. By issuing a 'banning notice' to a shoplifter, you are legally informing them that if they enter your premises again they are trespassing and if they shoplift again, they will be charged with the more serious offence of burglary.

There have also been ten reported incidents of burglaries at commercial premises in Radcliffe and Bingham. These involved cash left on the premises overnight being stolen. A person has been arrested.

Anti-social behaviour

Anne McLeod said there had been two fires causing damage at the recreation ground. AR said that the five youths responsible had been dealt with by giving them community work.

Alan Wilson and Pam Wregg (Cropwell Bishop) explained the ASB problems the village was experiencing caused by one particular individual.

AR explained that for under eighteens Civil Orders were preferred as there is a reluctance to put young offenders into the criminal justice system. The approach is to engage with them and educate and trust they will age out of anti-social behaviour.

Speeding

AR said that incidents of illegal street racing and antisocial driving were being tackled under Operation Wheelspin. This is part of a coordinated county-wide response to car cruising, which can involve drivers meeting to race at high speeds, performing reckless stunts, and other antisocial behaviour. Hotspots for unlicensed car meets, which cause road safety, antisocial behaviour, and noise concerns, are being patrolled. Police action can include seizing vehicles if the behaviour continues.

Travellers

Anne McLeod (R.O.T.) raised concerns about travellers entering council land and how to protect against this. AR said the police were not aware of any travellers in Rushcliffe currently. He went on to say that the police would use Section 61 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act to direct those in an unauthorised encampment to leave the land by a certain date and time. AR said the police take vehicle details and if the same travellers were identified illegally occupying another site would issue another Section 61 notice, and so on.

Scams

Bob Clarke (Orston NHW) mentioned the alarming increase in the number and sophistication of text and telephone scams.

JB said that 'call blocking' services can help tackle unwanted calls by preventing selected numbers from getting through. She said she had given talks to vulnerable groups on the subject and would be

happy to visit such groups in our localities. She added that she had some useful hard copy handouts and it was agreed she would pass copies to Bob Clarke to scan and distribute to delegates.

Police resourcing

John Crosby (Langar cum Barnstone PC) asked if the Neighbourhood Police Team was now fully resourced as the usual beat surgeries had been difficult to arrange. AR said the team were stretched at the moment.

Anne McLeod said the team had been very supportive to ROT Parish Council and thanked them for this.

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. Shop theft
2. Vehicle theft
3. Anti-social behaviour

Any Other Business

Bob Clarke said that Julie Stephenson (Cotgrave) had written asking if the meeting could be switched to another weekday evening. After discussion it was agreed that Thursday was best suited to the majority of delegates.

Date/venue of next meeting

Thursday 30th October 2025. Venue: The Grange, Vicarage Lane, Radcliffe-on-Trent, NG12 2FB (TBC)