

Nottinghamshire Police

Rushcliffe South Priority Setting Meeting

- **Chair: John Crosby (Langar cum Barnstone PC)**
- **Police Representatives: PC Caroline Voce & PC Alfie Russell**
- **Minutes: Bob Clarke (Orston NHW)**
- **Venue: The Old Courthouse, Bingham**

Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 16th April 2026

Attendees; Anthony Gee (R.O.T. NHW), Andrew Shelton (Bingham TC), Alan Wilson & Pam Wregg (Cropwell Bishop PC), Barry Chadwick (Granby cum Sutton), Wayne Stapleton (Bingham TC), Tina Combellack (Cllr RBC), Neil Clarke (Leader RBC), Sue Clegg (R.O.T PC), Bev Bingham (Shelford PC), Jacqui Turrell (Flintham PC), Francis Purdue-Horan (Bingham TC)

Apologies: Marion Blake (Newton), David Griffin (R.O.T.), Julie Stephenson (Cotgrave), David Cartledge (Flintham), Anne McLeod (R.O.T PC)

1. Local crime levels and trends & recent police activity

a. Speeding

Speeding is a concern raised by a number of delegates, e.g. on Nottingham Road, Cropwell Bishop. PC Caroline Voce (CV) said that she and PC Alfie Russell (AR) had a speed check operation planned for 17th April, in various locations, using a hand held speed gun. AR explained that the gun was more appropriate in certain locations because the speed van could only be used with safe off-road parking and with a minimum stretch of clear road.

CV added that if they had any 'down-time', i.e. when not being on call supporting the 'response' team or involved in other urgent and immediate issues, they would target speeding.

b. Anti-social Behaviour

Anti-Social Behaviour was highlighted as a problem by a number of delegates including Bingham, Cotgrave and Radcliffe. Julie Stephenson, in her absence, had asked Bob Clarke to raise on her behalf the following ASB issues in Cotgrave. "The Cotgrave Community Gardens have been damaged again and there were often groups of young people wandering around at late evening when you expect them to be home (after 9.30pm) and in school time". PC Matt Pooley was not at the meeting to give an update on the situation.

The use of aerosols in Cotgrave, The Grange and Rockley Memorial Park in Radcliffe, and other locations is also a problem. Sue Clegg said that although the cost of cleaning up these

mindless individual incidents of graffiti was minor, it was the number that was the real concern.

CV explained that ASB inevitably increased with the lighter evenings and better weather. She said that they would be increasing 'plain clothes' patrols in Bingham where shopkeepers were being harassed with e.g. banging on windows and racial slurs. Also, CV added the police were working closely with teachers and pupils at Toothill School to educate and create peer pressure among pupils for good behaviour.

CV mentioned ongoing ASB issues concerning a dog owner in Bingham that had been discussed at our previous meetings. CV explained that good relationships between the police and housing associations were essential in building evidence against offenders in order to issue warrants and convictions. CV said that Metropolitan Housing Association was particularly supportive.

c. Hare coursing

CV said the hare coursing season was now coming to an end. The police encourage farmers to ring in suspected incidents. However, it is essential exact locations are identified, preferably using 'what3words'.

d. Off road bikes and electric bikes

Bob Clarke (Orston) said he had reported, via '101', three riders on electric bikes using bridle paths and footpaths. He said there had also been reports of three riders wearing masks acting suspiciously.

CV confirmed that there were three known male juveniles, all masked up, using stolen bikes. They were regularly processed by the police but because under18 they were bailed and continued their criminal activities. AR said that as the 'ring leader' would soon be 18 they would have more powers to deal with him and hopefully this would be a 'game-changer' allowing for tougher legal action.

e. Caravan thefts

Barry Chadwick (Granby cum Sutton) described a recent attempt to steal a caravan. This was unsuccessful and caught on CCTV. AR explained that even stealing parts was lucrative. These could be used to make a stolen caravan look legitimate, e.g. replacing windows with coded stolen ones.

f. Travellers site, Radcliffe

On behalf of David Griffin (ROT NHW), Bob Clarke asked what was being done to charge those responsible for the damage to the embankment and theft of aggregate from the site.

Neil Clarke explained that writs had been issued but those travellers had moved and were yet to be traced. The travellers own the land they occupy but not the embankment. He said it

would cost a vast amount to repair the embankment which is now unstable. It would require substantial engineering work.

Neil also said there were problems with travellers at Newton. They occupy a wide grass verge and waste from their commercial activities is being dumped there. The travellers are very aggressive towards council officers who are looking at options to move them off the site.

g. Rushcliffe Farm Watch

Tina Combellack said that theft of expensive agricultural machinery and equipment was an issue. CV confirmed that John Deere Gators had been reported stolen recently.

Tina asked that we encourage farmers to join Rushcliffe Farm Watch and to use Rushcliffe Farm Watch WhatsApp number 07970 607409 to share information on rural criminality when reporting incidents to the police. The contact at RFW is Jo McQuat.

The police representatives were asked if information was shared cross-border. AR said that information was shared between Derby, Lincolnshire and Leicester forces. An Intelligence Officer is based at Cotgrave and pulls in this information which is statistically analysed and the output used to determine police priorities.

2. Reporting crime

CV again emphasised the importance of reporting incidents to the police. People are very vocal on Facebook but that doesn't help the police build a picture of types of criminal activity, numbers and trends. The more we report the more likely we will see the local team on our patch rather than supporting 'response'.

3. "No uninvited callers" window stickers

John Crosby made delegates aware of the availability of these stickers designed to deter door-step sales. You can request these via the Nottingham County Council web site.

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. Speeding

Date/venue of next meeting

Thursday 25th June 2026. Venue: The Grange, Vicarage Lane, Radcliffe on Trent, Nottingham NG12 2FB (TBC)