

Nottinghamshire Police

Rushcliffe South Priority Setting Meeting

- **Chair: John Crosby (Langar cum Barnstone PC)**
- **Police Representatives: Sgt David Hodson, PC Alfie Russell & PC Matthew Pooley**
- **Minutes: Bob Clarke (Orston NHW)**
- **Venue: Langar cum Barnstone Community Hall**

Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 5th February 2026

Attendees; Anthony Gee (R.O.T. NHW), Andrew Shelton (Bingham TC), Pam Wregg (Cropwell Bishop PC), Anne McLeod (R.O.T PC), Wayne Stapleton (Bingham TC), Deb Pennington (Flintham PC), David Cartledge (Flintham), Neil Clarke (Leader RBC & Cllr R.O.T) and Sue Clegg (R.O.T PC)

Apologies: Bev Bingham (Shelford PC), Rowan Bird (Bingham TC & RBC), Alan Wilson (Cropwell Bishop PC), Jacqui Turrell (Flintham PC), Francis Purdue-Horan (Bingham TC) and Marion Blake (Newton).

Local crime levels and trends & recent police activity

PC Alfie Russell (AR) reported that the level of “acquisitive crime”* in the run up to Christmas was less than expected. It is possible this was partly due to police cars patrolling the district for drink driving which acted as deterrent for other crimes.

However, this has changed in the last few weeks with burglaries in Shelford, Shelton and East Bridgford and vehicle and bike thefts. Two arrests have been made following the burglaries. The burglaries appear to have been targeted, not random and the stolen vehicles were older models and did not involve car key theft.

*(*Acquisitive Crime (shoplifting, burglary, robbery, larceny, fraud)*

Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) and Car Racing Meets

The police representatives were asked if the ASB relating to car racing meets at Saxondale was still an issue. PC Matthew Pooley (MP) confirmed that Operation Wheelspin was successful and had reduced the amount of incidents. Lots of tickets were issued regarding ‘driving without due care’. However, they do sometimes still come to the area but far less often. MP said he would not like to say that the issue has gone completely. He added that operations like this were costly in terms of manpower in view of the number of police vehicles involved

Other incidents of ASB included a female drug addict in Bingham housing undesirables linked to burglaries in the area. She is subject to an eviction order. The police were asked about the current situation regarding the out of control dogs in Bingham mentioned at the

previous PS Meeting. AR said that the owner was abiding by the Community Protection Notice and no one has been hurt. However, the owner has been abusive to other dog walkers.

Police notification of incidents to interested parties

Anne McLeod (R.O.T PC) raised concerns about a recent incident in Memorial Park involving a stolen van causing damage while fleeing police. She noted no official police communication was received, and information had to be gathered via CCTV.

AR acknowledged the issue and said police will notify relevant parties where possible, but difficulties arise when incidents involve officers from outside the local area.

C.C.T.V Bingham town centre

Wayne Stapleton (Bingham TC) asked the police their view as to the effectiveness of the cameras. AR said that C.C.T.V footage was being used to identify the culprits following break-ins at a florist shop. It was also useful in trying to trace missing persons.

Neil Clarke (Leader RBC & Cllr R.O.T) mentioned incidents of ASB in Eaton Place, Bingham and the concerns of business owners there. Neil asked for an increased police presence as the shop owners felt threatened.

Preferred methods of reporting crime

Neil Clarke emphasised the importance of reporting incidents to help build accurate crime trends and influence police resource allocation.

Sgt David Hodson (DH) outlined preferred reporting methods:

- a. **Call 999** if:
 - a serious offence is in progress or has just been committed
 - someone is in immediate danger or harm
 - property is in danger of being damaged
 - a serious disruption to the public is likely
- b. Non-emergencies – **Call 101, or**
- c. Non-emergencies – Use **on-line** police reporting service, or
- d. Non-emergencies – Use **live chat service** accessed through Nottinghamshire Police official website

DH explained that both 999 and 101 calls were triaged whereas on-line reporting was historic and not seen until the following day.

DH said that the chat line was manned from 7 am to 10pm (7 days) by real people. One advantage was that Neighbourhood Officers may act immediately if they see the chat.

DH is to send to Bob Clarke a PDF sheet giving details of how to report crime for distribution.

Hare coursing and loose dogs

Bev Bingham (Shelford PC) raised concerns about hare coursing in Shelford. She asked that this was brought to the attention of delegates to ensure everyone is on the lookout and primed to report any sightings.

Bev also said that she had seen a man walking his three Lurchers which were not on leads. They took off chasing three deer. What, if any, are the rules for this?

DH advised:

- The Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 likely does not apply.
- Unless intentional hunting can be proven, establishing an offence is difficult.
- Bev should pass the individual's name to police.

Speeding

Bev Bingham (Shelford) reported that there had been discussions regarding traffic speeding through the village. Monitoring strips had been put in place by VIA and have highlighted peak times when speeding occurs. Bev is requesting that the mobile speed detector van visit Shelford at peak times.

AR said he would call Bev to discuss.

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

Date/venue of next meeting

Thursday 16th April 2026. Venue: The Old Courthouse, Church Street, Bingham, NG13 8AL