

Nottinghamshire Police

Rushcliffe South Priority Setting Meeting

- **Chair:** John Crosby (Langar cum Barnstone PC)
- **Police Representatives:** PC Caroline Voce & PCSO Sampson
- **Minutes:** Bob Clarke (Orston NHW)
- **Venue:** The Grange, Radcliffe-on-Trent

Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 25th June 2026

Attendees; Anthony Gee (R.O.T. NHW), Andrew Shelton (Bingham TC), Alan Wilson & Pam Wregg (Cropwell Bishop PC), Barry Chadwick (Granby cum Sutton), Sue Clegg (R.O.T PC), Bev Bingham (Shelford PC), Jacqui Turrell & Deb Pennington (Flintham PC), Francis Purdue-Horan (Bingham TC), Anne McLeod (R.O.T PC)

Apologies: Marion Blake (Newton), David Griffin & Karen Griffin (R.O.T.), Julie Stephenson (Cotgrave), Wayne Stapleton (Bingham TC), Marion Blake (Newton)

1. Local crime levels and trends & recent police activity

The Chair asked delegates to give a brief statement as to the main crime issues affecting their locality. It was clear that Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) was the major issue followed by burglary and speeding.

Anti-social Behaviour

PC Caroline Voce (CV) confirmed that ASB was a growing concern across the area.

Bob Clarke (on behalf of Julie Stephenson (Cotgrave)) said that Cotgrave still had problems with electric scooters and bikes racing around at speed in the shopping centre plus other ASB issues including drug dealing..

Sue Clegg (Radcliffe on Trent - ROT) noted that younger councillors are advocating for increased CCTV coverage. She questioned its cost-effectiveness given that offenders frequently wear balaclavas. CV clarified that additional CCTV remains valuable, as offenders are often captured on surrounding cameras after discarding their face coverings.

CV highlighted that the relatively small Neighbourhood Policing Team faces difficulties managing groups of ASB offenders, who often escalate their behaviour to film interactions for their social media audience.

Anne McLeod (R.O.T PC) suggested a group of volunteers taking dogs for a walk in localities experiencing ASB might be effective. PCSO Sampson said that visible neighbourhood policing can be effective as a deterrent for low-level crime and vandalism.

Volunteers act as the “eyes and ears” of the community logging and reporting ASB hotspots to the police. The effectiveness relies heavily on constant volunteer turnout and ongoing support from the local police team. Anyone wishing to set up a formal “Streetwatch scheme” can contact the dedicated team by emailing streetwatch@notts.police.uk.

She added that it is always very important to report anything suspicious with supporting information such as CCTV images, car descriptions and registration numbers.

Vehicle thefts / burglaries

CV said that there had been an increase in motor vehicle thefts, particularly motorbikes, plus more burglaries. Motor vehicles have been recovered. A number of the motorbikes recovered were hidden in old disused domestic garages not attached to houses.

Arrests have been made but many of the offenders are youngsters and having been put before the courts and released they continue the cycle of criminality. To combat this CV said that the local team continue to be involved with intervention work which includes working with schools.

Francis Purdue-Horan (Bingham TC) asked the police representatives what preventative measures we should take to protect our motor vehicles. CV mentioned a number of deterrents such as steering locks, hiding car keys, use of Faraday pouches, and making sure vehicles were locked and secure.

Speeding

Speeding as an issue was raised by Barry Chadwick (Granby NHW). This led to a discussion on the possibility of requesting deployment of the police van.

CV confirmed you can request deployment of a mobile station or police van. There are certain health and safety requirements regarding positioning of the van or station so it can be parked/positioned safely.

John Crosby mentioned that they have a voluntary “Speedwatch” in Barnstone and he would be happy to discuss this with Barry Chadwick. CV also said that Aslockton, Whatton and Cropwell Bishop also operate “Speedwatch”

Police resourcing

CV said that the last quarter has raised many challenges for a small police team and they were particularly stretched at the moment. A marked increase in calls for support in all areas to ensure acceptable response times, plus attending to regular local duties, had created a very heavy workload. Notably, PCSOs are dedicating significant administrative hours to back-office tasks, door-to-door enquiries, and reviewing CCTV footage.

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 1st October 2026.

Venue: Langar cum Barnstone Community Hall, Main Road, Barnstone, Notts, NG13 9JP