

Stakeholder update

*Fortnightly update to stakeholders,
provided by the Rushcliffe Neighbourhood policing team*

Inspector's update – 25th February 2019

Welcome to the second Rushcliffe Stakeholder fortnightly update. By way of introduction I am Craig Berry and I am the police officer responsible for the policing of Rushcliffe Borough.

In the coming weeks we will update you with crime and antisocial behaviour trends, as well as pointing you in the right direction with some crime prevention advice. Please remember to sign up to Facebook, Twitter and Neighbourhood Alert for regular updates on incidents and appeals.

Firstly some good news, three criminals were convicted last week of theft of purses and bank cards from victims in West Bridgford Town Centre and other locations. The group targeted elderly victims on Central Avenue and posing as charity collectors they distracted the victims before committing theft. They later used the stolen bank cards to obtain cash from the victims' bank accounts. Moinceanu, Ion and Iancu were sentenced to 54 weeks imprisonment.

More current is the arrest and charge of three men who are due to appear in court charged in connection with a robbery in West Bridgford. Michael Russell, Lloyd Russell and Jason Russell are charged with robbery and have been remanded to appear at Nottingham Magistrates' court. The charges relate to a robbery at a house in Lady Bay during the early hours of Monday 11th February. This is a serious but thankfully relatively rare incident of violence in Rushcliffe and thanks to the quick response of police officers the suspects were located and arrested close to the scene of the incident. The same three men have been released under investigation in connection with two other robberies which happened on Sunday 10th February - in Abbey Street, Dunkirk, and in Nottingham's Castle Marina Retail Park.

Last week on 17th February an elderly man was the victim of a distraction burglary in West Bridgford. The offenders posed as builders and demanded payment of an outstanding bill. They then stole a substantial amount of cash whilst inside the victim's home. There is advice on how to prevent this type of crime offered on the next page.

There has been a positive development around our car crime investigation in Ruddington. A suspect for these crimes was arrested on 22nd February and later put before the Magistrates court for various offences including Fail-to-appear and criminal damage. Whilst the investigation into a burglary and a number of car crime offences continues, I am pleased that this work appears to have had a positive impact and there has been no more vehicle crime in Ruddington in the last ten days.



Inspector Craig Berry

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Team updates: West Bridgford



**Sergeant
Sarah Merrall**

Dealing with unexpected callers at your door

A distraction burglary is where a criminal calls at your home posing as an official or asks for your help with something. They can make up a story to get in to your home. Never let someone into your house because you don't want to seem rude or unsympathetic.

Follow the advice on this page to help prevent you becoming a victim of distraction burglary.

- **LOCK** - Keep your front and back doors locked even when you are at home.
- **STOP** - Before you answer, stop and think whether you are expecting anyone. Check that you have locked the back door and taken the key out. Look through a spy hole or window to see who the caller is.
- **CHAIN** - If you decide to open the door, put the chain or door bar on first, if you have one. Keep the chain or bar on while you are talking to the caller. With PVC doors, it can be difficult and costly to fit a door chain, consider fitting a Secure Ring instead.

Bogus callers

- You should never agree to have any work done by someone who is just passing by.
- Ensure your back door is locked if you are answering the front door to someone you don't know.
- Watch out for anyone who says they're in a hurry or it's an emergency. Don't let them pressure you. If in doubt, call a neighbour or friend or the police.
- If you think a bogus caller has been to your home, [call the police immediately on 999](#)

In terms of other local updates, we are continuing to police reports of anti-social behaviour in the Edwalton area which has included damage being caused, stone throwing etc. Rushcliffe Borough Council have moved their ASB camera to this location to assist in gathering evidence. One 15 year old male was arrested by Police for a public order offence and has been referred to the Youth offending Service. Together with the Fire Service, we ran a Firesetters & ASB intervention session at Loughborough Road Fire Station and invited several young people.

On 14th February PC Karen Crane (Schools Officer) supported Rushcliffe Borough Council at a Knife crime seminar at Trent Bridge Cricket ground.

Team updates: Rushcliffe South



**Sergeant
Steve Robinson**

Two weeks ago the main talking point on the South of Rushcliffe was the Auto Crime in Ruddington. With in-excess of thirty recorded Theft from Motor Vehicle offences our focus was very much on patrolling the area and arresting the suspect.

Radcliffe on Trent has also seen an increase in police patrol and reassurance activity due to a house burglary on Cropwell Road on 14th February where the car keys and subsequently a Ford Fiesta car was stolen. Before Christmas there were three burglaries in this area and although we cannot say that these are linked to the recent offence we understand the concerns of local residents. Local Neighbourhood Watch and residents are being kept informed on investigation developments.

There was a nasty assault at Cotgrave during a football match at the Miners welfare between Cotgrave FC and Robin Hood FC where a spectator has come on to the pitch and assaulted one of the players causing a serious facial injury. Some excellent work by PCSO Phil Evans led to the suspect being located and arrested soon after the incident. The case now sits with Detectives to investigate.

Cotgrave Beat Manager PC Graham Collington has been conducting off-road motorcycle patrols in the Rushcliffe area over the weekend of 23rd/24th Feb. He focused on Cotgrave Country Park, Bingham Rugby field, Stocking Lane at East Leake, Newton, Cotgrave Bomb Drop and Barton-in-Fabis. They also helped find a missing person in the Gotham/Ruddington area.

This is flavour of our community engagements in the last fortnight -

PC Voce and PCSO Wesson had a beat surgery at Bingham on 14th February and then took part in activities at Ash Lea School the same day where children with Learning/Developmental issues learned about what the police do.

On 19th February PC Kelly Carlile was involved in the Gotham Open Meeting during which road safety dominated the agenda. Finally, on 20th February PC Caroline Voce and PCSO Dave Wesson took part in the Chestnut Avenue Community Centre coffee morning at Bingham which was well attended and a broad range of crime and community safety issues were discussed.