

Stakeholder update

Monthly update to stakeholders,
provided by the Gedling Neighbourhood Policing Team

Inspector's update



**Inspector
Chris Pearson**

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Much of the last month has been spent getting the new Operation Reacher team embedded into local policing at Gedling. I'm really pleased with the results that have already come through joint working between the Neighbourhood Policing team and Reacher officers. Together with our Special Constables a lot of additional proactive work has taken place resulting in drugs and vehicle seizures. The team have also acted on intelligence resulting in the recovery of stolen vehicles. This has been a great start and we are really starting to see the benefits of having an additional team working in the Gedling Borough.

In terms of our local policing priorities these remain Residential Burglary, Drug Supply and Shop Theft. The priorities will be refreshed in April at the next partnership priority setting meeting. In terms of Residential Burglary there were 17 less offences during the month of February compared with numbers reported in January this year. This is a reduction of over 47% in the last month. Shop theft numbers also fell with 12 less reported offences during February. In terms of Shop Theft officers have been focusing on Victoria Retail Park as this was identified as a hotspot location. Officers from the Gedling North Neighbourhood team and Op Reacher officers have been focusing on late night patrols in the Gedling North area which has included patrols of Woodthorpe, Redhill and the rural villages in order to deter Burglary offences. The team also acted on intelligence in the Calverton area resulting in a male being interviewed in relation to a garage break during which a pedal cycle was stolen. There has been a lot of activity to target drug use and supply in the Gedling Borough. Regular updates are being added to our 'Gedling Police' social media pages.

With regards to our policing priorities we will be launching an additional online survey tool later this month which will give residents the chance to have their say on policing issues in the Gedling Borough. The results will be used in making decisions about future policing priorities. More information will be shared on our social media. In other news I met with the Gedling MP Tom Randall during February. We talked about increases to Police Officer numbers in Gedling and some of the challenges across the area. We also talked about specific issues such as anti-social behaviour and some of the ongoing partnership work to deal with incidents across the area.

The force and partners will be supporting the national knife crime week of action which starts on 23rd March. This is known as 'Op Sceptre'. The team will be supporting another knife amnesty to encourage the safe disposal of knives and other weapons. We will also be working together with local schools to deliver educational sessions.

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Team Updates: Arnold

**Sergeant
Helen Walker**

We have had another busy month on the Gedling North area. The weather as we all know has been extremely poor and the Gedling North team spent a very wet Sunday diverting traffic around fallen trees and lampposts during Storm Ciara. We have also been dealing with areas suffering with flooding and of course the snow. We are very much hoping for better weather throughout March.

The Specials have been very proactive in relation to vehicle crime this month which has resulted in identifying drivers with no insurance, disqualified drivers and also the seizure of cannabis. The team are placing regular updates on Social Media and are really helping with policing around the Arnold area.

We have done a number of Patch Walks and Beat Surgery's on the area over the last month with PC Chris Whild and PCSO Kirsty Szeluk carrying out engagement events in Newstead Village and Calverton. PCSO Szeluk also visited the Bestwood Parish Council. We will have more engagement events arranged in the following months and will advertise these on our Facebook page.

Operation Sceptre, the national week of action against knife crime, will be taking place week commencing 23 March 2020 and we are currently putting together plans for this. We will be working with partners during the planning phase to ensure we create a unified approach and further details will be circulated over the next couple of weeks.

Officers from Operation Reacher have also been assisting on the Gedling North area carrying out high visibility patrols overnight in order to deter offences such as burglary and autocrime. This work will continue over the coming weeks in order to continue driving down overnight offences.

Vehicle seized by Special Constables in Arnold during February:



Team Updates: Carlton

**Sergeant
Mike Ebbins**

Shop theft remains a policing priority for the Gedling area and we continue to work with our partners to stop offenders operating on patch.

Operation QUARTZ was carried out by Gedling South Neighbourhood team in a bid to crack down on shop thefts in the area with a particular focus on the Victoria Retail Park following a rise in offending.

A combination of uniformed and plain clothes officers conducted patrols around the retail park to target criminals operating in the area. Working with partners at Gedling council and the local shops, the aim was to quickly identify offenders on the site with a view to disrupting their offending behaviour. The team continued their work to make our roads safer by holding a joint fire and Police road traffic operation in Burton Joyce.

The Operation itself was a huge success in acting as a deterrent to speeding motorist; throughout the 3 hours, the team actively engaged with approximately 15 members of the local community, all of whom were extremely pleased with the positive action being taken by the partnership.

On the 7th February the team were joined on their patch walk of Netherfield by the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime commissioner Paddy Tipping. During the visit PC SHAJIAT took the opportunity to introduce Mr Tipping to the local community through visits to local businesses and community groups. The team also visited the co-op on Victoria Road in order to brief Mr Tipping about ongoing work to prevent incidents of shop theft. The team are working closely with security staff from the coop to develop ways of sharing information about prolific offenders. It is hoped that this will assist in reducing offending and allow for prolific offenders to be identified.

Local MP Tom Randall also visited the Gedling South Neighbourhood team on Thursday 20th February. Mr Randall was shown around the area by PC Shajait and PCSO Trev Parkinson.

Finally the neighbourhood team have been working closely with officers from Operation Reacher to carry out further proactive work on the area. A Cannabis grow was located on 19th February in flats on Greenhill Rise, Carlton. Officers worked together to dismantle this and locate a suspect who currently remains under investigation. The team also executed a warrant on Sunday 1st March. This was following intelligence around stolen motorhomes. As a result two stolen vehicles were recovered one of which had been stolen from the Porchester area. Two males were arrested and remain under investigation. This is great collaborative work between officers and we will be continuing this work over the coming weeks.

Team Updates: Op Reacher

**Sergeant
Matt Sisson**

Operation Reacher has been operating in the Gedling Borough for a month, arriving on 27th January 2020. Op Reacher was formed with two objectives, to disrupt criminality and to increase trust and confidence in the police. In Nottinghamshire, the aim is to have an Op Reacher team in each of the 12 boroughs that make up the county and here in Gedling we are the first team to have been established outside of Bestwood. The team is currently made up of five Police Constables and me as the Sergeant. We sit within the Neighbourhood Policing Team under the leadership of Insp Pearson and work closely alongside both the Gedling North and Gedling South neighbourhood policing teams.

We are a proactive team, conducting patrols of the entire Gedling Borough. In the last month we have conducted both uniformed and plain clothes patrols of the Netherfield Retail Park in order to tackle the problem of shop lifting. This saw the team arrest a persistent thief who was later charged and remanded for five offences of shop lifting and remains under investigation for a further two offences of theft. Furthermore, the team are keen to tackle the supply of drugs in the borough and have recently searched an address where 29 cannabis plants were recovered. A suspect has been identified for the offence of cultivation; the suspect has been interviewed and remains under investigation.

Since arriving in Gedling the team have arrested or interviewed under caution 10 individuals, issued 6 traffic offence reports and taken 8 illegal vehicles off the roads of Gedling. We have conducted 10 stop and searches, seizing drugs on 3 occasions and generated 9 pieces of intelligence.

I arrived at Gedling after eleven years policing experience; spending the majority of my service in various roles in the Mansfield area and a short stint on the Knife Crime Team based at St Anns. Most recently, I was part of the Neighbourhood Support Unit which provided a search team and a public order response to the whole of Nottinghamshire.

If you'd like to learn more about the team, watch the work we do or are simply interested in what happens around the area you live then please follow us on Social Media. Our Facebook account is Gedling Police. Please feel free to use this platform if you have any information you'd like to share with Op Reacher, simply drop us a private message on our Facebook account in confidence. Furthermore, keep a look out for the team whilst we are out and about, and please do come and say hello.

Our success will rely on the support and information provided to us from our local communities. Op Reacher are looking forward to continuing our work in the Gedling area and making a real difference.