



North Kesteven Neighbourhood Policing - quarterly priorities January to March 2025

New neighbourhood policing priorities, updates on the last round, recent activity on your patch, and who's who in the teams - we've gathered it all together for you in one snapshot.



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Your latest quarterly newsletter



Inspector Rachel Blackwell leads the Neighbourhood Policing Teams which cover North Kesteven. She has a message for this quarter:

"I'd like to begin this Winter edition newsletter by wishing all our residents a very happy and healthy 2025.

"In this edition, I will share with you news on some of the work we have done across North Kesteven to tackle some of the most problematic neighbours and addresses. As we continue through the coldest months, we also welcome to the team a new Community Beat Manager for Sleaford, and Neighbourhood Sergeant for North Hykeham and rural areas.

"This newsletter would not be complete without acknowledging some of the challenges that we know lie ahead as work gets underway to determine how we will operate as a Neighbourhood Policing Team under tighter budgets and with the necessity to improve in some areas as highlighted by the Force's most recent HMIC inspection.

"What is certain is that I and my Beat Team are as determined as ever to ensure that the most harmful issues in our community are identified and addressed at the very earliest stages. We will continue to target those who make others lives difficult or hard to bear and

have taken steps to improve the way we establish what is affecting you most in your day to day lives - with the launch of a new Survey tool which you may start to see promoted in every day spaces like supermarkets, libraries and schools."

These newsletters are a chance to share details on some of the incidents we have been dealing with, and good results from your area, in case you missed it the first time round.

Please share the link with anyone you think might be interested.



1 - Inspector Rachel Blackwell

The priorities for your area - January to March



Sleaford Town:

- **Anti-Social Behaviour / Youth Related ASB.** In addition to the additional officer hours dedicated to foot patrols and high-visibility engagement in Sleaford, our Neighbourhood Policing Team will support patrols and make sure that the end of the school day in our town passes calmly and without worry to shoppers, residents or retailers.
- **Drugs and Drug Dealing.** We will continue to focus our efforts on drug supply in the town, developing our intelligence to understand who is making drugs available, and targeting those individuals to shut down the supply. In addition to positive police enforcement action, we will work with partners to address the root causes of behaviour, including mental health, drug and alcohol addiction, and housing issues.

Sleaford Rural:

- **Anti-Social Behaviour (Nuisance).** During the darker months we will continue to ensure our patrols focus on low-level nuisance, disorder and damage.

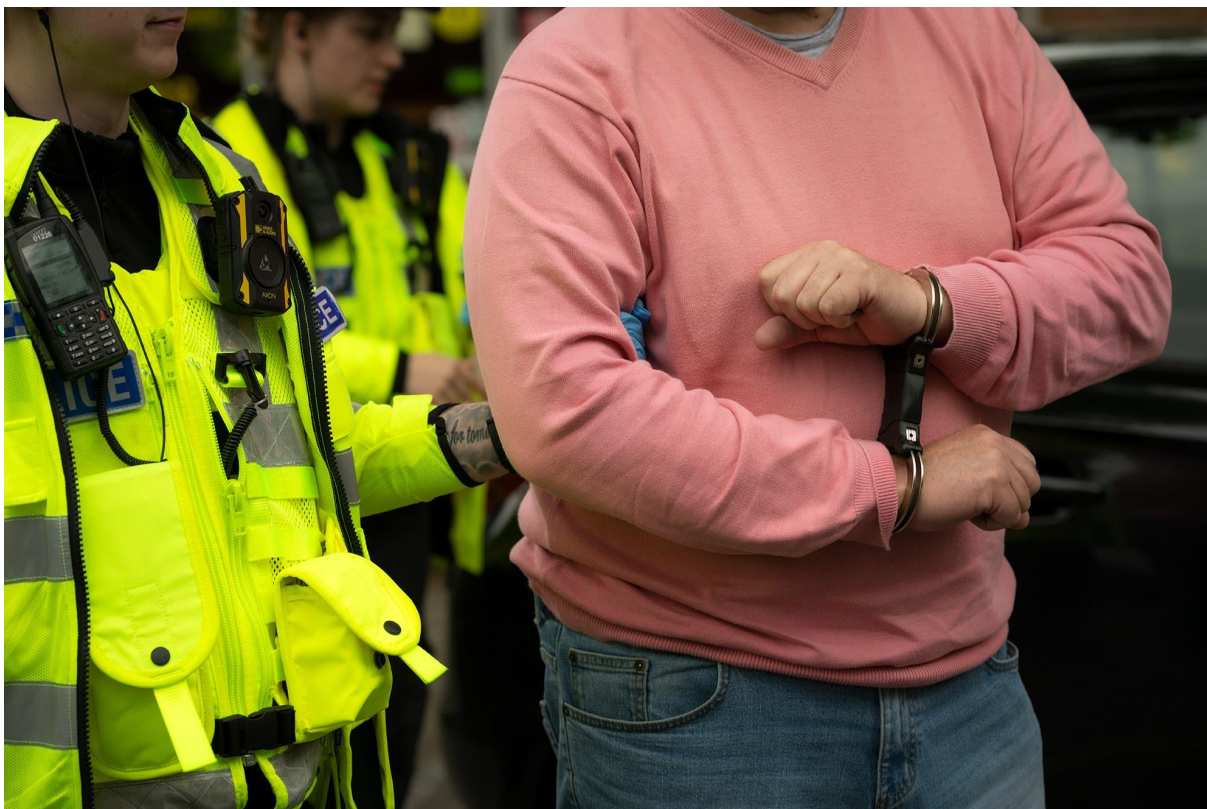
North Hykeham Town, Rural and Cliff Villages:

- Anti-social behaviour, with a specific focus on both youth-related ASB and vehicle nuisance ASB, drugs, and drug dealing.

Our priorities have been set based on feedback from our communities, as well as our own understanding of the issues affecting local neighbourhoods. You might not have personally seen an issue with some of the areas we're tackling, and may wonder why we've put our focus there, and it's a good question to ask. It's because we know there are issues or areas that need our attention, either due to the number of offences, emerging trends, or other intelligence. The priorities are until the end of March. The next set of priorities will be set in early April, on a date TBC.

Find out more about your local area here¹.

Have your say on priorities



It is important that we seek your views on a regular basis so that at the rest of our quarterly priority setting meetings - these are for April, July and October - we can take stock, report back and re-set.

Follow us on our social media pages on Facebook to watch out for the Survey link in the coming weeks.

Sleaford Police - Facebook²

Hykeham and Bracebridge Heath - Facebook³

¹<https://www.lincs.police.uk/area/your-area/lincolnshire/north-kesteven/>

²<https://www.facebook.com/SleafordPolice>

Did you hear about this?



There's almost too much for us to mention, but here's a few things that we have been working on, or which are affecting your community that we want to tell you about.

Lu and Chen case

We spoke about the exceptional Bassingham case of Linda Lu and Susan Chen in our last newsletter. In one of the most exceptional and distressing cases of neighbour harassment I have seen in 25 years, the two were convicted and later sentenced on 6 December 2024 – receiving 5 and a half years in prison and additional restraining orders.

Full details of the cases and sentence can be found here: [Sentenced: Linda Lu and Susan Chen | Lincolnshire Police⁴](#)

Recent Convictions

Over the past few months, several individuals have been arrested and charged and/or convicted for behaviour that has disrupted the peace and safety of our neighbourhoods. These convictions serve as a clear message that criminal behaviour will not be tolerated in our area. Here are two of the most significant sentences issued in court.

Sleaford Drug Dealer Jailed for three-and-a-half years

On the 6 November Olsi Gjurma was jailed for 42 months following conviction for possession with intent to supply cocaine.

³<https://www.facebook.com/HykehamBHPolice>

⁴<https://www.lincs.police.uk/news/lincolnshire/news/2024/dec-2024/sentenced-linda-lu-and-susan-chen/>

This follows the discovery of 127 wraps of cocaine at his Toft Lane address back in May last year.

Read the full story here: <https://www.lincs.police.uk/news/lincolnshire/news/2024/nov-2024/man-caught-dealing-drugs-in-sleaford-jailed-for-42-months/>

Closure Orders

In cases where specific properties have become hotspots for disruptive or illegal activities, closure orders have been applied for and granted. These orders temporarily shut down properties that are linked to anti-social behaviour, preventing individuals from returning to cause further disruption.

7 Bluebell Road, Holdingham: this address is subject to a Closure Order following repeated anti-social behaviour and reports of suspected drug offences. Issued on 30th October at Lincoln Magistrates' Court for a period of three months. The occupant of the address has subsequently been arrested and charged in connection with a contravention of the closure order, and will appear at Lincoln Magistrates' Court on the 30th January 2025.

18 The Hedgerows, Sleaford: a Closure Order was similarly granted to shut down a local flat after it was linked to crime and disorder that the court viewed as resulting in serious nuisance to members of the public. The order was issued at Boston Magistrates' Court on the 22 of November.

Flat 16, Sibthorpe Court, Sleaford: a full Closure Order was issued on 5 December by Lincoln Magistrates' Court after the police presented a case showing its link to significant and persistent disorder which causes serious and persistent nuisance to members of the public.

Ongoing police patrols and community engagement

In addition to these legal actions, the police have continued patrols in areas identified as having persistent problems, ensuring a visible presence and quick response to concerns.

As a result of additional funding received from the Home Office, we have been able to have more officers out on foot patrol in Sleaford every day of the week. Officers are also continuing to work closely with residents to gather intelligence and feedback, enabling a more tailored approach to tackling issues at the ground level.

What You Can Do: Your continued support and vigilance are crucial in helping us tackle anti-social behaviour effectively. If you notice any suspicious or disruptive behaviour, please don't hesitate to report it to the police or contact the local council. All reports are taken seriously, and your input helps us take swift action.

New PC for Sleaford

On the 5 November, we said goodbye to our Sleaford Town Beat Manager, Martin Derbyshire, when he moved to be an officer with the Western Australia Police Force.

I am delighted to sat that after a competitive process, PC Sarah Kennedy was successful in securing the post, and started with us on the 6 of January. Sarah is a very well known face in Sleaford, and has been a response officer here for a number of years, and before that she served as a PCSO. She is passionate about the town, and is hugely involved in community sport.

We've also welcomed our new Sergeant, Sergeant Alex Taylor North Hykeham.

New Public Survey Launched

Ahead of our January meeting to determine our focus for the three months ahead, we were able to launch our new online public survey tool to capture from our communities, the crime or anti-social behaviour issue that most affects or concerns you.

From our initial survey we received 107 responses from North Kesteven residents. Those responses were sorted to identify the most worrisome issue across the different beat areas – and from that we have clear community-elected issues for us to tackle in the months ahead.

On the 9 of January – the survey results were then discussed and priorities elected when representatives from North Kesteven's Neighbourhood Policing Team, NKDC and Independent Advisory Group met.

It was agreed that we would elect one public-elected priority for each area, as well as one priority chosen by the Beat Manager based on their understanding of the issues of greatest harm generated from local intelligence, calls for service or reported crimes.

These priorities are listed above.

The local team - get in touch



Inspector Rachel Blackwell is the Neighbourhood Policing Inspector for North Kesteven, supported by her Sergeants.

Sergeant Stuart Mumby-Croft looks after the below areas, supported by Community Beat Managers:

- Sleaford town – PC Sarah Kennedy, supported by PCSOs Neil Atkinson and Will Jones
- Sleaford Rural – PC Chris Green

They can be contacted on:

sleaford@lincs.police.uk⁵

Sergeant Alex Taylor will look after the below areas, supported by Community Beat Managers:

- North Hykeham – PC Jordan Bathie-Drexler
- North Hykeham rural and villages – PC Mick Rimmer
- Cliff villages, Washingborough and Metherringham – PC Matt Roberts

⁵<mailto:sleaford@lincs.police.uk>

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You can also make a report online by visiting lincs.police.uk/onlinereporting⁷



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⁷<https://lincs.police.uk/onlinereporting>