

1. Hot Topics and General Awareness Items
Community newsletter for April shared



Welcome Wellingborough!

Welcome to the Northamptonshire Talking quarterly newsletter designed to keep you up to date on what your neighbourhood team are up to.

Over **50,000** people have signed up to the platform. Northamptonshire Police want to thank you for the huge role you are playing to help them tackle crime and protect people, by responding to their messages and providing vital information.



Engagement Statistics

From January to April, your Neighbourhood Policing Team held **52** community surgeries, community events and beat buses.

Community engagements play a huge role in strengthening ties between communities and the police. They give you a chance to meet your local teams, ask advice and guidance on your concerns, and stay up to date with important issues.

24	Community Surgeries
10	Community Events
18	Beat Buses

Meet your local team

You can find out who your local team is by entering your postcode on the contact page, which will take you through to your [area](#).

Your PCSOs are your community contacts who can offer support and advice about local crime concerns.

The teams also hold regular community surgeries and beat buses which give you a chance to meet your team in person.

These are advertised in advance, and you can see them on your [local area page](#).

Your PCSO's

PCSO Dobson

PCSO Burrridge

PCSO Marlow

PCSO Seabrook

PCSO Turney (Schools liaison officer)

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
POLICE, FIRE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

News from the Commissioner

Expanding specialist support skills for children affected by domestic abuse

Recognising the long term harm abuse can have on wellbeing, development and future relationships

Northamptonshire is strengthening its response to domestic abuse by expanding specialist support for children and young people, recognising the long term harm abuse can have on wellbeing, development and future relationships.

Funded by Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Danielle Stone, the county's Early Intervention Domestic Abuse Support Team is taking a nationally-leading approach by investing in specialist training that allows Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (IDVAs) to work directly with young people at risk.

Historically, this group has had limited access to tailored, specialist support, despite evidence showing that exposure to domestic abuse during childhood can result in lasting emotional trauma if not addressed early.

The growing impact of the team's work is already clear. In March 2026 alone, practitioners supported 258 families, representing 449 children and young people, with around 60 new referrals received each week.

The team now plays a vital role in preventing harm from escalating and reducing the long term



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consequences of domestic abuse for families across Northamptonshire.

Danielle Stone said: "The scale of demand we are seeing is stark, which is clear evidence of both the need for these services and the difference they are making.

"...exposure to domestic abuse during childhood can result in lasting emotional trauma..."

"Domestic abuse harms families and children every day, and too many young people grow up believing that fear and instability are normal parts of family life. By expanding specialist training, we are ensuring children and young people receive focused, trauma informed support at the point when it can make the greatest possible difference."

Since forming six years ago, the Early Intervention Domestic Abuse Support Team has grown from two practitioners to twelve, working closely with families across the county.

Eleven Early Intervention and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) qualified IDVAs are undertaking the advanced specialist training focused specifically on supporting children and young people.

Neighborhood watch Volunteer recognition awards shared June



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Neighbourhood Watch Volunteer Recognition Awards 2026 – Nominations Now Open!

Hello Jen

Our volunteers are the heart of Neighbourhood Watch. Every day, they make a positive impact in their communities by supporting neighbours, promoting community safety, tackling local issues, and helping to bring people together. Their commitment, passion, and hard work deserve to be recognised and celebrated.

Do you know a Neighbourhood Watch volunteer who consistently goes above and beyond?

This could be a local Scheme or Area Coordinator, a Cyberhood Watch Ambassador, a Membership Support Administrator (MSA), an Association Lead or committee member, a member of our Youth Council, or one of our Trustees. We also encourage nominations for our Young Volunteer Award, which recognises young people who champion Neighbourhood Watch values and make a meaningful contribution through their volunteering.

The 2026 Volunteer Recognition Awards categories are:

- Crime Prevention
- Community Health and Wellbeing
- Innovation and Reach
- Young Volunteer
- Special Recognition Award

We are delighted to announce that nominations for the **Neighbourhood Watch Volunteer Recognition Awards 2026** are now open.

To nominate a volunteer, please click [HERE](#).

Nominations close on Sunday 5 July 2026.

This is your opportunity to recognise the individuals whose dedication helps make our communities stronger, safer, and more connected.

We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Get nominating today!

Best wishes

Cheryl





Commissioner's team joins national operation to safeguard girls

Unique work tackling girls being groomed by gangs on London's railways has put the Commissioner's team on the national stage.

The Early Intervention Team were invited to the capital recently to share learnings from Northamptonshire with the British Transport Police (BTP) and take part in a joint operation at King's Cross and London St Pancras to identify victims of county lines exploitation concealing weapons or drugs.

It's the work of the Commissioner's dedicated team and Northamptonshire Police's Youth Violence Intervention Unit, with a dedicated Girls' Pathway, which resonated nationally.

British Transport Police Detective Superintendent David Udomhiaye said: "It's massively important to have an embedded stakeholder team within our taskforces on operations, they give us perspective, and we look at an incident from a safeguarding lens first."



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"Our goal is not to criminalise children but to safeguard and protect them as soon as possible and then to go after who are exploiting them. Having our partners with us is crucial to achieve that aim."

The partnership follows targeted work with Danielle Stone's team and BTP at Kettering and Northampton stations for the past 18 months.

The Girls' Pathway was launched after Danielle's specialists spoke to girls in custody through a pilot project.

Youth teams found some girls were being groomed through their relationships, peers and social media.

Now, they help to safeguard young girls, who often go unnoticed compared to boys, and reduce their risk of serious violence going forward.

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Danielle Stone said: "This national spotlight reflects the impact the Girls' Pathway has already created in a short space of time in Northamptonshire."

Community Open Day Shared June

Community open day, 16 August at Wicksteed Park



Free to enter, this year's event will take place on **Sunday, 16 August at Wicksteed Park from 11am to 4pm.**

The event follows two successful Open Days held last year that saw teams from Northamptonshire Police, Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service and the Office of Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Danielle Stone come together at Wicksteed Park and Delapre Abbey.

Visitors will have the chance to explore service vehicles like the Joint Command Unit, take a closer look at specialist equipment, and speak directly with teams from across the services to learn helpful safety advice.

The highlight of the day will be the display arena, where Police, Fire and Cadets will bring their work to life with exciting live demonstrations to show off their skills, teamwork and equipment.

Whether people are considering a future career in the emergency services or just want to find out more about what they do - there is something for everyone.

For all the details on this year's event, please visit www.northants.police.uk/openday

Fire recruiting young enthusiastic Cadets shared June

Fire Service recruiting enthusiastic young people to join Fire Cadet programme



Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service has opened applications for its Fire Cadet programme, inviting young people across the county to challenge themselves, learn new skills and become part of a team that makes a real difference in the community.

The Fire Cadets programme offers hands-on experience of what it is like to be a part of a Fire and Rescue Service.

Through weekly sessions held at fire stations across Northamptonshire, Cadets will develop practical skills, leadership abilities and personal confidence in a supportive team environment.

Alongside learning practical firefighting skills, Fire Cadets play an active role in the community. The Cadets have the opportunity to attend local and national events, sharing safety advice and demonstrating the methods used by firefighters to protect the public.



Young people aged between 13 – 17 are invited to apply. Applicants must be able to commit to attending one session a week during term time, and a minimum of six community events per year.

No prior experience is needed – just enthusiasm, commitment and a willingness to learn.

Youth Engagement Support Officer Ed Harvey, one of the programme's leaders, said:

“Fire Cadets is a great opportunity for young people to push themselves, build confidence and become part of a team.

“We’re looking for motivated young people who want to learn new skills, make new friends and take on challenges they can be proud of.”

To apply, fill out an application form online. If applicants are successful, they will be invited to join an assessment centre where they will take part in an interview, team activities and practical tasks.

Applications are open until June 30, 2026. To find out more information and apply to become a cadet, visit the website: [Become a Fire Cadet – Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service](#)

Neighbourhood watch ASB awareness Week with Two webinar links shared June



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Neighbourhood Watch hosts two webinars during ASB Awareness Week

Hello Jen

Next week is Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) Awareness Week, and at Neighbourhood Watch Network we are delighted to be hosting not one, but two informative webinars.

Our members and communities consistently tell us that ASB is one of the issues that most affects them and their neighbours, which is why we are proud to support this important awareness week.

We are pleased to welcome national charity ASB Help, alongside our CEO, John, who will be presenting at our ASB Awareness Week webinars taking place next week.

Places are still available for both online events. Webinars are online and via Zoom. To secure your **FREE** place, simply click on the webinar you would like to attend and complete your registration.



ASB Awareness Week

Webinar

Guest speaker:
Mark Johnson
Policy Support Manager

Monday 29 June - 10am - 11am

ASB HELP




ASB Awareness Week

It's everyone's business!

Tuesday 30 June - 2pm-3pm

With:
John Hayward-Cri
CEO



We look forward to welcoming you.

Best wishes

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Our News June 2026

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Hello Neighbours,

Welcome to our second June newsletter.

First, I must apologise for accidentally labelling our last newsletter as an April edition. I'm so sorry for any confusion, it was human error. It is very embarrassing, and I'll do my best to make sure it doesn't happen again. I'd like to think the mistake serves as a reminder that this newsletter is written by a real (and slightly flawed) person, not an AI robot - but I suspect not!

We're sharing a second newsletter this month because a whopping 75% of responders to our poll said they'd prefer a shorter, more frequent format. Please do let me know what you think.

Highlights

- Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) Awareness Week events and resources
- PoliceAI launch
- Neighbourhood Watch Week round-up

Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) Awareness Week webinars

[ASB Awareness Week 2026](#) takes place from Monday 29 June to Sunday 5 July across the UK. It highlights the impact of antisocial behaviour. We are hosting two webinars to provide some practical advice on what to do if you, or your neighbours, are having issues.

- ASB reviews with Mark Johnson

You may be aware of recent changes in the law relating to ASB and the process for requesting a review of your case. Mark Johnson from the charity [ASB Help](#) will host a session on best practice. Monday 29 June, 10–11am, Online. [Register here](#).

- Reporting ASB is everyone's business with John Hayward-Cripps

It can really help to know where and how to report ASB. Join our Chief Executive, John Hayward-Cripps to learn more about reporting ASB. Tuesday 30 June, 2–3pm, Online. [Register here](#).

We also have information and resources, including an ASB diary and a downloadable guide, [on our website](#).

Report, reduce and prevent domestic abuse during the World Cup

Did you know that reports of domestic abuse increase by 38% when England lose a match? Even in the event of a win, there is still a 26% increase. Alcohol Concern Cymru has also pointed to evidence from police which shows a link between major sporting occasions, heavy drinking and a surge in reports of abuse.

Events like the World Cup should bring people together, but this data shows we need to look out for vulnerable families. Crimestoppers is encouraging everyone to call time on abuse, recognise the signs, and report anonymously. [Find out more](#).

PoliceAI launched

A new national centre, PoliceAI, has been launched to develop and scale artificial intelligence in policing. The centre will work across all forces to identify, test and scale AI tools. Trials have demonstrated its potential, for example, 800 hours of footage in a kidnapping case were reviewed in just 3 hours, helping to secure an early guilty plea. Read the [full story on our website](#).



Neighbourhood Watch Week – thank you

Thank you to everyone who made Neighbourhood Watch Week such a success.

From volunteer awards in Durham to new member recruitment in Milton Keynes, village green improvements in Pontypridd, and litter picks in Eaglesfield Park - it's been an inspiring start to the Month of Community. It's fantastic to see people coming together. Read our round up of the week [here](#).

What makes a good neighbour?

That's the question Paula White from BBC Radio explored with Heather Thompson, Chair of Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association. They discussed the importance of trust, especially in an increasingly fragmented society. You can [listen here](#) (scroll to 17.50). You can also explore the nominees for the Great Neighbour category in the BBC Make a Difference Awards [here](#).

Support our Community Grants Fund

Great community projects need resources. Our Community Grants Fund helps volunteers access funding for local initiatives that bring neighbours together, support vulnerable residents, and strengthen communities. If you're able, please consider donating. Your gift will help volunteers turn community spirit into community action. [Donate here](#).

Neighbourhood Watch Strategy webinar

We're now six months into the new strategy shaping our work through to 2030. We recently hosted an online event covering national policy changes and our strategic aims: Watch, Connect and Act. If you missed it you can [catch up with the recording here](#).

As always, there is also an online version of this newsletter on our website [here](#). Hope you have a great couple of weeks.

Neighbourly wishes,

Charmian

2. **PCSO visits to the village** – Contacted PCSO G Cross 04/06/26 to arrange a visit to the village for a walk about and discussion with a view to raise any of our community's concerns . Date agreed for 19/06/26. Shared to Parish Facebook group offering an opportunity for parishioners to comment any concerns they may wish us to raise with him on the visit , none received. Confirmed Cllr Blood to accompany on us on visit . Emailed PCSO Cross on 18/06/26 and he updated me he would not be able to make it on 19/07/26 due to health issues , so awaiting a new date to be confirmed.Updated post on the Parish facebook post with this information. Will email PCSO Cross again if no update.
3. **Crime report for May** – There was one crime reported for May of 1x Theft (of flowerpots) awaiting PCSO Cross for the report for June
4. **Northants Fire Service**– as above, they would be happy to attend village hall events to discuss stopping fires in the home.

To discuss above if require further action .