



**COMMUNITY
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SAFER RUTLAND

COMMUNITY SAFETY Newsletter Spring 2008

Working Together for a Safer Rutland

Welcome to the first edition of the Safer Rutland newsletter. Safer Rutland is produced by the Rutland Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

The Partnership has realised, that whilst a lot of work is carried out behind the scenes, local people may be unaware of what it is doing and what is happening to tackle issues close to the hearts of local people.

The CSP hopes this newsletter will explain who we are and highlight the work going on. It wants to reassure you that the it is working hard to ensure that Rutland remains a safe community in which to live and work.

Chair of Rutland Community Safety Partnership, Barrie Roper says:

It is my great pleasure as Chairman of the Rutland CSP to introduce this first edition of the Safer Rutland Newsletter. I hope that by sharing information with you all in this direct way, it will promote full community inclusion and awareness of the issues facing our community and the way in which we are acting on your behalf to resolve them.

I commend this quarterly Newsletter to you all and ask for your involvement in making Rutland a safer place in which to live, work and play.

Councillor Barrie Roper
Chair, Rutland Community Safety Partnership

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Responsible Authorities of the Rutland Community Safety Partnership are:

Rutland County Council
Leicestershire Constabulary
Leicestershire Police Authority
Leicestershire County and Rutland Primary Care Trust
Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service

Co-operating authorities are:

Leicestershire Youth Offending Service
Leicestershire and Rutland Probation



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We welcome your comments about the Newsletter and what you would like to read.

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NEW YEAR, NEW PRIORITIES FOR THE RUTLAND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

The Community Safety Partnership Plan has identified four key priorities for 2008-2011:

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

To reduce the fear and incidents of anti-social behaviour

Ensuring that when anti social behaviour does occur, action is taken quickly and effectively to tackle it and minimise the harm caused.

Ensuring that the public are made aware of the work being done to tackle anti social behaviour, including enabling them to become more involved in that work.

Youth Offending Service and Children's Services work to prevent young people from becoming involved in crime and anti social behaviour as well as to protect them from becoming victims.

ROAD SAFETY

To support the provision of a safe, convenient, efficient and attractive integrated transport infrastructure

Education: road safety advice and information is made available to those who are most at risk of being involved in an accident.

Enforcement: those people who use the roads illegally are brought to justice.

Engineering: where necessary changes are made to the road infrastructure (whether those changes be speed limits or physical changes) to reduce the likelihood of accidents.

VOLUME CRIME*

To reduce serious volume crime based on the following themes:

Victim based. Focusing on the factors which cause vulnerability and aim to mitigate those factors.

*Volume crime is defined as burglary, vehicle crime and violent crime

WHAT IS THE RUTLAND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP?

The Crime and Disorder Act of July 1998 established Crime and Disorder Partnerships (or Community Safety Partnerships). The Act placed an obligation on local authorities and police to work together to implement a strategy to tackle crime and disorder in their local areas. Since that time, further legislation has widened the remit of the Partnership and more organisations are now required to work together under law to deliver the CSP Partnership Plan.

The Rutland Community Safety Partnership has been in existence since 1998. Since then it has been working hard to ensure that crime and disorder remain low and where there are community safety issues, that they are tackled effectively.

The Partnership's vision is

'The Community Safety Partnership is committed to ensuring that Rutland remains a safe place to live, work and visit. We will build on the significant reductions in crime achieved over recent years by delivering action against those priorities identified locally and nationally.'

Location and hotspot related issues. Mitigating those environmental issues which increase the likelihood of crime taking place.

Domestic violence. Increase reporting and the proper marketing of relevant support services, increase the proportion of offences which result in a detection.

Alcohol. Alcohol is a key factor in violent crime and domestic violence. The Drug and Alcohol Action team (DAAT) and Primary Care Trust (PCT) will therefore be conducting work on improving services for the identification, treatment and support of those people with alcohol related problems.

REDUCING RE-OFFENDING

To reduce re-offending through the improved management of offenders

By the continuing improvement of offender management by Probation and Youth Offending Services.

The Multi Agency Prolific and Priority Offender Management scheme (MAPPOM) will also deliver work with those offenders identified as causing most harm to communities.

SUCCESS STORIES 2005—2008

REDUCE CRIME BY 12.5%

The Community Safety Partnership has reduced crime levels by 14% during this period.

ALCOHOL DESIGNATION ORDERS

Oakham and Uppingham now have alcohol designation orders in place to curb alcohol related problems in the towns.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Rutland now has a dedicated Domestic Violence Outreach Service to help tackle abuse in the homes of our residents.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

We now have a dedicated Anti Social Behaviour Officer whose priorities are to target incidents of anti social behaviour and reduce the number of first time entrants to the criminal justice system.

OTHER KEY ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE:

- ↓ Theft of vehicle down 22 offences
- ↓ Theft from a vehicle down 45 offences
- ↓ Criminal damage 52 offences
- ↓ Common assault down 21 offences
- ↓ Robbery down 3 offences

CRIME FIGURES DOWN BY AN AMAZING 14%



Back in 2005/2006, the Rutland CSP were set the target of reducing overall crime by 12.5%. Happily, the CSP has exceeded the demanding target set 3 years ago.

RUTLAND NOW HAS AN ALCOHOL STRATEGY FOR 2008-2011

Alcohol is the most commonly used drug in the world and many people drink without causing harm to themselves or to others. However, the rise in binge drinking and anti social behaviour as a result of the levels of alcohol consumption has led to the Government launch of a national strategy. The aim of the Rutland strategy is to reduce the harm associated with alcohol, in order to ensure that alcohol can be enjoyed safely and responsibly, as part of a vibrant and inclusive community.

There are 3 themes to the strategy;

PREVENTION	educating people to prevent and reduce the negative impact of alcohol use
COMMUNITY SAFETY	reducing alcohol-related violent crime and incidences of anti social behaviour
TREATMENT	commissioning services for those affected by alcohol misuse

Councillor and Chair of the CSP, Barrie Roper commented, 'The Community Safety Partnership has put in a lot of hard work during the last few years and it brings together the key crime-fighters in Rutland including local police and the county council. I'd like to praise everybody involved for the amount of hard work they have put in and I'm sure this will continue. I'd also reserve a mention for members of the public who continue to report crime and provide valuable information to the partnership'.



OAKHAM DESIGNATION ORDER

The Oakham Designation Order was put into place on 11th February 2008 after mounting evidence of alcohol related problems within the town. Both Oakham Town Councillors and County Councillors supported the order faced with increasing evidence that such an order was required.

Until this time, the Police only had the ability to confiscate alcohol from young people under the age of 18. Now alcohol can be confiscated from anyone involved in or likely to be involved in anti social behaviour.

In Oakham, levels of anti social behaviour have seen an increase since the smoking ban came into force last year. More and more people are seen drinking on the streets of Oakham as they can no longer smoke in the pubs, clubs and restaurants. This has had a direct impact on the number of anti social behaviour incidents reported to both the Police and Rutland County Council. Furthermore, local residents within the town centre have noticed a rise in the level of noise around the town.

Hotspots for anti-social behaviour are Cutts Close, Melton Road and the grounds of Oakham Castle.

A designation order has been in place in Uppingham town centre since 2005. This has had a positive impact on the town with complaints regarding broken bottles and drinking showing a dramatic reduction.

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HOW DOES THE OAKHAM DESIGNATION ORDER AFFECT YOU?

The Designation Order allows the Police to confiscate alcohol from people in public places in situations where the Police believe it may be a problem or it may cause problems later on. Within the designated area, a Police Officer may require you to;

- Not drink in that place.
- Surrender your alcohol or open your alcohol containers if the officer has reason to believe you intend to consume alcohol in that place in the near future.

The order will not affect organised events but It is important to remember that it is an arrestable offence if you fail, without reasonable excuse, to comply with the police officer's request.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEMES AND ORGANISATIONS

Neighbourhood Watch Schemes, created by the Home Office, have been one of the most successful campaign initiatives to help crime prevention. To date, there are 170,000 schemes covering 6 million homes making this one of the largest voluntary movements in the UK.

Neighbourhood Watch Schemes create a Partnership between local communities, the Police and local authorities.

The attention of most groups focuses on the immediate vicinity of their homes and gardens. However, more and more schemes are coming together to tackle anti-social behaviour issues such as graffiti, vandalism, noise nuisance and intimidating behaviour to name but a few.

Most crimes are opportunist and therefore there is huge scope to reduce the chances of crime if communities pull together. Furthermore, it is a known fact that a home that has just been burgled is more likely to be targeted again. Criminals will know how to access your house easily and will have noted where your items of value are as they will have already been in your home. Neighbourhood Watches can protect such houses and keep a close eye on them ensuring that there is little opportunity for a repeat burglary. Schemes will also be on hand to offer advise and help with making your house more secure.

USEFUL WEBSITES

www.leicestershirehw.com
www.neighbourhoodwatch.net
www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/neighbourhoodwatch/nwatch01.htm
www.nwinfo.co.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AIMS



- 1) Crime prevention.
Improve security and vigilance in your local area
- 2) Assist the Police in detecting crime
- 3) Reduce the undue fear of crime
- 4) Improve Police and Community liaison

HOW CAN I SET UP SCHEME?

If you are interested in setting up a scheme in your area, please contact your local Community Initiatives Co-ordinator at the Police Station on 0116 222 2222



The UK Neighbourhood Watch Trust is a new charitable trust whose purpose is to support and promote the neighbourhood watch movement by providing an effective and informative two-way communications channel through its website www.neighbourhoodwatch.net.

The key aims of the Trust are to:

- Promote best practice by providing a range of downloadable resources on home security and community involvement;
- Encourage the exchange of views and ideas through online forums, bringing together people with a common interest in creating community cohesion;
- Broaden the appeal of Neighbourhood Watch

Over time the Trust seeks to make a more tangible contribution to community safety by funding local projects. The UK Neighbourhood Trust Community Fund will enable Neighbourhood Watch groups to apply for funds for local activities and good causes that demonstrate they can make a genuine difference in their community.

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NATIONAL TACKLING DRUGS WEEK 19th 23rd MAY



The Youth Service will use this week to target their sessions with young people to address substance

misuse throughout Rutland. This will include all structured and detached sessions, as well as lunchtime drop in and after school clubs in all 3 colleges. Young People will have the opportunity to:

- increase their knowledge of substances
- access information on the services available
- gain confidential advice from trained workers and School Nurses

The Youth Service also plan to offer drugs awareness training to parents in Rutland who would also like increase their knowledge.

101 UPDATE

WHAT TO DO IF YOU WANT TO REPORT A CRIME OR COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUE?

101 was launched in September 2006 with the aim of making communities a safer place to live and work. The aim of 101 was for local people to have a local number that they could ring for non emergency calls in order to report information that may later be used by the Police to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour. It was reported that 70% of 999 calls are non emergency.

Across Rutland, 101 was used as a link between the public, Police and Rutland County Council to tackle anti-social behaviour from littering, neighbour disputes, graffiti and vandalism amongst others.

Sadly, just at a time when local people were really engaging and beginning to use 101 the Home Office withdrew funding and from Friday December 7th 2007, 101 ceased to exist.

The challenge for the Rutland Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is now focused on maintaining the level of service and clarity of contact point for local people. Discussions are under way regarding how the CSP can provide a similar service locally. More importantly, though, our infrastructure and inter-agency links are still in place and organisations still work closely together to ensure the safety of the community.

The new numbers to call can be found below .

NEW NUMBERS TO CALL

Rutland County Council	01572 722 577	Noise nuisance, abandoned vehicles, dumping, fly tipping, broken street lighting; vandalism; graffiti; bullying; criminal damage
Leicestershire Constabulary	0116 222 222	Drunk and rowdy groups, threatening behaviour (verbal and physical); other anti-social behaviour
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111	Anonymous, independent charity set up to help solve and fight crime
URGENT PROBLEM	999	Call 999 in emergency



CRIMESTOPPERS

If you would prefer to write in, the address is:

Crimestoppers,
PO BOX 7196,
Leicester LE7 1WB

Crimestoppers is an independent UK charity manned by volunteers to help solve and fight crime. Information is given anonymously by calling **0800 555 111**.

Crimestoppers volunteers create a report based on your information, checking that no information supplied can identify the caller. The report is then passed on to the relevant authorities.

"Every 4th call to Leicestershire and Rutland Crimestoppers results in an arrest"

www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Tell them what you know not who you are.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Community Safety Partnership are out and about all summer. Come and meet us and talk about issues that are close to you. Tell us what YOU want us to do to help make Rutland a better and safer place to live.



Give respect Get respect

EVENT	DATE	VENUE
Spire Homes Fun Day	26th April	11-2 p.m. Uppingham C of E School
Exton Property Marking	15th May	Exton Village
Exton Street Market	26th May	Exton Village
Rutland Show	1st June	Burley on the Hill
Oakham Carnival	29th June	Oakham Town Centre
Caldecote Fete	5th July	Caldecote Village
Spire Homes Fun Day	26th July	Oakham

LAUNCH OF RESPECT RUTLAND

The Community Safety Partnership is launching a year long campaign called RESPECT RUTLAND. Respect Rutland will consist of a series of projects aimed at

- ⇒ reducing anti social behaviour and
- ⇒ increasing people's awareness of the work being carried out by the Partnership and how they can get involved.

Respect Rutland will start with a poster competition targeted at young people living in Rutland. The aim of the competition is to encourage all entrants to think about anti social behaviour and the consequences it has on their local community. Excellent Prizes will be given and an awards ceremony will be held where the art will be displayed and judged.

Furthermore, the winning poster will be made into official publicity material for the Partnership including being displayed on a 5ft banner stand.

Watch this space for other Respect Rutland campaigns including a Graffiti Busting Day and a summer holiday alcohol campaign.

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RUTLAND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Are you interested in the work your Community Safety team are doing?

Register with our online mailing service and receive up-to-date newsletters on work being undertaken in your local area.

It's simple—just send an email to communitysafety@rutland.gov.uk using 'Newsletter' in the subject and we will do the rest.

Would you like to receive regular updates and information?

We will not let anyone else know your email and we will not send you any information that is not community safety related.

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