



East Lindsey Neighbourhood Policing -
quarterly update

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



Welcome to the latest quarterly newsletter - and thanks for taking the time to read it.

Coast Neighbourhood Policing Inspector Jacqueline Evans wishes you all a happy New Year and said: "The team are in the early planning stages for Summer 2024 to assist in making Lincolnshire the safest place to live, work and visit. I would like to encourage our communities to make use of the StreetSafe app to report instances when they have felt unsafe. I would also like see our communities feed into our surveys which will feature on our social media pages. These help us set our priorities – things that really matter to you! Please keep an eye out for any upcoming engagements. The team are always keen to hear your concerns and pay attention to areas suffering from anti-social behaviour."

Wolds Neighbourhood Inspector Matt Bennison added: "Hello and a belated Happy New Year from the Wolds Neighbourhood Policing Team. I took over the role of Neighbourhood Policing Inspector in December 2023, having previously worked in Louth as a response Inspector. Following online and in person consultation with our communities through online polls, social media and in person engagements, alongside feedback from councils and other key members of our communities we held our priority setting meeting on the 8 January and we now have a new set of priorities for the team to work towards over the next three months with a focus on what matters to you.

Alongside our priorities the team will continue to work to safeguard vulnerable people within the community and over the coming months I want to focus on how we can use social media and in person engagements to reach those who we may not usually hear from so that we can be confident we are providing a service to the entire community.

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.

The priorities for your area - January to March



Mablethorpe

- Continuing with tackling drugs with the aim of empowering the community to work with the police and partners to detect and stop drug offences and related incidents.

Skegness

- Shoplifting, drug offences and the related ASB which comes with this – we are seeing that these are all overlapping currently and will work with partners with a view to identifying offenders.

North Wolds

- We will carry out proactive patrols in identified hotspot areas along with the community response teams. Problem solving plans will be implemented for ongoing issues. We will work closely with our partner agencies to identify solutions and reduce the issue across the area.
- Drug Supply and associated criminality. We will gather intelligence on local drug supply and target those identified as being involved. We will identify those who are vulnerable to coercion by drug suppliers and intervene along with partner agencies to ensure they are safeguarded. We will use a range of powers and tactics to ensure that drug dealers cannot safely operate in the area.

South Wolds

- Anti Social Behaviour; We will carry out proactive patrols in identified hotspot areas along with the community response teams. Problem solving plans will be implemented for ongoing issues. We will work closely with our partner agencies to identify solutions and reduce the issue across the area.

- Child Online Safety; We will work closely with schools and other partner agencies to educate and advise children about the dangers of online exploitation. We will communicate with the public targeting parents and other caregivers to advise on online safety and the tools available to assist in preventing children becoming victimised.

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 priority setting meeting will be held in on 5 April.

Find out more about your local area here: <https://www.lincs.police.uk/area/your-area/lincolnshire/east-lindsey/>

Actions taken on previous priorities



Mablethorpe

- We have continued to build our intelligence picture with help from members of the public and the anonymous reporting mechanism via Crimestoppers – we are encouraging members of the community to continue to report issues.

Skegness

- Our team was tackling County Lines drugs as one of the priorities and operations undertaken are outlined below:

- Two warrants have been executed within the Skegness community.
- On 5 December, 2023, a Section 23 misuse of drugs act search warrant was executed at an address on Roman Bank, Skegness. A quantity of class A and class B substances were seized along with drug paraphernalia. Consequently a 20-year-old man was arrested for being concerned in the supply of a class A drug. The man has been released under investigation pending further enquires.
- On January 4th, 2024, a Section 8 PACE search warrant was executed at an address on Tennyson Green, Skegness. A 42-year-old woman, a 33-year-old man and a 19-year-old man were all arrested for being concerned in the supply of a class A drug. They have been released under investigating pending further enquiries.
- On 15 December, 2023, Op California was deployed within the Buster Bar Complex, Skegness. 14 persons were stopped and searched under the misuse of drugs act and three people were found in possession of controlled drugs. One person has received a Police caution. The other two possession offences remain under investigation

Ingoldmells and Wainfleet

- A total of 32 Traffic Offence Reports (TOR) have been issued in relation to our previous priority. The Roads Policing Unit (RPU) were engaged for support who in turn have conducted regular patrols.

Across the east coast we have also issued:

- 32 x stage 1 Unacceptable Behaviour Warning Letters (UBWL's)
- 10 x stage 2 UBWL's
- 2 x Community Protection Warning Letters.

Did you hear about this?



There's almost too much for us to mention, but here's a few things that have stood out in recent months.

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New Neighbourhood Policing models

Our new Neighbourhood Policing model is in place, re-affirming our commitment to the service we deliver to our communities.

The new model ensures that we have maintained Community Beat Managers (CBMs), sergeants and inspectors dedicated to every area. The numbers of police officers in neighbourhood policing have been bolstered in the past 18 months with the recruitment of a further 13 CBMs.

Each team will focus on proactive crime prevention, engagement with our communities and partner organisations, and targeting the people and places who are most at risk or who are causing the most harm.

Statistics for December compared to the same month in 2022 show falls in recorded crimes for a variety of offences. Our focus will always be to police in the most effective way that targets the areas most in need and the crime types which cause the highest levels of harm in our communities.

All of our areas will also be covered by an individual Neighbourhood Plan which includes crime and ASB data, in addition to other information, which allows us to set Community Priorities.

The new model followed a reduction in 2023 in the number of PCSOs, due to budgetary pressures.

PCSOs have been retained in areas based on areas of the greatest vulnerability and need. They will continue to focus on targeted engagement, crime prevention and problem-solving, with an aim of reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

Neighbourhood teams do not work in isolation and are supported by Response, the dedicated Roads Policing Unit, Rural Crime Action Team and investigation teams.

A more in-depth article on this will be issued at the end of January, so please keep an eye on our news pages and social media for that update.

Two arrested in connection with cannabis grow, Horncastle

Four men were arrested on suspicion of producing Class B drugs after more than 1,000 plants were located at a warehouse in Horncastle.

Officers executed a warrant at the disused building in Spratt Close, off Boston Road on Monday, 18 December.

They discovered more than 1,000 plants spread out across eight large rooms, over two floors of the building.

Sergeant Andy Burtenshaw said: "We are appealing for anyone with any information to call us in relation to this find. Cannabis production is far from being harmless: it is often linked to wider, organised criminality which is why tackling the wider issue of drug supply is one of our key priorities.

"Lincolnshire Police remains determined to crack down on criminal enterprises and remove drugs from circulation."

Read the full story here.¹

Two men arrested in connection with KFC burglary, Skegness

A joint team effort between CCTV operators and the police has led to the arrest of two men.

Staff at KFC tracked two men, who were believed to be suspects in a burglary, before East Lindsey District Council's CCTV operators took over.

ELDC CCTV operators liaised with our officers and led them to the suspects. The men, aged 37 and 32 from the Skegness area, were both arrested on suspicion of burglary in which a jet washer worth around £500 was taken from KFC in North Parade, Skegness, at around 11.40pm on Thursday, 11 January.

The men remain in custody and will be questioned in due course. We will release an update when one is available.

Incident 444 of 11 January.

Read the full story here.²

Second charge for Operation Rudolph, Skegness

A second man has been charged with a shop theft offence as officers in the Skegness Neighbourhood Policing Team crack down on offending over the Christmas period.

¹<https://www.lincs.police.uk/news/lincolnshire/news/2023/dec-2023/two-arrested-in-connection-with-cannabis-grow-horncastle/>

²<https://www.lincs.police.uk/news/lincolnshire/news/2024/jan-2024/two-men-arrested-in-connection-with-kfc-burglary-skegness/>

Brian Dockerty (54), of no fixed address, will appear at Boston Magistrates' Court on 10 January to face a charge of theft following an incident reported to have taken place at Asda in Skegness on 21 December.

He is alleged to have stolen biscuits to the value of £37, as well as a subsequent breach of his court bail which prohibited him from entering any retail premise in the town other than JD Sports, Iceland, and Rowland Pharmacy.

Dockerty was arrested on Christmas Eve and remanded into custody until Boxing Day where he appeared at Lincoln Magistrates' Court and was released on court bail until his next hearing in Boston in January. His previous bail conditions remain.

Read more here³.

Operation Limit: update on our drink and drug driving campaign

On 1 December, we launched our drink and drug drive campaign – Operation Limit.

Through this road safety campaign, we warned people of the consequences of driving over the limit for alcohol or drugs, and carried out enforcement to keep our roads safe.

We can now update that the number of people arrested for drink/drug driving offences in December was 132. Of the 132 arrests, 86 related to alcohol and 46 related to drugs.

Along with seatbelts, carelessness, distraction and speed, drink/drug driving is one of our #fatal5 offences and therefore a priority for us to tackle on Lincolnshire's roads.

Read the full story here.⁴

The local team - get in touch



Inspector Jacqueline Evans is the Neighbourhood Policing Inspector for the Coastal area of East Lindsey, while Inspector Matt Bennison looks after the Wolds area (from 1 December), supported by Sergeants.

Sergeant Andrew Burtenshaw looks after the below areas with help from Community Beat Manager (CBMs):

Wolds

³<https://www.lincs.police.uk/news/lincolnshire/news/2023/dec-2023/second-charge-for-operation-rudolph-skegness/>

⁴<https://www.lincs.police.uk/news/lincolnshire/news/2024/jan-2024/operation-limit-update-on-our-drinkdrug-drive-campaign/>

⁸¹<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flincs.police.uk%2Fonlinereporting&data=05%2F01%2FCerri.Evans%40lincs.police.uk%2F8c092d6decea4a2a3adf08dbe106c6e4%2F64bdf0f9219d4cdc88ea2737325b4d26%2F0%2F638351191443541648%2FUnknown%2FTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoicMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjo2V2luMzliLCJ>

