

Chester Rural End of Month Newsletter

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Beat Management Sergeant – Frodsham & Chester Rural.

Welcome to my first edition of the Chester Rural Police update as the new Chester Rural Sergeant. These newsletters will be circulated monthly at the end of each month. Within this newsletter I will update you on crime / anti-social behavior in your local areas, as well as highlighting what my staff are doing to support communities and address the on-going issues. I will also highlight Chester Rural's three major priorities for the next month.

I am trying to communicate with as many of our rural residents as possible with these updates and I am looking to increase our subscribers to Cheshire Alert, so please highlight the advantages of signing up to friends/relatives in the area. Also, (as I know many of you already do) please also print-off and circulate the newsletters to those who don't have computer / e-mail access.

As well as the regular Cheshire Alert updates, please be aware of further rural information on the Chester Local Policing Unit twitter page (@PoliceChester) and the Cheshire Police website (www.cheshire.police.uk).

Staffing moves:

Obviously I have taken over as the rural Sergeant from Graeme Carvell. PC Tony Owens has now retired and PC Ged Gigg has taken over the management of the southern area of the rural, Ged will also be the wildlife crime officer for Chester. PC Michelle Flanagan has also taken over the beat management of Frodsham and Helsby

(Ged Gigg previously managed this area to cover some staff sickness issues. PC Rob Boulton continues as the beat manager for the Gowy and Chester villages.

I have attached photographs of myself and my team to this newsletter in order that you will hopefully recognise us in your community.



PC Ged Gigg



PC Rob Boulton



PC Michelle Flanagan



Elton Ward – PCSO Jake Connolly

Community Speed Watch in the area has been going well since the introduction of the speed gun. This will be ongoing throughout this year led by members of the Parish Council and also PCSO Connolly with the ambition to educate offending drivers and where appropriate take positive action.

During school half term a new zebra crossing was due to be installed outside Elton School but unfortunately this has not gone ahead due to infrastructure issues. This has been rescheduled to the beginning of April. This in conjunction with police presence and other methods will help ease congestion during school pick up and drop off time.

There has been minor ASB at the local train station which is being closely monitored by PCSO Connolly and PC Boulton. Since giving the area specific attention there has been no further reports at the location.

Chester Villages Ward – PCSO Debbie Netherton



Guilden Sutton:

Suspicious activity in the area, please ensure property is locked and keys/valuables are not left on show in vehicles or property.

Mickle Trafford:

Theft from motor Vehicles, please ensure property is locked and keys/valuables are not left on show in vehicles or Property.

Wimbolds Trafford:

Reports of HGVs using Cryers Lane. Currently being monitored by officers.

Parking issues at school times please be aware of pedestrians crossing and where you park.

Waverton:

ASB at the community centre seems to have calmed.

Thefts from motor Vehicles please ensure vehicles are secure and no valuables on show.

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Christleton

Stolen Trailer Found in woodfields Christleton.

Chester Villages Surgeries:

2nd March at 11:30 hours: Christleton : Stores Village Road, Christleton, Chester CH3 7AS

3rd March at 10:30 hours : Mickle Trafford Post office York road, Mickle Trafford, CH2 4DZ

2nd March at 11:30 hours: Waverton Shops Guy Lane CH3 7QW

3rd March at 10:30 hours :: Guilden Sutton post office summerfield road CH3 7SW



Frodsham Ward – PCSO Neil Flanagan

During December and January there was a spate of thefts from garages, sheds and vehicles in the Frodsham area. A number of the offences were committed during the night time and at a weekend. Many of the thefts such as this were opportunistic - if a thief sees a door that looks insecure they are more likely to try to break in.

Here is some useful practical advice to prevent / reduce offences of this nature;

Keep any garages, sheds or outbuildings locked and secure whatever time of the day or night.

Ensure they use a good quality padlock or other security device - ideally one that will be difficult to force open or cut through.

Keep any gardening equipment, tools and electrical equipment safe and out of sight. Do not be tempted to leave items lying around the garden - an opportunistic thief could use them to help them break into your home.

Secure any large/bulky items like ladders or bikes to the inside of the garage, shed or outbuilding – or consider using ground mounted anchoring systems, which lock items to the floor making them difficult to steal.

Consider other security measures in your garden such as motion sensitive lights, which switch on if anyone is outside, using gravel, which is noisy if anyone steps on it, and planting prickly bushes around sheds, to deter potential thieves.

Use marking systems, which show that the items belong to you. If any of the items are ever stolen and recovered it will be easier for them to be returned to their rightful owner.

Operation Shield;

Cheshire Police's anti-burglary initiative using SelectaDNA forensic marking has been running for almost 12 months now and recently extended to Frodsham after success in other areas of the county which has seen incidents of burglary reduce significantly.

SelectaDNA forensic marking kits are used to mark valuables with a DNA liquid meaning recovered stolen items can be traced back to each home, school or business.

Marking kits are being offered to each property in areas considered more vulnerable to crime with funding for the scheme coming from Frodsham Town Council, Weaver Vale Housing Trust and Cheshire West and Chester Council. Each DNA code is registered solely to an address on the SelectaDNA forensic marking database which Cheshire Police have access. Hence if anything is stolen from a home, garage or shed it can be quickly traced back to its rightful owners. As with other deployments of the product, marked and registered properties can also display window stickers to deter burglars by showing the property is protected. Street signs are also put up in the vulnerable areas to show offenders that Op Shield is protecting that community. To date over 500 home kits have been distributed in the Frodsham area.



Helsby Ward – PCSO Jon Finchett

Local police have been receiving reports of ongoing issues in Helsby Quarry. There have been reports of groups of youths going into the Quarry and possibly dealing or taking drugs. Local officers have been made aware and are giving the area passing attention. If you see any suspicious activity in and around the Quarry can I ask that you call 101 so officers can be deployed and deal with the people involved.

Reports received of Anti-Social Behavior behind the Helsby Medical Center. There have been reports of vehicles parking up and the occupants causing a disturbance and also youths hanging around at the back of the premises. Local officers are aware of this and are giving the area passing attention. Can I ask any Anti-Social Behavior incidents be reported via the 101 non-emergency number so officers can attend and deal.

Reports of a Burglary Dwelling on Latham Avenue that occurred earlier this month where offenders entering the property and stole high value items from the address. One male suspect has been arrested for this offence.

Speeding complaints received on Primrose Lane, Helsby in the 30mph zone. PCSO Finchett will be attending at the location with the speed gun and our Speed Investigation Device will be deployed there. We are in the process of setting up a Community Speed

Watch Group which will assist with the speeding issues. The Road Policing Unit are aware of the issues at this location and will be monitoring.

Surgeries;

There are two Police Surgeries in Helsby in March;

28th March 2016 – JTO Tea Rooms, Chester Road, Helsby 10.00-11.00am

29th March 2016 – Helsby Library, Lower Robin Hood Lane, Helsby 2.00-3.00pm.



Kingsley Ward – PCSO Phil Brandreth

The main issues are parking around school drop off and pickup times. PC Brandreth is working with the Head Teacher at Aston by Sutton school to devise ways where we can prevent parents parking on yellow zig zags for dropping off and in overall general road safety and road awareness. High visibility presence during these times is a main goal.

Meetings for the upcoming month...

Sutton Weaver Meeting at Gleaves Garden Centre Café, Frodsham on 16th March at 11am

Norley Meeting at Norley Stores on Saturday 19th March at 10am

Kingsley Meeting at Gibson Mill Café on Saturday 19th March at 12pm

Kingsley Meeting at Kingsley Community Centre on Saturday 19th March at 1pm



Gowy Ward – PCSO Steve Edmonds

The main issues in the Gowy ward are in relation to vehicles speeding and particularly outside schools. Aston Heyes is one of the areas where Steve has focused his efforts with speed detection devices. Steve has also been to the Gowy Parish council meeting and promoted the Community Speed Watch initiative and asked for volunteers from the community to help with this initiative.

If you have any questions or issues that you would like to discuss in person with a Member of your local policing team then there are local police surgeries held in different areas throughout the Gowy Ward:

Ashton Heyes Community Shop: Wednesday 2nd March 14:00 – 14:30

Café Fresh, Dunham Hill Garage: Friday 18th March at 11:00 – 12:00

Barrow Village Shop: Friday 4th March at 14:30 – 15:30



Tarvin and Kelsall Ward – PCSO Ryan Reid

The main complaint received from members of the community is speeding motorists in the following areas. Station Road, Delamere, Willington Lane, Oscroft, Tarporley Road, Tarvin, Chester Road, Kelsall and Chapel Lane, Willington. A speed indication device has been placed out at strategic locations with the aim of reducing speed, and reminding drivers of the speed limit.



Tattenhall Ward – PCSO Jen Gilbert

Tattenhall – There have been reports of anti-social behavior in the village. PC Ged Gigg and PCSO Jen Gilbert are currently giving attention at the problem times and will update residents at the next Parish Council meeting.



Farndon Ward – PCSO Jon Hurst

Hatton Heath and Bruera – There have been a number of burglaries on outbuilding and thefts of bikes and garden ornaments around the area (Platt's Lane & Chapel Lane between Saighton & Bruera) If you see any suspicious activity or vehicles report them on the 101 non-emergency number.



Malpas Ward – PCSO Jon Hurst

Malpas – Residents told us they are concerned about problem parking on the High Street and Church Lane. Local officers are giving attention to problem parking and will update the residents at the next Parish Council at the next meeting.

Local meetings:

Farndon Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall 7.30 pm on 1st March

Tilston Police Surgery at the Village Hall 10-11 am on 2nd March

Malpas Police Surgery at the Jubilee hall 11.15-12.00 am on 2nd March

Tattenhall Police Surgery at Alison's Café 12.15-1 pm on 2nd March

Tattenhall Library Surgery 12-1 pm on 3rd March

Tilston Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall 7 pm on 3rd March

Tattenhall Parish Council Meeting at the Barbour Institute 7.30 pm on 7th March

Tiverton Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall 7.30 pm on 8th March

Coddington Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall Coddington 7.30 pm on 8th March

Malpas Parish Council Meeting at the Jubilee Hall 7 pm on 14th March

Churton Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall 8 pm on 15th March

Tattenhall Library Surgery 12-1 pm on 17th March

Handley Parish Council Meeting at the Coddington Village Hall 7.30 pm on 24th March

Malpas Police Surgery at the Jubilee hall 11.15-12.00 am on 30th March

Tattenhall Police Surgery at Alison's Café 12.15-1 pm on 30th March

Threapwood Parish Council Meeting at Chorlton WI 7.30 pm on 30th March

Monthly Priorities

There are two monthly priorities for Chester Rural in March:

Road Safety – Speeding and parking issue remain a major priority for our rural communities and we will continue to use preventative and enforceable methods to improve the safety on our roads.

PCSO's Jon Hurst and Jon Finchett have recently been trained in the use of the new 'True Speed' speed detection device to allow us to do some speed enforcement in the coming months. This enforcement will support the on-going prevention work by the PCSO's and the community speedwatch volunteers



Operation Shield – Property Marking Burglary Reduction Initiative -

Following a recent spike of shed burglaries and thefts from vehicles in the Frodsham and surrounding areas we have been distributing home property marking kits and putting up street signs in the more vulnerable areas. This work will continue supported by bike marking events and other crime reduction initiatives.



I will report on how we have actioned these monthly priorities and the impact our work has had in the March newsletter.

Any feedback on this month's newsletter will be gratefully received. Information can also be passed on anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111."

Kind Regards

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