

Police update

Frodsham Town Council Meeting

Monday 25th January 2021

First of all a Happy New Year to you all.

COVID-19:

We continue to face one of the most difficult times in recent history due to the challenges of the ongoing COVID PANDEMIC. I am glad to inform the council that most of the residents of Frodsham are compliant of the rules. We are continuing to **Engage** with members of the public, **Explain** the regulations and **Encourage** compliance and only **Enforce** as a last resort. Ultimately the regulations and guidelines are there to help save lives so if Enforcement is necessary that is what we will do.

The **four 'E's** are based on evidence that people are more likely to comply after a police encounter if they feel they have been treated fairly, have received an explanation, and have been given the opportunity to give their view. This fits with the policing by consent model – it's founded on building public cooperation.

I myself have had to self-isolate for a period recently following a colleague testing positive for COVID. This meant working from home dealing mostly with admin such as emails. Thankfully that isolation ended over a week ago and my colleague is also back in work.

Graffiti/Criminal Damage:

Over the past few weeks we have received some reports of graffiti in the Waterside ward (Ship Street, Clifton Crescent/Ashton Drive). It is unknown who the offender(s) are but I have raised this issue at a Problem Solving meeting with our Anti-Social Behaviour Team and other partner agencies.

Whilst it was felt that incidents of graffiti are rare in Frodsham it was still disappointing to see and I will be working with Helsby High School, Frodsham Youth Club and Weaver Vale Housing Trust to try and ensure we do not see a repeat.

Traffic related issues:

Our Community Speed Watch Group has now branched out and changed its name to The Frodsham and District Road Safety Group. This new group is self-run and whilst not under the police banner anymore, it will receive my continued support and assistance.

The groups remit will extend beyond speed watch and will look at educating motorist, cyclists and pedestrians alike in order to make the roads of Frodsham safer for all.

I continue to utilise both Smiley S.I.D and the TruCam Speed camera on problem roads. I have recently been out on High Street, Fluin Lane and Kingsley Road.

Speeding and parking continue to be the most common form of complaints by residents. I have had complaints in recent days in relation to parking issues on Overton Close which I am currently looking to try and resolve.

I have also had complaints in relation to parking on Manley Road with families make the most of the recent snowy conditions to go sledging near the caves. The vehicles parked on Manley Road appear to be parked legally but I will be keeping an eye on this area as and when we get further snow.

Schools:

At present schools by and large are closed with most children being home-schooled. This has meant that I have had very little interaction with the schools since the start of the year.

I have been asked to join a Zoom call with one of the Primary Schools to talk about bullying. I am hopeful that this can be arranged and done over the coming couple of weeks.

Anti-Social Behaviour:

Early in December. Myself and my colleague, aided by The Rural and Wildlife Crime Team. Responded to an incident of fly tipping on the marshes off Ship Street. Although 3 males made off on foot from us, we managed to seize the van they were in and investigation work is currently ongoing to try and identify the offenders.

We are also currently looking to put an operation together to target off road/scrambler bikes on the marshes.

Police Surgeries:

There still remains the requirement to hold a regular weekly Police Surgery as part of the PCSO commitments. These surgeries are currently restricted to a virtual surgery where residents will email me and I will either reply via email or phone during my hour's surgery each week.

My surgery dates for February and March are as follows:

Wednesday 3rd February 3pm – 4pm
Sunday 14th February 5pm – 6pm
Thursday 18th February 2pm – 3pm
Friday 26th February 3pm – 4pm

Tuesday 2nd March 4pm – 5pm
Monday 8th March 12pm – 1pm
Tuesday 16th March 3pm – 4pm
Tuesday 23rd March 2pm – 3pm

Finally:

Again I have struggled with this update as I am not doing a lot of the normal Community things that I would normally do. I am looking forward as I sure we all are when the day comes that we can do the normal things that I think I certainly took for granted pre-pandemic.

Stay safe

Regards PCSO 20619 Neil Flanagan