

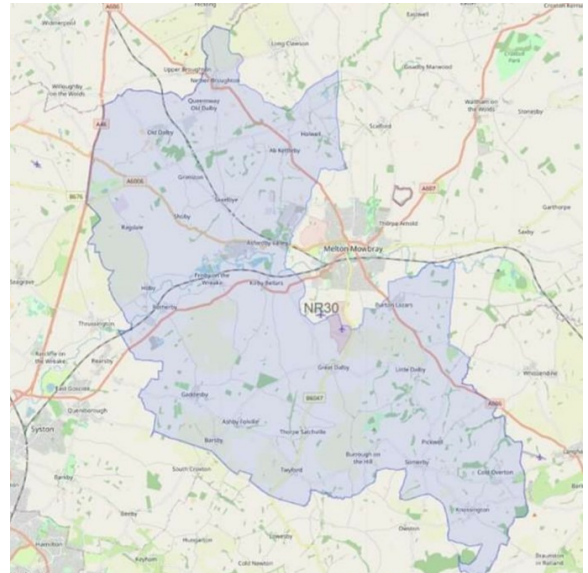


July 2026

Welcome to your Melton Mowbray rural south police e-newsletter. Here you will find all of the latest news from a rural south policing perspective .

Welcome to the rural south beat

Hello from the rural south beat. PC Ben Tranter (shown centre), PCSO Andrew French (shown left), and PCSO Wittering (shown right) patrol from Old Dalby in the north to Knossington in the south and as far east as Little Dalby and west as far as Ragdale.



May crime and incident statistics

Here are details of incidents on the beat over the last month:

Thefts – 6

Burglaries –8

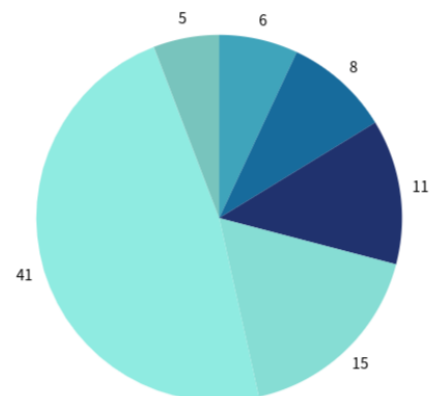
Criminal damage – 11

Assault (including domestic related assault) – 15

Road Traffic Collisions / Road Traffic incidents – 41

Drug dealing/possession—5

As you can see acquisitive crime is relatively low but there has been a higher demand on your local police in relation to Assault and Domestic Related Assault incidents.



Theft Burglary
Criminal damage Assault
RTC Drugs

Road safety / policing the roads

There have been a similar number of reported road traffic incidents to the previous month. Thankfully there have been no fatal road traffic collisions and most have been left with very minor injuries if any. The number of road users driving dangerously still remains high, and once again we see excessive speed and not driving to the road and weather conditions being responsible.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter we have put together a number of small operations targeting the areas that see the most issues. PC Tranter has continued to dedicate more time to road traffic policing; vehicle defect tickets issued in addition to cars stopped for excessive speed. PCSO French and PCSO Wittering have continued conducting high visibility patrols on the beat's roads to deter anti social use of the roads and poor driving. We will all continue to conduct speed monitoring operations across the beat.

Just a reminder to please continue driving safely and to the conditions of the road while out on the beat to avoid any more road traffic incidents and prevent receiving any ticket for bad driving.



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Rural thefts

July has seen an increased number of reported thefts from rural premises. Rural thefts remain one of the three main beat priorities, so the beat team are putting a lot of attention into continuing to reducing this threat. We have continued to try and keep farm and agricultural thefts relatively low and making efforts to stop and check any agricultural equipment moving around or in fields. PC Tranter, PCSO French and PCSO Wittering have dedicated hundreds of miles of overt patrols across the beat to deter criminals including driving in and out of farmyards and businesses to protect the rural community.

Drugs

The beat team continue to work proactively with the Drugs beat priority, gathering intelligence and regularly stopping suspicious vehicles. If you suspect any of this is going on near you try and gather evidence and then report it to us so we can continue gathering evidence and reduce the amount of drug related issues.

Other beat activities

PC Tranter, PCSO French and PCSO Wittering have held numerous beat events and surgeries allowing the residents of the area to meet us face to face. This gives us the chance to engage with you and answer any questions you may have. If available, we have a marked car with us to allow children to see what equipment we use and have a go.

PCSO French and PCSO Wittering had the opportunity to go to Asfordby neighbourhood community event/meeting and got to hear about the plans they are wanting to allow local residents to have more to do within the village and also the best ways to get the word out to everyone.

Pro-active patrols have continued in Asfordby by the beat team to address the anti-social behaviour being carried out by a group of youths. If you have any other concerns and you see any of us out and about please come and raise them with us.

Upcoming Beat events

16/08/26 - 11.00-12.00 at The Milk Shed Great Dalby
23/08/26 - 11.00-11.30 at The Co-Op in Asfordby
19/09/26 - 11.00-12.00 at Gates Garden Centre Cold Overton

We look forward to seeing you there and in the mean time keep an eye out on other social medias to see what we are getting up to and any additional updates.

Thank you from the Rural South Beat Team.

PC Tranter, PCSO French and PCSO Wittering