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Welcome to your weekly update from your NPA Commander

Introduction

Hello, I am Inspector Darren Richardson your local policing commander. Your Commander's newsletter this week is focused on how I work closely with partner agencies to ensure the safety and well-being of our communities in Melton and Rutland. I believe building a safer environment requires strong partnership working, involving everyone: residents, local authorities, emergency services, businesses and community organisations. I am fortunate to work with partners who are dedicated to serving our communities, I am also supported by communities invested in making Melton and Rutland safer places to live.



New CCTV installed



The police and Crime Commissioner recently visited Melton Police station to view the newly installed CCTV system link. The CCTV system is council owned and used extensively by local police for the management of crime and disorder. The link provides local officers with live-stream footage of all Melton Borough Council's cameras, enabling us to monitor dynamic situations and respond quickly and efficiently. The driving force for the installation of this new equipment was Melton Borough Council's community safety team supported by myself. The new equipment has been jointly funded through the Safer Melton Partnership and the police and crime Commissioner, Rupert Matthews. I would like to thank David Walker and John Poole from the community safety team at the council and Rupert Matthews for all their hard work in making this happen.

Shown above are John Poole (left), Rupert Matthews (centre) and David Walker (right)



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In Rutland

Recently I met with Rutland County Council's community Safety Manager, Hugh Crouch. During my meeting with Hugh we discussed a wide range of initiatives around Domestic Abuse, Road Safety, Substance abuse and anti-social behaviour. The Safer Rutland Partnership are currently in consultation over setting their new priorities. Hugh and I were able to discuss how our policing and partnership priorities align and how as a partnership we would deliver a strategy focusing on what you have told us is a priority in your community.



Shown above is Hugh Crouch from Rutland County Council

Visit from the PCC



The Police and Crime Commissioner, Rupert Matthews (shown here on the left), spent some time with PC Shane Sanderson (shown here on the right) discussing the effectiveness of Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBOs). Shane is the CBO lead and following his excellent work at Melton & Rutland he is now sharing his knowledge with other policing areas within the force.

What is a CBO? A CBO is an order granted by a magistrates court which prohibits an individual from entering a particular area, shop, or business to prevent offending, the order can also include overnight curfews to prevent the potential for overnight offending. Should the order be breached, the suspect can be arrested and put before the next available court, and if there are a significant amount of CBO breaches it can lead to a custodial sentence. Our use of these orders locally has led to a prolific shoplifter receiving a custodial sentence because they entered a shop which had been prohibited in the CBO.

As a tool to deter crime they are incredibly effective and our use of them locally is a factor in how we have bucked the national trend and reduced retail theft offences in Melton and Rutland.