

Melton Rural South Newsletter

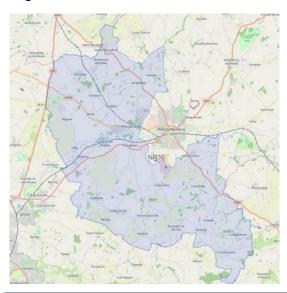
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Welcome to your Melton Mowbray rural south police e-newsletter. Here you will find all of the latest news from a rural south policing perspective.

Welcome to the rural south beat

Hello from the rural south beat. PC Ben Tranter and PCSO Andrew French 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.





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

Thefts – 1

Burglaries – no burglaries

Criminal damage – 1

Assault (including domestic related assault) - 6

Road Traffic Collisions / Road Traffic incidents - 9

Drug dealing / possession—2

Hare Coursing—1

As you can see acquisitive crime is low but there has once again been a higher demand on your local police in relation to incidents on the road network.

Road safety / policing the roads

The Rural South beat team are focussing on reducing casualties, reducing anti-social use of the roads and denying criminals use of the roads. As mentioned in the previous newsletter we have put together a number of small operations targeting the areas that see the most issues.



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With regard to the high volume of collisions on the Shoby bends in July, the local authority has replied to PC Tranter with some intended work to help keep drivers on the road and out of the ditches. Both the local authority and your beat team understand that poor driving may be the cause of a lot of instances but we still have a duty of care and it has been taking up a disproportionate amount of police time that could have been spent elsewhere.

To follow on with the Road Safety beat priority, PC Tranter has dedicated more time to road traffic policing; vehicle defect tickets issued in addition to cars stopped for excessive speed. PCSO French has been conducting high visibility patrols on the beat's roads.

Rural thefts/Drugs

We have continued to keep Rural Thefts relatively low and making efforts to stop / check any agricultural equipment moving around. We also have been responding to dozens of calls relating collisions, obstructions, break downs etc.

The beat team continue to work proactively with the Drugs beat priority, gathering intelligence and regularly stopping suspicious vehicles.

PC Tranter and I 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 and 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.



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 2 September 9—11 Ab Kettleby Primary School we will be visiting and chatting with pupils at the school

Saturday 20 September we will be attending a community event at Captains Close Primary School between 10 am—12 noon

The next edition will be out soon!