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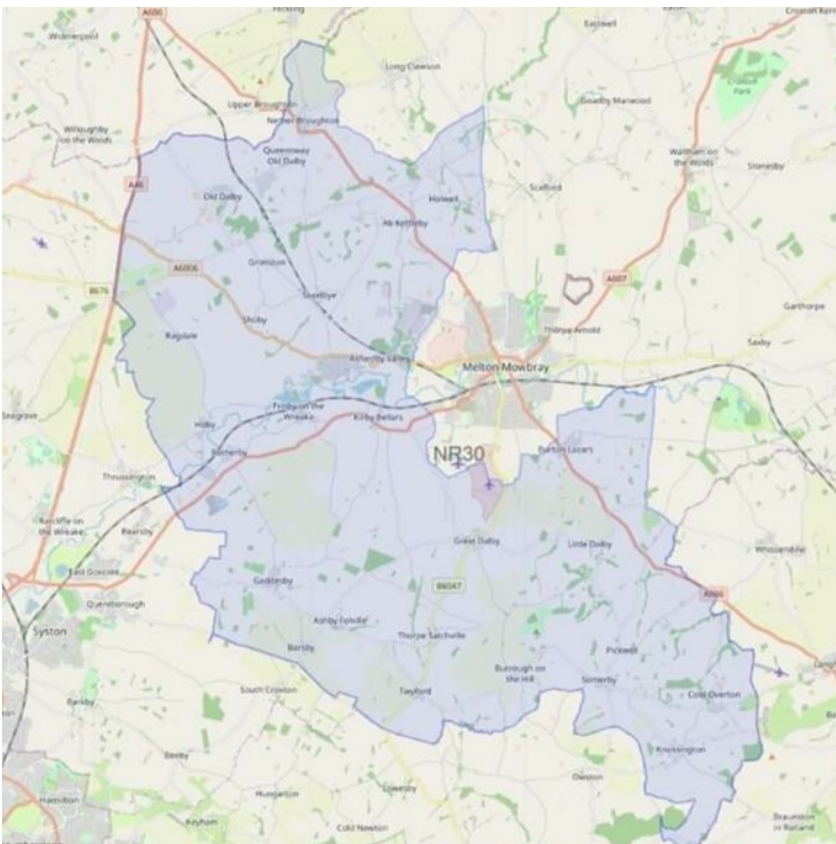
Melton Rural South Newsletter

September 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.



Crime and incident statistics

August statistics:

Thefts – **10**

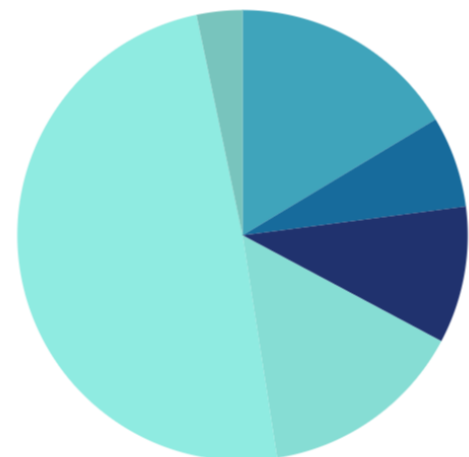
Burglaries – **4**

Criminal damage – **6**

Assault (including domestic related assault) – **9**

Road Traffic Collisions / Road Traffic incidents – **30**

Drug dealing/possession – **2**



Theft (10) Burglary (4)
Criminal damage (6) Assault (9)
Road incidents (30) Drugs (2)

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



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Road safety / policing the roads

There have been a reduced number of reported road traffic incidents from the previous month. 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.

We have dedicated extra time into targeting vehicles that are unroadworthy, untaxed, have no MOT or no insurance. PC Tranter has continued to dedicate more time to road traffic policing; vehicle defect tickets and cars stopped for excessive speed.

We 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.

Rural thefts

September has seen an increased number of reported thefts from rural premises, including vehicles, equipment and cabling which have been reported as being taken overnight. We have been working alongside the rural policing team to target this. 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

Drug related incidents are staying low across the beat and your reports are helping to keep them low. We continue to work proactively gathering intelligence, making targeted patrols and have conducted searches of people and vehicles under section 23 of the misuse of drugs act. 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

Each month we hold numerous beat events and drop ins including dropping by at some local coffee mornings allowing residents to meet us face to face and raise any concerns and give some reassurance after recent incidents.

We have been out day and night stopping suspicious vehicles and using ANPR to target vehicles that should not be on the road, we also stop vehicles that we know are linked to criminality and we have seized vehicles during this process.

A package of evidence has been put together by police and Melton Borough Council to summons a male to court next month, this is in relation to ongoing and persistent reports of anti-social behaviour and alleged aggressive behaviour.

PC Tranter has attended Somerby Primary school for an educational session where the children got to learn about policing, how we are there to help and they got to see the equipment we use.



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Upcoming Beat events

07/10/26 - 11.00-11.30 at The Co-Op in Asfordby

10/10/26 - 10.00-11.00 at Ashby Folville Coffee morning at the village hall

10/10/26 - 11.30-12.30 at Gaddesby coffee and cake morning

15/11/26 - 10.00-11.00 at the Milk Shed in Great Dalby

10/12/26 - 10.30-11.30 at Burton Lazars coffee morning

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

Thank you from the Rural South Beat Team.



Please continue to report any suspicious activity to the police on either 101 or on the website.

Thanks for reading the newsletter!

Ab Kettleby, Asfordby, Asfordby Hill, Asfordby Valley, Ashby Folville, Barsby, Brooksby, Burrough On The Hill, Burton Lazars, Cold Overton, Eye Kettleby, Frisby On The Wreake, Gaddesby, Great Dalby, Grimston, Hoby, Holwell, John O'Gaunt, Kirby Bellars Knossington, Leesthorpe, Little Dalby, Nether Broughton, Newbold, Old Dalby, Pickwell, Ragdale, Rotherby, Saxelby, Shoby, Six Hills, Somerby, Thorpe Satchville, Twyford, Wartnaby and Welby.

PC Tranter, PCSO French and PCSO Wittering