

Police Neighbourhood Panel Meeting.

Date: Wednesday 8th February 2012
Attending: Cllr Randall, Cllr Holdich
Period covered: 1st November 2011 – 31th January 2012

Report.

Glinton and Wittering ward:

- Slight increase in crimes reported (58) compared to the same quarter last year (55).
- Compared to the previous quarter overall crime decreased by 10 offences.
- Increase in thefts from vehicles, particularly of catalytic converters from vehicle exhausts; however, two arrests were made in January and as a result two people have been charged and remanded. Since then there have been no further reports this type of offence. There have also been a number of thefts of car number plates, both locally and countywide.

Operation “ReDesign” – Addition officers for rural villages.

Rob Hill and Kirsty Hills were introduced as the new sector Inspector and Sergeant. Operation ReDesign was outlined – its objective is to improve the performance of officers in the villages by making local officer available 24hrs a day rather than the current situation where Pc McCullum is only available 8hrs per day backed up by “fire fighting” response officers from the city. These new officers will be supplemented by an additional three PCSO’s – one PCSO for every ward area, with two allocated to Glinton & Wittering. It is intended that these additional PC’s and PCSO’s will be allocated to the rural areas and should significantly improve the service delivery. This increase in policing has been possible due to reduction of senior ranks in the Peterborough division, with the number of inspectors being reduced from 16 to 6.

The result of this redesign should be more officers and PCSO’s specifically allocated to the villages – these will provide support 24hrs a day – without the need for support from City officers.

Police Authority.

Olive Main, member of the Police Authority, gave a presentation regarding the current financial position of the force. The annual budget of Cambridgeshire Police for 2011/12 will be £130 million (£165 per person per year). This budget will require the authority to make savings of over £17million in the next four years - £11 million of savings have already been identified, significant saving will be made by collaborating with neighbouring forces and restructuring to remove back office staff. To achieve this year's budget will require a 2.92% increase in the precept, this will result in a 10p per week increase for a band D property. The authority is also aware that the standard of call handling has recently deteriorated - this is currently being addressed. The call centre deals with over 10,000 ‘999’ and 50,000 non emergency call (101 number) per month.

Panel Priorities.

Following the previous priority of “Speeding and parking outside Glinton Primary School” 36 warnings were issued to drivers, of which the majority were local residents. A positive response was received from both parents and staff who welcomed the presence of local officers.

The new panel priority will be speeding and inconsiderate/dangerous parking outside rural schools, particularly Castor & Ailsworth, AMVC and Glinton Primary.

Speedwatch Training. VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: Please contact Cllr Randall (253276)

Cllr RW Randall
20th February 2012