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1. I'd like to thank the Parish Council for their continued support and for their annual donation in supporting SNAST, which serves to help and support NHW Groups in the South Northants Area.
2. In the last year I've kept The Parish Council updated monthly by email or in person. I've used The Old Mail for seasonal items.
3. There is a Dedicated Facebook Page for Potterspurry, to keep people updated with recent / relevant crimes in our area, which also includes relevant Crime prevention Posters and advice.
4. I receive updates from The Police, Action for Fraud, The NCA (National Crime Agency) and other Agencies via Facebook & Twitter. Neighbourhood Alert helps me keep informed on Local

issues including Crime Prevention matters. Some messages cover other areas, this is because the Crime in question could easily be repeated where we live by the same criminal(s) on the same day. A good example of this is a distraction burglary.... Criminals quickly move around, and it is useful to know who and what to look out for to prevent further incidents occurring elsewhere in the county.

We still have an extensive Police Website that contains a variety of useful information, both specific to our area and of general interest, aiding interaction between the public and the Police. You can use the website (www.northants.police.uk) to report Crime, which can be quicker than ringing 101.

5. Fraud continues to be a serious issue for us all with an ever-increasing list of sophisticated scams being used.

Scams in the form of emails about renewing your TV License, Amazon Prime or Netflix accounts or by ringing people, purporting to be from either their Bank, The Police or HMRC to obtain peoples Bank details.

The advice is never click on any link contained in a Txt or E-mail, unless you are absolutely confident it's from who they say they are, always ring the relevant phone number for the company you hold the account with or from a reliable source.

Genuine organisations will never:

✗ Ask you to reveal your password	Not going to happen
✗ Ask for your account number	Never ever
✗ Need or ask for your banking PIN or access code	No way
✗ Ask you to supply your security answers	I don't think so
✗ Need your bank details to issue a refund	Nope
✗ Tell you to transfer money to a 'safe' account	No no no
✗ Ask for personal information	Not really
✗ Tell you to purchase digital vouchers	Negative
✗ Tell you to pay a bill or fine via bank transfer	No chance
✗ Ask you to buy cryptocurrency like Bitcoin	No

via email, text or incoming phone call.

Follow [NorthantsCyber](#) and [NorthantsFraud](#) for the latest cyber and fraud advice.

 Northamptonshire Police
Fighting crime, protecting people

6. Our yearly Crime figures are showing a small increase as we have still suffered from Crime, from Ladder theft to Graffiti, from Two Vehicle thefts to Criminal Damage, from two cases of Bullying to a Drugs Warrant being executed. Also, The Bus Shelter has been vandalised twice this year, making it 4 times in all, since it was erected.

We have still had the occasional suspicious vehicle driving around.

Also, we have still experienced Anti-Social Behaviour by a small group of Intimidating Youngsters, causing damage and distress for The Village. This impacts on all residents and the local community, which can be un-nerving, leaving people feeling frustrated and Vulnerable. When this happens Potterspurvy shows it still has a strong sense of community spirit with some residents using various social media sites to convey information of concern, however sometimes forgetting to report their suspicions to The Police, it helps to report all incidents of Crime (even suspicions) as this in turn will help The Police to build up a picture of what is happening in our area.

It is important to report each incident at the time, if possible, by ringing 999 as it is a “crime in progress”, especially if there are additional issues like verbal abuse, ASB or a related vehicle registration number, The Police control room will then Triage the call and decide if it requires a 999 response. Alternatively, it can be reported by ringing 101 or by going online to the Northants Police website.

Following the concerns around anti-social behaviour in the village, PCSO Matthew Taylor has been working in partnership with Potterspurvy Parish Council and Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs (NAYC) about the re-establishment of youth provision in Potterspurvy to serve as a diversionary opportunity. A joint event was held Meadow View Playing Fields on Thursday 28th July 2022 between 6.30pm and 8pm, the Northamptonshire Police Beat Bus was also in attendance, as well as some activities for young people provided by NAYC. The aim of the event was to speak to the young, and young at heart of Potterspurvy and help shape the future of youth provision in the village and address any concerns, unfortunately this was very poorly attended.

7. Our CCTV cameras in Meadow View continue to help and are a great asset to the Village. I continue to help residents with advice concerning Crime prevention and refer them to the relevant bodies for further assistance if and where needed. I still contact The Police directly to report Crime and to seek information for the benefit of the village.

8. South Northamptonshire Police continue with their Policing plan which puts the Public and Communities they serve at the heart of all they do. The last Local Priorities from December 2022 until March 2023, were as follows:
 1. Road Safety & Traffic Offences
 2. Burglary
 3. Drug Dealing/Misuse

9. We have had several visits from The Forces Beat Bus, which brings community Policing into the very heart of our communities inviting people to come and speak to one of the local Neighbourhood PC's or PCSO's with any concerns or provide intelligence to help The Police or too just ask for advice on Crime Prevention.

In the words of our very founder Robert Peel:

"The police are the public and that the public are the police, the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence."

10. Following concerns around anti-social behaviour in the Ward area, PCSO Matthew Taylor and Firefighter Norman visited The South campus of Elizabeth Woodville Academy to speak to students.

Topics Discussed included:

- Staying Safe Online
- E-Scooters and the law
- Anti-social behaviour and its impact

- Drowning prevention
- Fire prevention
- Smoke Alarms

Fearless (www.fearless.org – an online reporting tool, aimed at young people.

Also, during the year Officers from the local neighbourhood Policing team with the Senior Leadership Team from the school had students walk through the knife arch and were selected by staff for random searches under powers given to schools under the Education Act. Fortunately, on the occasion no knives were found, although certain items were found, which were prohibited under school policy, such as energy drinks and vapes. The Police reassured the community that no specific intelligence had been received, this knife arch forms part of Operation Sceptre where Neighbourhood Officers periodically visit all schools in Northamptonshire to conduct similar operations.

11. Burglaries in Northamptonshire reduce by more than half.

- Home invasions in Northamptonshire down by 50.9%
- Commercial burglaries reduced by 59.2%
- 3800 fewer victims
- Prolific offenders sent to jail.
- Victim satisfaction at 79%
- Every burglary victim gets a visit from the police.

The number of home invasions across Northamptonshire has reduced by over 50% and commercial burglaries have gone down by nearly 60% since Northamptonshire Police's dedicated burglary team was launched three years ago.

Head of Crime's message to Burglars is "We have made Northamptonshire a hostile place for you and our Burglary Team detectives remain dedicated to catching you and putting you behind bars."

Operation Crooked is the Force's campaign to reduce burglary – a focus for Northamptonshire Police since Chief Constable Nick Adderley Joined in 2018.

As part of the operation, two Burglary Teams covering both the North and West of the county, sit within CID, and they ensure that every burglary victim in Northamptonshire gets a visit from the police.

In the past three years, the team have also worked on driving up the quality of investigations, managing and progressing forensic hits more quickly, hunting down wanted people, organising police patrols in areas of concern and gathering intelligence to prevent burglaries before they happen.

12.I have a stock of Crime Prevention items from our local SNAST Team which can be purchased by residents at cost price, these vary from Shed Alarms to mini personal alarms for their properties and an array of leaflets / Stickers to give out. I hope to purchase more NHW signs for the Village this year, which I hope will go some way to deter Criminals.

13.Our strong Community Spirit Continues and proves that we all wish the best for our village and there is a desire to look out for one another and keep it as safe as possible.

14.I was humbled this year to be recognised for my services as a volunteer with Neighbourhood Watch. During the early part of the year, people were asked to nominate others or themselves to enable NHW to say thank you to them. The response was overwhelming and had over 3,000 nominations. I was one of those volunteers.

15.Our Watch still moves forward for the future of our community. I still strongly feel that what we are doing is the correct path to take as the link between the local Community and the Police is as vital as ever.

Be aware that the Biggest Crime we face is still the fear of Crime.

Craig Coppin

NHW Coordinator / Police Liaison Representative

Enc:

- Officer List for South Northants Policing Team
- 2022 Breakdown of Crimes for Potterspury
- Yearly Comparison of Crime Figures