



RUNCORN BLUE LAMP REPORT

January, February, March 2014

Sergeant William Kendrick

Halton Lea, Asda and Trident Retail Park

Your local PCSO is Paula Davies



Priority

Topic: Shoplifting

Description: Patrols will be in the area to deter shoplifters. The Centre is also part of the Shop Watch scheme which allows stores, Police and CCTV to communicate with each other more effectively to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. We aim to increase the number of stores included in the shop watch scheme to increase the effectiveness.

News for the area

- PCSO Davies has been looking into statistics since the new shop watch system was introduced towards the end of last year. There has been a reduction in the number of thefts from the retail sector by prolific offenders, due to the shop watch scheme. Figures for December 2013 showed 4 shoplifting offences, all of which were detected and dealt with, compared to December 2012 when there was 12 thefts and only 2 detected. The shop watch scheme allows us to communicate with stores and respond quickly to incidents.
- The two young females arrested in December for public order and constant anti-social behaviour appeared in court and were both diverted to the youth offending team to deal with their behaviour. We have not had any further incidents in relation to these females.
- Kylie Mazier, 25, prolific shoplifter sentenced to 14 weeks in prison for theft. She was on a suspended sentence for previous thefts.

- Prolific shoplifter Emma Collins was arrested for theft of meat from Lidl. She was sentenced by the courts to 2 weeks in prison.
- Prolific shoplifter Stephen Hughes, 37, was arrested for 4 shoplifting offences. He was remanded in custody.

Grange, Halton Lodge and Hallwood Park

The local PCSO's for Grange are Gary Cooney & Lucy Cornock and for Palacefields, Halton Lodge and Hallwood Park is Dave Ellis.



PCSO priorities for February

Grange

Topic: Anti-social behaviour.

Description: Due to further calls being received from members of the public in relation to youths hanging around the local shops on Grangeway in the evenings, patrols will be tasked again this month to deal robustly with anyone causing problems. If any offences are committed the offenders will be dealt with.

Palacefields, Halton Lodge and Hallwood Park

Topic: Reassurance following recent burglaries and theft from motor vehicles in the area.

Description: PCSO Ellis will be giving the area regular attention to provide reassurance to the local community. We have had extra staff on during January to tackle this during the time when most incidents are reported to have happened. Officers in plain clothes have been in the area looking for anyone acting suspiciously and respond quickly to incidents reported of this nature. 4 people were arrested and dealt with by the officers. When possible, all property was returned to the victims.

PCSO priorities for March

Grange

Topic: Anti-social behaviour.

Description: We have received an increase in the number of reports regarding anti-social behaviour in areas such as Davenport Row. These reports are connected with anti-social behaviour from local youths. We will increase patrols in the area and liaise with housing authorities to deal with this issue robustly.

Palacefields, Halton Lodge and Hallwood Park

Topic: Theft from motor vehicles from Halton Lodge and Hallwood Park.

Description: We received reports during February of theft of registration plates. Stolen plates can be placed on cars in order to commit crime and reduce the risk of being caught. We ask residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour. We will increase patrols in the area.

PCSO priorities for April.

Grange

Topic: Off road bikes

Description: We will be proactive in relation to the issue of mini motorbikes and the nuisance they cause to local residents. Riding on the footpath, with no insurance is a danger to the public and to the rider. We will seek to locate riders of these bikes and take necessary action where possibly.

Palacefields, Halton Lodge and Hallwood Park

Topic: Suspicious activity.

Description: We have seen an increase of reported suspicious activity, possibly involving drugs. We will increase hi visibility patrols; we would urge people to contact us if they see anyone or anything suspicious so we can investigate.

You Said, We did.

Grange

You Said: The same group of males are regularly coming into the shops on Grangeway and shoplifting.

We did: We worked with local stores and Halton CCTV to identify the males involved. 3 males have since been arrested.

You Said: There are bogus callers around the Grangeway area of Runcorn, asking about resident's roofs and advising on how they can do repairs that aren't necessary.

We Did: We increased patrols in the area and gave warning to other residents. We used social media outlets such as Twitter to give advice and reassurance. We have had no further reports.

Palacefields, Halton Lodge and Hallwood Park

You Said: There are males drug dealing in the area.

We Did: Officers have given the area regular attention to deter any such activity. PCSO Ellis has been working with Halton CCTV to identify and catch offenders.

You Said: There are people drug dealing in Palacefields.

We Did: On Tuesday 11th February officers from Runcorn NPU executed a warrant at a property in Charlton Close, Palacefields. A quantity of suspected Class A and B drugs were seized at the address along with £500 in cash. Three men were arrested at the scene on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of class A drugs. Two of the men were subsequently bailed pending further enquiries. An 18-year-old man was charged with possession with intent to supply heroin and possession with intent to supply crack cocaine.

You said: Mini motorbikes are riding around the estate and are dangerous.

We did: We have paid the area regular attention. Officers witnessed a mini moto in the area and have issued a section 59 warning to a male living in the area. A Section 59 warning notice is issued to the rider and the bike, if the rider is caught riding in the same

manner again (or the bike used by any rider) within 12 months, then the bike can be seized.

News for the area

- Following a warrant in the Grange area a number of bikes were seized from an address. One of the bikes was identified as stolen from a shed break in Runcorn. The bike was returned to its owner and the offender dealt with.
- PCSO Cornock has been liaising with HBC regarding repairing the alley gates on Ivy Street.
- ‘Our Community, Our Opportunity’ – This initiative within the Grange area is now well underway with a steering group being established. The next steps will be for this group to define the rules and guidelines for the applicants of prospective projects.
- We received a report of a burglary in progress in the Grange area. Officers were quick to respond and a male was arrested while still in the property. The male was released without charged. He was of no fixed abode and believed he was given permission to be in the empty property, nothing was taken or damaged.
- PCSO Cooney has spoke to Halton Housing Trust about fly tipping and dog fouling in the Rowan Close area. Gary has spoken to residents and given them advice about what to do if they see any incidents occurring in the area.
- PCSO Cooney attended a report of an abandoned bike on the Halton Lodge estate. It was found by a local resident and when recovered by officers, it was discovered to be stolen from the Grange estate. It has since been returned to the owner.
- PCSO Cooney attended the Grange residents meeting.
- PCSO Cornock issued 2 CLE2/6 notices. This notice advises the DVLA that a vehicle has been seen parked on a public road with no valid tax disc; the DVLA will then take appropriate action.
- One Runcorn male has been jailed for 10 years for historic sexual abuse on two males more than 24 years ago.



- With the high winds during early February a house on Fenwick Lane, Halton Lodge had the felt on their roof ripped off. Officers attended and advised residents to remain inside neighbouring properties for their safety. Officers worked with Halton Borough Council to resolve the issue.
- PCSO Deponeo attended the Palacefields residents meeting in January. PCSO Ellis attended the Palacefields residents meeting in February.
- PCSO Ellis attended the Palacefields estate walkabout about with Riverside housing. This allows a partnership approach to tackling issues.
- PCSO Ellis gave a fixed penalty notice for dog fouling on Hallwood Park.
- Anti-social behaviour contracts (ABCs) were issued to a number of youths who were involved with ASB around the Palacefields local centre. The contract is made in conjunction with the housing authority. If it is not adhered, then the tenancy on the property may be at risk.
- A 15 year old youth from Hallwood Park was charged with possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply. He was 14 at the time of the offence.
- Sam Morgan, 21, was sentenced to 12 weeks in prison for committing further offences whilst on license from prison.
- PCSO Deponeo & Police volunteer Sophie Baines spent time with pupils from a primary school in Palacefields for a 'big clean up' around the estate.
- PCSO Cooney and Holcroft were on mobile patrol during an evening shift. They located a wanted female who was then arrested by officers for failing to appear.
- 1 male was issued with a section 59 warning notice for riding a quad bike in the Grangemoor area. There have been no further reports of this male riding the quad. The warning notice lasts 12 months and if the rider is caught again (riding any bike/quad) then it can be seized.



Castlefields, Halton Village & The Brow

Your local PCSO's are Tracey Taylor & Lynn Parr



PCSO priority for February

Topic: Shoplifting

Description: Officers will be paying passing attention to stores in the area to prevent anti-social behaviour and shoplifting offences. Anyone caught doing so will be dealt with robustly.

PCSO priority for March

Topic: Reassurance around the local centre area.

Description: Following recent incidents including a robbery on Village Close, officers will be tasked with paying the area regular attention to reassure residents. If anyone is seen acting suspiciously, we would urged you to call us on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

PCSO priority for April.

Topic: Reassurance around Halton Castle and surrounding area.

Description: Following recent incidents of ASB around the area, officers will be tasked with paying the area regular attention to reassure residents. We have spoken to various youths and taking details and will act accordingly if they are found to be repeat offenders.

You Said, We Did.

You Said: Youths are congregating at the front of the store on Main Street, messing with shutters and asking customers to buy cigarettes for them.

We Did: PCSO Parr looked at CCTV to establish the identity of those involved. She advised the youths to stay away from the store. She has since spoken to staff who stated that they have not had any problems since. She will continue to pay attention to the area.

You Said: Youths are causing a nuisance around Castlefields.

We Did: PCSO Parr dealt with a group of youths reported to have taken a large amount of lottery tickets from the local centre store and throw them across parts of Castlefields. They caused a lot of litter and also caused distress to residents in the community centre. PCSO Parr viewed CCTV and spoke with 4 males in company of their parents. With parents support, she took them back to the area to pick up the tickets and apologise to the centre staff.

You Said: Eggs are being thrown at a property on Pendennis Court

We Did: PCSO Parr visited the victims address. She has liaised with Plus Dane Housing and CCTV has now been installed at address by Plus Dane. She has paid the area regular attention and the area has been placed on our daily tasking vehicle.

News for the area

- PCSO Parr attended St Augustine's Primary School to talk to reception children about the role of the Police and staying safe in the community.
- Warrants executed by our Crime Beat Managers have meant that quantities of drugs have been removed from the streets of Runcorn. Officers executed 2 warrants in Castlefields in January resulting in a large seizure of cannabis. 1 male was arrested and bailed, pending forensic investigation. PCSOs were on hand to reassure the community.
- PCSO Holcroft has been patrolling Phoenix Park following reports of off road bikes in the area.

- Following reports of a 1 vehicle road traffic collision near to Trident Retail Park, officers attended and no one was present in the vehicle. Officers attended the home address of the registered keeper in Castlefields. With no one admitting to driving, the occupant and friend were arrested for driving with excess alcohol and taken to custody. While in custody, one of them admitted driving the vehicle and was charged, fined and given points on his license.
- Following reports of a theft from a store on Main Street and then an affray on Hedge Hey, officers were in the Castlefields area looking for 4 offenders. 4 males were then disturbed before committing a burglary in the Castlefields area. All 4 were detained by local officers for theft and affray and one of the males was also arrested for going equipped (to commit burglary). They have all been bailed to attend court.
- PCSO Parr has liaised with HBC regarding the parking issues at the Village Square. PCSO Parr has suggested implementing extra bollards to stop vehicles parking on the pavement at the location. She has given advice to 3 vehicles/drivers seen parked at this location in February.
- PCSO Parr attended the Park Primary school to talk to the children about the roles of the police.
- Kenneth Worrall, 63, of Meadow Row, Runcorn has been charged with possession of controlled drugs and bailed to attend court.
- PCSO Taylor attended a report of shoplifting in the local store in Castlefields. She was able to identify the male on the CCTV and the male has since been dealt with for the offence.



Halton Brook

Your local PCSO's are Jen Gilbert & Kyle Holcroft



PCSO priority for February

Topic: Mini motos

Description: We will be proactive in relation to the issue of mini motorbikes and the nuisance they cause to local residents. Riding on the footpath, with no insurance is a danger to the public and to the rider. We will seek to locate riders of these bikes and take necessary action where possibly.

PCSO priority for March

Topic: Youths congregating at the back of Meadway.

Description: We have received reports that youths are congregating at the back of the community centre and are intimidating to residents in the area. We will increase patrols in the area and take details and act on anyone found to be committing offences.

PCSO priority for April.

Topic: Anti-social behaviour

Description: We have received reports of youths acting anti socially around the community centre in Halton Brook. Officers have spoken with various youths already but will be attending the location regularly to deter any more behaviour like this.

You Said, We Did.

You said: The Grange School – Youths who do not attend the school are gathering at the back between 1430 and 1500 and are dealing/smoking cannabis.

We did: We have attended the school during the end of the school day and liaised with staff. We have taken details of some youths in the area and although they have returned at the end of the school day they have not caused any issues and left with friends from the school. We will continue to work with the school on this matter

You said: Mini motorbikes are riding around the estate and are dangerous.

We did: We have paid the area regular attention. Officers have never witnessed bikes in the area but have spoken to several residents about the issues in order to gain intelligence.

News for the area

- PCSO Holcroft started covering the Halton Brook area in January and will use his knowledge and experience from his previous role as anti-social behaviour PCSO to tackle issues on Halton Brook. He attended the Halton Brook residents meetings to discuss issues and introduce himself.
- PCSO Holcroft and PC Jones arranged to meet with the environment agency to discuss the possibility of introducing fishing events on the canal during the warmer months.
- PCSO Holcroft and Gilbert have worked with Riverside housing and issued an ABC to a young girl on Halton Brook. Her behaviour was causing issues with neighbours. The family risk being evicted if her behaviour continues. We have not heard of any further incidents since.
- Warrants executed by our Crime Beat Managers have meant that quantities of drugs have been removed from the streets of Runcorn. Officers executed 2 warrants in Halton Brook in January, resulting in a large seizure of cannabis and cash. 2 males were arrested, 1 was bailed pending summons and the other was bailed pending financial investigation.
- PCSO Gilbert, Holcroft and Cooney monitored traffic on Latham Avenue. Numerous drivers were advised of the restrictions in place. Single yellow lines along the road mean drivers are not allowed to stop, even to pick up or drop off. This is reinforced with signage to state 'No stopping Monday - Friday 8am-6pm'. Officers will continue to monitor this.

- Following several reports of shed breaks on Saxon Road during one evening, PCSO Holcroft attended addresses on Saxon Road to offer advice and reassurance.
- PCSO Holcroft and PCSO Cooney attended the Grange School to assist staff with a mediation meeting with parents of 2 pupils. Time was given for all to speak their thoughts and feelings about the issues.
- PCSO Cornock conducted speed enforcement along Boston Avenue. 10 drivers were identified in one hour and all will be dealt with for speeding.
- Following a call from the local store on Halton Road of 2 males shoplifting, PCSO Taylor was in the area so could respond immediately. She stopped 2 males matching the description given. Both males were arrested and dealt with for the offence.

Beechwood

Your local PCSO is Richard Deponeo



PCSO priority for February

Topic: Youths are stealing doorbells from our properties.

Description: We have received numerous reports of youths taking doorbells from houses in the Beechwood area. PCSO Deponeo has attended incidents and seized CCTV in relation to this and we are currently looking to identify those involved. Officer will continue to respond to incidents and we aim to identify offenders and deal with them effectively.

PCSO priority for March

Topic: Suspicious activity.

Description: We have seen an increase of reported suspicious activity. We will increase hi visibility patrols; we would urge people to contact us if they see anyone or anything suspicious so we can investigate.

PCSO priority for April.

Topic: Suspicious activity.

Description: We continue to see reports of suspicious activity, possibly involving drugs. We will continue to provide hi visibility patrols and would still urge people to contact us if they see anyone or anything suspicious so we can investigate.

You Said, We Did.

You Said: Off road bikes are causing an issue near Betchworth Crescent.

We Did: PCSO Deponeo has been proactive in relation to the issue of mini motorbikes and the nuisance they cause to local residents. He has been giving the area regular attention and responded to incidents.

You Said: Hillview Primary school is having problems with parents parking in the bus stop outside school; their cars block the view of the school crossing attendant.

We Did: We have provided regular patrols to the area, Advice has been given to parents and vehicles parked in bus stops have been advised and asked to move away and find a safe and legal place to park. Leaflets have been distributed by PCSO Deponeo to parents giving parking and safety advice around the school.

News for the area

- PCSO Deponeo has been visiting schools in the Beechwood area to discuss any issues.
- PCSO McCue attended the Beechwood community meeting in January.
- We received a report of a power cut on the 19th February, after which a white van with no livery attended at an address asking to check the power. United Utilities were contacted but they had no knowledge – if you have had similar occurrences, please call 101.
- During February there was a theft of a motorbike from a garage on Bowland Close. Officers attended and house to house was conducted, unfortunately there were no witnesses. Please be vigilant and make sure all doors, windows, gates and sheds are locked.
- We have had an incident whereby a parent had been abusive to the crossing attendant when she advised the driver they had parked in a dangerous manner. The driver was advised of their behaviour
- The remains of a Cannabis farm were discovered on Pippits row. Officers attended and seized the items concerned.

Mersey & Heath

The local PCSO for Heath is Chris McCue and the Mersey is Ian Harrison & Gary Buckles.



PCSO priority for February

Topic: Begging in the Old Town.

Description: We have received an increase in calls regarding people begging around the Old Town area. We have CCTV covering the area and will respond to incidents. We aim to help and support anyone acting in this way and if necessary will make arrests.

PCSO priority for March

Topic: Shoplifting

Description: Patrols will be in the area to deter shoplifters. The Old Town is also part of the Shop Watch scheme which allows stores, Police and CCTV to communicate with each other more effectively to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

PCSO priority for April.

Topic: Begging in the Old Town.

Description: We have received an increase in calls regarding a male begging in the Old Town area. We are working with other agencies to tackle the issue with the male in question and will continue to respond to reports and where necessary, take action.

You Said, We Did.

You said: Vehicles are obstructing the footpath on Highlands Road.

We did: PCSO McCue has paid regular attention to the area at relevant times. He has issued advisory notices to drivers to highlight the offence. He will continue to monitor the issue and give tickets where necessary.

You said: A young male has been seen acting suspiciously around the Old Town recently.

We did: PCSO Harrison stopped a male who was acting suspiciously and trying to avoid him. When checking the male he was found to be linked with drugs. PC Williams and Maskill attended and searched the male and found a large quantity of cannabis. The male was arrested and taken to custody.

You said: One female keeps repeatedly shoplifting from local stores.

We did: We collected CCTV footage and statements in relation to all the offences reported to us. Through local knowledge, PCSOs were able to identify the female responsible. She was then arrested and has now been given a lengthy prison sentence.

You said: Youths are setting fires and causing ASB at Runcorn Hill.

We did: PCSO McCue has been liaising with park security and conducted regular hi visibility patrols in the area to deter such behaviour.

News for the area

- PCSO Gilbert began the RESPECT programme (in conjunction with Cheshire Fire). 8 young people from various schools in Halton are taking part in the course for 12 weeks. The course finished in March and all the students passed. They all took part in a graduation ceremony in which they showed the skills they had learnt throughout the course to parents. They also each gave a short speech thanking those involved.
- PCSO McCue issued 2 CLE2/6 notices to vehicles not displaying a valid tax disc on Holloway in January. This notice advises the DVLA that a vehicle has been seen parked on a public road and then the DVLA will take appropriate action.

- PCSO McCue attended Weston Primary school following reports from parents about traffic issues. He has spoken with staff at the school and given advice.
- In January there was an increase in shed/garage breaks in the area of Ascot Avenue. PCSOs have been giving leaflets to residents in the area offering advice. PCSO McCue has also liaised with local stores for information.
- PCSO Buckles has been liaising with Gary Shaw (Shop watch coordinator for the Old Town) and they have worked together to tackle issues with shoplifting, as a result some prolific shoplifter have been identified and dealt with.
- Officers staffed a bike marking event in the Old Town. Bikes were marked and information sent to the 'immobilise' database. This database allows officers to trace the owner of a recovered bike by looking at the serial number marked on the frame.
- PCSO Buckles attended Victoria Road Primary school and gave a presentation on behaviour and respect to some of the pupils.

- PCSO Buckles has been working with staff at sheltered accommodation in the Old Town. One male was reported as being in the building, breaching his injunction. PCSO Buckles attended, seized the CCTV and identified the offender. The male has now been arrested.



- PCSO Holcroft and Gilbert went to visit the reception class at All Saints Primary School. They spent time talking to the children and answered lots of questions about the police!
- PCSO Buckles and Harrison attended Weston Kids Club and Victoria Road Primary to talk to the children about safety in the community. The children really enjoyed talking to Gary and Ian and looking at the police car.

- One female, 32, was stopped driving a Ford Fiesta with no lights on. When officers spoke to the driver they could smell intoxicants. She was taken to custody and the intoximeter recorded readings of 52 and 48, the legal limit is 35. She is due to appear in court early



March.

- Ian James, 41, was arrested on 15/02 for breaching his Anti Social Behaviour Injunction (ASBI) not to be on Bridge Street, Runcorn. He was arrested and given a 4 month prison sentence, suspended for 12 months. He breached his ASBI again on the 19/02 and was again arrested. He was sentenced to 10 months in prison by the judge at Chester County Court.
- PCSO Hamilton Kent issued a CLE2/6 notice on Clayton Crescent in February. This notice advises the DVLA that a vehicle has been seen parked on a public road with no valid tax disc; the DVLA will take appropriate action.
- Prolific shoplifter Rachael Heussi, 28, Old Town, has been sentenced to 5 and a half months in prison for a string of thefts from local stores around Runcorn.
- Jack Ainge, 20, of Runcorn was charged with burglary from a garage and a shoplifting offence. He is currently on bail until his court date.
- PCSO Buckles and Harrison located a wanted shoplifter. She was then arrested, charged and bailed.

Windmill Hill & Daresbury Rural

The local PCSO for Windmill Hill is Paul Webster and for Daresbury Rural is Emma Hamilton Kent.

PCSO priority for February

Topic: Thefts from Whitehouse industrial estate

Description: We have had an increase in reports of theft from businesses on the Whitehouse Estate. We will give the area regular attention in an attempt to deter offenders. We will be working with victims to see where they can improve on their security to help ensure they are not a repeat victim of crime.



PCSO priority for March

Topic: Theft from new Sandymoor School site.

Description: We received a report in February of a theft from a large container on the site of the new school. Tools were taken from the container. We will be paying the area attention to deter any repeat incidents.

PCSO priority for April.

Topic: Parking in Preston on the Hill, Sandymoor & Moore.

Description: We continue to receive calls regarding traffic issues in many parts of the Daresbury area. We will continue to monitor this during April and educate and/or enforce tickets where necessary.

You Said, We Did.

You Said: Buses are travelling at speed through Moore during school times and its causing an issue.

We Did: PCSO Hamilton-Kent has liaised with the bus companies involved. They have

confirmed they are permitted to drive that route during this time. They have also advised her they have procedures in place to alert supervision if the buses are speeding.

You Said: Youths are causing a nuisance on Bridgeway East, Bridgeway West, & Southwood Avenue bus stops.

We Did: PCSO Webster has been regularly in the area. He has spoken to groups of youths responsible for this nuisance behaviour and submitted a 'CST notification'. This notification goes to the community safety team (CST) in Halton Borough Council who work closely with us to monitor repeat offenders and repeat locations. A first notification will result in a letter home to parents. Any further notifications result in more robust action such as ASBOs and acceptable behaviour contracts (ABCs). Hopefully this initial response will be enough to deter them.

You Said: We are concerned about the swans on the Bridgewater Canal. Some people are causing them harm and distress.

We Did: PCSO Webster has visited the location with an RSPCA inspector to look at the swans. PCSO Webster will continue to monitor the area and respond to incidents.

You Said: Nuisance motorbikes continue to cause disturbance to local residents in Daresbury.

We Did: Patrols have attended to deter and disrupt potential riders. We would continue to encourage residents to report all incidents. We have dedicated off road bike officers patrolling whenever possible, this has proved helpful in catching offenders and seizing bikes.



News for the area

- PCSO Webster issued 6 CLE2/6 notices to vehicles not displaying a valid tax disc on Windmill Hill. This notice advises the DVLA that a vehicle has been seen parked on a public road and then the DVLA will take appropriate action.
- PCSO Cornock attended the Sandymoor community meeting in January to discuss issues in the area.

- PCSO Hamilton-Kent has been giving regular attention to Moore School and Daresbury School regarding traffic and parking issues. Following reports of illegal and inconsiderate parking, PCSO Hamilton-Kent has been delivering leaflets in Sandymoor about parking on pavements and obstructing the footpath for pedestrians.
- PCSO Parr visited the Sandymoor Brownie Group to give a crime reduction talk to assist with their Crime Prevention Badge.
- We received a report of a burglary at an address in Sandymoor. The offenders made off in a vehicle. Items of property were taken from the house. Our dedicated burglary team are currently dealing with this incident and are liaising with the victims. No one was present in the house at the time of the offence.
- PCSO Webster has been working with HBC Community safety team and LHT officers to resolve issues on Townfield View in relation to parking. New signage has been installed and residents informed of potential consequences of contravening them. PCSO Webster has also given reminder letters to all residents about parking safely and sensibly.
- 1 male and 1 female were arrested from the Windmill Hill area for fraud by false representation (benefit fraud). Officers executed the warrant with staff from the Department for Work and Pensions. DWP will now continue their investigations and take action accordingly.
- While on mobile patrol PCSO Holcroft located a wanted male near to Norton Hill, he was wanted for shoplifting offences across Runcorn. He was consequently arrested by NPU officers.
- PCSO Harrison attended the February Windmill Hill Residents Association and the Preston Brook residents meeting.
- Two cannabis farmers who used a Runcorn warehouse to grow one of Runcorn's largest ever drug farms, will be deported home to Vietnam to serve their two-year prison sentences. Trung Van Ho, 24, and Nguyem Hoan, 30, were arrested in December after our officers uncovered 1,241 cannabis plants in a warehouse in Manor Park. Officers estimated the seizure to have a street value of £1.2m. The discovery was made possible by a member of the public contacting us and providing us with the vital information
- A vehicle was broken into in Sandymoor. Unfortunately the vehicle was left insecure by the owner. Please keep your vehicles secure and remove all valuables.

Norton North and Norton South

The local PCSO for Norton North is Moira McLaughlin and for Norton South is Gordon Rylance.



PCSO priority for February

Topic: Dangerous driving

Description: Residents of Brookvale have expressed concern with drivers using the pavements to avoid going over speed bumps. This is of serious concern as this kind of driving could easily result in injury or worse. Officers will be in the area to provide reassurance and deter any such behaviour

PCSO priority for March

Topic: Anti-social behaviour on Ainley Close and Rushfield Crescent.

Description: We will have regular patrols visiting the areas. We will also liaise with housing providers to see if we can work together to tackle the issues.

PCSO priority for April.

Topic: OBA School – Youths who do not attend the school are gathering at the end of the school day and are possibly dealing/smoking cannabis.

Description: We have attended the school during the end of the school day and liaised with staff. We have taken details of some youths in the area. PCSO Rylance and

McLaughlin have deterred the youths from hanging around whenever they are present. We will continue to work with the school on this matter

You Said, We Did.

You Said: Youths are gathering in the morning before school (OBA) and are intimidating, littering and causing damage to the landscaped areas.

We Did: PCSO Rylance has been attended the area in the early morning to prevent anyone gathering in the affected areas. He has received positive comments from local residents.

You Said: We have noticed an increase in theft from motor vehicles and burglaries in Norton and Stratton close area.

We Did: We have provided regular patrols of the area and reassurance given to the residents. PCSO Rylance attended Brookvale community centre to give crime prevention advice to elderly residents.

You Said: Drivers are using pavements to avoid driving over speed bumps

We Did: Officers have paid regular attention to the area. No further incidents have been reported. PCSO Rylance will continue to monitor the issue.

News for the area

- PCSO Rylance has been working with Brookvale centres regarding setting up meetings for the community to discuss issues. He has been working with members of the community to set up police surgeries. The new meetings have been set up at Brookvale Community Centre and also at Brookvale Children's Centre. Giving residents the chance to talk to local officers about issues in the area.
- PCSO Rylance has been working with Your Housing and visit residents for reassurance.
- PCSO McLaughlin attended OBA School to give a presentation to Year 8 pupils on Cyber bullying.
- PCSO Parr conducted a crime reduction survey with crime prevention officer Phil

Buckley at Stockham Health Farm to see how they could prevent crime in the area.

- PC's Ellison, Delves & Green have been out on duty on off road bikes during February on Operation Illinois, targeting illegal off roaders in Halton. They have seized 2 mini motos and issued ten Section 59 warning notices. A Section 59 warning notice is issued to the rider and the bike, if the rider is caught riding in the same manner again (or the bike used by any rider) within 12 months, then the bike can be seized. They will continue their good work in March.
- PCSO Rylance attended the Murdishaw Residents Meeting, the Brookvale Residents Meeting and the HBC area forum Meeting at OBA School.
- PCSO Holcroft and Cornock worked with traffic officers and staff from Cheshire Fire and Rescue on a 'driver engagement day'. The event was to target drivers using mobile phones and/or not wearing seat belts. 18 motorists were educated by Cheshire Fire for no seat belts, 1 cannabis warning and 2 mobile phone tickets were also issued on the day.
- PCSO Cooney and Holcroft worked with traffic officers to seize a legal road bike for riding on a footpath in Murdishaw. The bike had no insurance and the rider had no license.
- Thanks to info from the public, a drugs warrant was executed at Moorland Drive, Runcorn. 1 male was arrested for production of cannabis.

Partnerships

PCSO Kim Troake is the dedicated ASB officer, working in partnership with other agencies. Kim is new to the role but will be monitoring the ASB in the area, taking the lead role in dealing with the problem. As part of Kim's role she takes out the Tasking Vehicle visiting anti-social hot spot areas, addressing any issues causing residents problems. Any issues in your area please contact her.
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PCSO Gary Buckles is the dedicated shop watch officer, working closely with the retail outlets in the Old Town. Any issues please contact him.
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999 Emergency

All emergency cases where there is a real threat of harm or damage happening or possibly going to happen or if a crime is being committed.

101 Non Emergency

This number is staffed 24/7 to report incidents where something has happened but is not an emergency.

Crimestoppers

To report anonymously 0800 555 111.

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