

# Local priorities for Daventry & Rural – You Said, We Did

In **December 2023**, we set **three** local priorities – **Road Safety and Traffic Offences, Drug Dealing and Rural Crime.**

These were based on what local people told us concerned them most in their neighbourhood, as well as local crime statistics and information from our partners (such as the local council). These priorities have been the focus of much of our work over the last four months and below is an update about some of the work we have been doing to tackle them.

## Road Safety and Traffic Offences

A large amount of work has been done to tackle issues surrounding road safety and the respective traffic offences. Speeding remains a concern among our communities. We have carried out checks and enforcement in many areas and this has led to positive action to deter further offending. It is worth noting that on some of our check periods, hundreds of vehicles' speed have been measured and none were found to have been over the limit.

Multiple recoveries of vehicles have been seized for various offences, including no insurance, tax and moving traffic offences. Furthermore, multiple summons to court have been submitted for offences.

In December, the Force's Roads Policing Unit carried out two days of action in the Daventry area. This resulted in 60 vehicle stops, 19 tickets issued and 9 vehicle seizures. A further stolen vehicle was also recovered. Given the geographical area of Daventry, neighbourhood officers are often called upon to attend road traffic collisions, broken down vehicles and other incidents on the roads in the area.

We continue to utilise legislation to tackle anti-social driving, including use of un-licensed e-scooters. S59 warnings are increasingly being employed to tackle these issues and a number of vehicles have been seized.

## Drug dealing

We continually receive information from you, the public, regarding drug activity and dealing in our communities. This is vital in order to build a picture of what is happening. If we do not know about it, we cannot tackle it. Officers in the Neighbourhood Policing Team have stop & searched a number of individuals using legislation. Drugs have been seized and relevant disposals have been issued.

Intervention work has also been carried out with youths who have either been found with illicit substances or at risk of becoming users. This early intervention aims to prevent further usage and any future criminality which is often the result. A number of Misuse of Drugs Act Warrants have been sworn out with Magistrates and executed across Daventry and the wider area, including in Long Buckby, the Southbrook estate and within central Daventry itself. These have resulted in a number of arrests, disposals and ongoing investigations into serious offences such as possession with intent to supply class A drugs.

## Rural Crime

We have conducted proactive visits and offered crime prevention advice to numerous farms across the district around Brixworth, Woodford Halse, Crick and various other locations. Officers assisted with searches at property in Daventry following intelligence led arrests and recovered a number of stolen GPS devices which will be returned to their rightful owner. Following proactive patrols officer recovered a stolen trailer and numerous other pieces of equipment from a remote location in Crick, Northants.

Increased Patrol in rural locations around Moulton following an increase of offences to deter offences which saw a reduction of reports. Completed house to house and crime enquiries for offences on behalf of other departments increasing the presence of uniformed officers in rural areas.



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Everyone who lives or works in Northamptonshire is invited to tell us about any local issues that concern them and the easiest way to do this is by sharing your views here:

[Click here to tell us your views about local policing issues](#)

Alternatively, you can contact your local neighbourhood officer at:  
**[neighbourhoodteamdaventry@northants.pnn.police.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodteamdaventry@northants.pnn.police.uk)**

Our priorities for the next period will be:

**Road Safety and Road Traffic Offences**

**Vehicle Crime**

**Burglary**

The local neighbourhood priorities are based on the issues that are of most concern in that particular area and are agreed three times a year.

Your feedback is really important and we appreciate you taking the time to [share your views](#) with us.

Thank you,

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