## DAVENTRY DISTRICT RURAL HIGHLIGHTS/LOWLIGHTS

April 2017-April 2018

- Series of targeted dwelling burglaries by organised criminals sweeping through from Leicestershire border via Hollowell, West Haddon and nearby villages
- Major incident at Gayton following diesel spillage into the Grand Union Canal.
- Trading Standards report two men jailed to 24 and 37 months for conning local householders out of monies between £500 and £6000
- Issues at Long Buckby/Murcote with youths throwing rocks at passing trains
- Westminster terrorism causes extra neighbourhood patrols of crowded places like Long Buckby railway station, shopping hubs and M1 Service Areas
- Operation with RSPCA to rescue abandoned dog from A5 rural address
- Attendance and presentations at parish council meetings of Stowe IX Churches, Daventry Town, Everdon, The Bramptons, Weedon, Crick, Lilbourne, Woodford Halse, Spratton, Boughton, Badby, Barby, Long Buckby, Watford, West Haddon and DIRFT
- Presentations at local rural secondary schools re dangers of carrying knives and online safety
- Quarterly meetings of Daventry Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators, chaired by Andy Crisp
- Proactive patrols regarding motorcycle nuisance in Pitsford Quarry and Harlestone Firs
- Support for DDC in engagement at County Council and District/Parish Council elections in 2017 and 2018. Polling Stations visited – arrest made and stolen car recovered from Harlestone Village Institute during police visit
- Burglary at Guilsborough Church, and attacks on Grafton Regis and other rural locations as values of lead increase, requiring extra vigilance



Snow invokes rural community spirit



Community Speedwatch volunteers at work



Volunteers on Horseback assist with visibility and reassurance in town and rural areas

- Warrant executed to expose illicit car chop shop at Brington/East Haddon.
   Two arrests made and four stolen cars recovered
- Attendance & crime prevention displays at Lamport Hall Country Show, Hollowell Steam and Blakesley Show
- Presentation on Values to Moulton
  College British Values Week
- Further reassurance patrols of crowded places following the Manchester Arena terrorist incident
- Inaugural meeting of NCALC Police Liaison Councillor Representatives
- Engagement at Crick Boat Show
- Issues at Church Hill Moulton with Youth nuisance dealt with by local team
- Support for Community Speed Watch at Harlestone, Brixworth and Brampton
- Tour of new community centre at Moulton and regular police use of facilities
- Sudden and unexplained death of woman living in car at Boddington
- Man citizen-arrested stealing from Brixworth Church
- Rural Crime Prevention night for farmers at pub in Clipston – 65 attended
- Tragic death of young teenager on railway line at Crick
- Multi agency meetings at Kelmarsh for Shambala Festival (20,000 visitors)
- All officers trained by Sylvia Cheney in problem-solving techniques and model
- Rural team supports Woodford Halse Regatta and samples Mira's amazing Samosas



Retiring Community Volunteer, Mike Bailey, receives his Certificate of Service from Sgt Sam Dobbs



Tragedy for Crick as Warwickshire Police motorcycle outriders assist at funeral of teenage local child



PCSO Carl Barton - sponsored by Woodford Halse Parish Council

 Operation across rural patch to provide presence for Halloween and Bonfire Nights

- Illegal car racing at Crick/DIRFT thwarted by police operation checking 120 cars with closure and seizures
- Attended youth event 'Friday Night Live' in Moulton, following young people to assess youth nuisance issue
- New Ford Kugas issued to rural teams, fitted with Trakka devices, donated by Trakka following successes of rural crime operations
- Succession of collisions at Chapel Brampton requires engineering changes at busy road junction as drivers slavishly follow their satnavs which don't feature the junction
- Cross-border operations with Leicestershire Police at locations each side of the border, using ANPR technology. Known as Operation Cahoot, these involved DVSA and removal/seizure of 11+ vehicles
- Conviction of local man for being connected with cultivation of cannabis in 2013 at Cannabis factories in Harlestone
- Arrests and charge of two local men from Kettering following theft of lead from Islip church
- Farm property stolen from around Sibbertoft located in Nottinghamshire, located by local officers and recovered
- School holiday ASB patrols in Moulton and Brixworth
- Retirement of PC Dave Horner from neighbourhood team and Police Volunteer Mike Bailey from the Brixworth office
- Weather events of snow and wind bring about Dunkirk spirit by local farmers who turn out with equipment to help clear snow, roads and trees across rural patch
- Serious arson in caravan near Welton kills two dogs and endangers husband/owner whilst wife arrested and sentenced to imprisonment



New rural Ford Kuga (Althorp)



A peaceful night in Kelmarsh as ANPR monitors traffic around the Shambala Festival



Neighbourhood Officers support Woodford Halse Regatta



Whilton welcomes HM Lord-Lieutenant for centenary of Captain Henry Reynolds VC MC

- Brothers William Fury and Joseph Fury jailed for 12 months and 9 months respectively in Cumbria in February 2018 for handling goods stolen from the Maidwell & Kelmarsh areas. One already released, another due for release soon
- Enquiries into series of indecent exposure near to canal in Crick including plain clothed patrols – investigation still live
- More ASB patrols of Moulton compliant youths but vulnerable teenager taken into police protection and placed with Social Services
- Staverton Road fly-tipper identified from rubbish by DDC officers and offender fined £400





HM Revenue & Customs join police in rural & town road checks and find/seize unlawfully carried red diesel



Northamptonshire Police & Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue Service respond together, using joint training protocols (JESIP) at a major diesel spillage in/on the Grand Union Canal

## DAVENTRY DISTRICT <u>TOWN</u> HIGHLIGHTS/LOWLIGHTS April 2017-April 2018

- Resignation of PCSO Nicky Faith (nee Black) – one of our first PCSOs
- Roof-hopping incidents on Daventry Town Centre 2017 and 2018 with the advent of lighter evenings
- Quantity of cars and motorcycles seized from nuisance owners (untaxed, uninsured, unlicensed.) One local man has had four vehicles seized from him and been involved in two serious collisions.
- Joint Fire/Police Command Unit and drone tested in 2017 at Daventry and then used operationally at £50m Gardmann Factory Fire/Arson in 2018
- Town officers take to meeting and eating in public to increase visibility, frequenting Costa, Kunis, Watford Gap Services, The Foundry Café, The Icon Café, The Kitchen and Danetre Hospital canteen
- Many inputs to local secondary schools regarding the dangers of drugs, knives, gangs and violence
- Safeguarding training rolled out to local taxi drivers
- Regular investigation of hate crime homophobic, racist, disablist
- ANPR operation A45 Landmark Hotel run by specials and neighbourhood team sees 57 vehicles checked, 12 cars seized, arrest of drink driver (x3 over limit and 3<sup>rd</sup> time arrested for drinkdriving), 16 offences reported for summons, 9 no tax, 3 no insurance
- Significant fires all arsons at Beatty Close, Elderstubbs Farm, Welton, Warwick Street and Parsons Road
- Sensitive briefings for local stakeholders re arrest of alleged paedophile and prison release of convicted child sex offender



Sgt Dobbs and the town team at Daventry Town Council Annual Meeting



Members of Daventry Town Council and the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner at the launch of the DTC sponsored PCSO - Mia Ball



PCSO Ball & PC Fox after reuniting two lost pensioners



Aftermath of Southbrook Arson attack

- Firearms officers deployed to The Inlands to arrest burglar suspected of, but found not, to be carrying weapon. Armed officers also deployed to Morning Star Road for arrest of man reported to be in possession of gun (not found)
- Response officers at Daventry now trained and armed with Taser
- Constant issues of inconsiderate parking frustrate the movement of fire appliances and waste lorries – joint response between DDC, Police and Fire
- Significant CCTV 'finds' of drugdealing and retail theft around town centre
- Shop left insecure with open door on High Street on Saturday night with no theft or incidents
- Illegal and unlawful traveller encampments on Eastern Way, The Inlands and Fishponds cause distress and anger to local residents
- Copycat acid type attack in Daventry leads to men being charged and arrested
- Organised fights on Fishponds from local schoolchildren thwarted. Joint operation with school staff and Volunteers on Horseback
- New policing model launched in November 2017. 100% sponsorship of PCSOs at Crick, Woodford Halse and Daventry Town announced
- Operation Lapland keeps Christmas shoplifting figures down
- Christmas Clipboard Scam women arrested and jailed with recommendation to be deported following admissions of like offences all over Midlands
- Series of Christmas burglaries on town centre leads to campaign to discourage shopkeepers leaving any cash on premises overnight



Firefighters at work at arson at Elderstubbs Farm, Daventry



Chris Heaton-Harris MP bids farewell to PC Dave Horner after 30 years' service



Preparations for the opening of Daventry's new Mosque

- Girl on girl fight circulated on Facebook leads to interviews of a number of teenagers, followed by series of similar assaults, currently and still under investigation
- Countless child protection referrals and case conferences throughout year. At one point, no social workers to take up cases
- Bikestorm Youth nuisance around town centre leads to a number of Antisocial Behaviour Contracts and Community Protection Warning Letter – breached by recipient within 2 hours so served with full CPN
- McDonalds restaurant funds Town Council CCTV Camera in Vicar Lane
- DTC and DDC fund two new DTC cameras on Fishponds
- DTC appoints Community Ranger
- Closure of ASB house in Kennedy Close
- Countless neighbour disputes ranging from boundary disputes, noisy fountains, noise complaints, and pet complaints
- Safeguarded two vulnerable adults after years of multi-agency concerns that they were unable to look after themselves – now safe and cared for
- Worked on numerous road and community and traffic issues with Community Safety Partnership JAGs (Joint Action Groups)
- Worked with local housing association following racist harassment of Polish tenant leading to rehousing of victim
- Young Citizen Day held at The Saints Rugby Club with Year 6 pupils across the District to help keep young people safe when on-line, when out and about, fire & water safety, around large vehicles and understanding when to dial 999 or 101.



Halloween patrols - PCSO Kirsten Bates engaging with preparing trick or treaters



Daventry Factory Fire, treated as Arson



Patrols increased after terror attacks in London & Manchester - responding to suspicious circumstances like this one in Daventry Town - an abandoned suitcase





Police & Fire collaboration with new Joint Command Unit and Drone-trained officers



Northamptonshire & Leicestershire Police officers, Daventry District Environmental Health Officers and RSPCA Inspectors work on a joint operation at a local farm, recovering four stolen vehicles and investigating animal welfare and meat issues