

# **SPRING 2008** WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY

in Brigg & Wolds Neighbourhood







PCSO Lisa Bogg

### Dear Resident,

Welcome to the Spring edition of the *Streetbeat* newsletter from your local Neighbourhood Policing Team. I am PC Rob Armstrong and I have been covering the patch on a temporary basis since October, however it has recently been confirmed that I will be staying in post on a permanent basis. A recent change to the Neighbourhood Policing Team has seen the addition of two further PCSOs covering the neighbourhood. In addition to Lisa Bogg, we now also have PCSOs Lynsey Stamp and Rob Straker. Once everybody has settled into post we will split the area up so that each PCSO has responsibility for their own areas.

Since the last newsletter you have raised issues that have been having an impact on the quality of life in your area. A commonly reported issue is that of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage. This has been addressed by targeted patrols and the seizure of alcohol from underage teenagers. Wherever possible we are discouraging large gatherings of youths, as these groupings can sometimes be intimidating to the community and can lead to incidents of anti-social behaviour. In partnership with other agencies, parents are contacted if their children come to our attention whilst we are on patrol. Could I ask that parents assist us in making your area a better place to live by asking yourself the question: *"Where are my kids tonight, and what are they doing?"* 

It is our intention to get out and about on foot and bicycle as much as possible. If you see us, make sure you stop us and have a chat, you'll be amazed at what we can achieve if we communicate with one another. Any information you give is taken in confidence and is much appreciated.

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#### Important Issues

**Criminal damage and anti-social behaviour at Sir John Nelthorpe School** – We have suffered from a large amount of criminal damage taking place both on and around the grounds of Sir John Nelthorpe School. In partnership with the school, Safer Neighbourhoods and various partner agencies, we are taking steps to reduce calls for service by 80% over the next 6 months.

**Nuisance motorcyclists** – There are regular reports of the anti-social use of motorcycles being used both on roads and bridle ways. Often these bikes are unregistered and uninsured and being ridden in a dangerous manner. When offenders are caught, their bikes are seized where powers exist to do so, and any offences are dealt with. We need your calls to let us know: WHO, WHERE & WHEN. This will enable us to target patrols and if available use the police helicopter to gather evidence.

**Free Running** – There are numerous reports of youths climbing and jumping on buildings. It is believed that they are taking part in a 'street sport' called 'Free Running', which is supposedly an acrobatic way of getting around. Unfortunately damage can be caused, and there is a grave risk of injury to the participants, especially when unskilled.

To view your newsletter on-line and find out more about Neighbourhood Policing in your area visit: <u>www.humberside.police.uk/myneighbourhood</u>

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# **Useful Numbers**

Humberside Police nonemergency number: 0845 60 60 222

North Lincolnshire Council: 01724 296296

Safer Neighbourhoods: 01724 275354

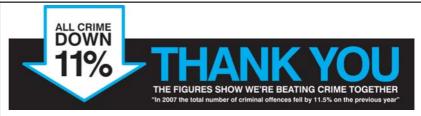
North Lincolnshire Homes: 01724 297900

North Lincs Street Right Team: 01724 297000 (Stray Dogs, Graffiti, Fly Tipping etc)

Victim Support: 01724 871324

HANWaG: 01724 274222

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH GROUPS



RESIDENT's in Humberside are less likely to be victim's of crime thanks to a reduction in overall crime across the area with North Lincs seeing a 9% drop. Neighbourhood Chief Inspector Steve Graham said: "We are extremely pleased with the reductions, particularly in those areas that cause concern for local communities, for example vandalism has reduced 18.5% in the past 11 months – that's 780 fewer victims of crime.

"There's no doubt that working closely with local communities through forums such as the Neighbourhood Action Team meetings and Police Authority Panel meetings has assisted us in gaining a better understanding of those issues which cause distress and annoyance to local areas. It is these issues that your Neighbourhood Policing Teams are paying particular attention to. I'd like to thank local residents and businesses for working with the Police and other partners and would encourage more people to do so as together we really can make a difference in communities."

## YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD NEEDS YOU

THE eagle eyed among you will no doubt have noticed the current "Your Neighbourhood Needs You" campaign being run by the Neighbourhood Police Teams in North Lincs. The aim is to raise awareness of the 17 ward based Neighbourhood Teams serving the communities across North Lincolnshire. The Neighbourhood Teams work closely with a number of partners in order to ensure that your issues are our priorities.



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