



## PC BEN ORTON 425

I am the new beat manager for the North of Rutland. The legendary PC Laurie Appleton has finally "hung up" his enormous Helmet taking on a new role within the police recruitment team at FHQ. Yes, the future of policing is now in Laurie's hands!

I will continue to stay in touch with Laurie as his knowledge of the beat is irreplaceable.

I will also continue to work alongside the existing beat team PCSO Di Freeman 6516 and Police Sergeant Paul Kear 923.

Over time I intend to meet as many communities as I can to ensure the passing of PC Laurie is as seamless as possible and all community partnerships continue to work together to resolve their issues.

Kind regards  
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## CONTACT

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# RUTLAND NORTH BEAT

## February crimes 2023

### THEFT

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#### Burglary Residential.

- LANGHAM – Suspect force open rear kitchen window. Untidy search and property stolen.

#### Theft

- CASTERTON COLLEGE – Student reports his coat stolen.
- EMPINGHAM. Road maintenance signs stolen.
- LANGHAM – Car parked overnight during and windscreen frost protector is stolen.

### VEHICLE CRIME

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#### Theft of Motor vehicle

- ASHWELL – Vehicle stolen, alarm system alerted Land rover that it had been stolen.

### OFFENCES AGAINST PERSON

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#### Assaults

- WHISSENDINE. OP ENLIGHTEN. A member of Hertfordshire Hunt Saboteurs is engaged with a member of the Hunt. During which a mounted hunts man jumps gate knocking over and landing on the victim.

### CRIMINAL DAMAGE

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- LANGHAM – Unknown suspect has caused damage to motor vehicle X 2.

### MISCELLANEOUS

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#### Dogs worrying livestock – dangerously out of control on private land.

- WHISSENDINE. Pack of hound dogs witnessed jumping into fields worrying livestock, frightening land owner. Dogs suspected to be associated with a local hunt as the hunt master is seen in nearby field.

#### Rogue trader

- **LITTLE CASTERTON.** Unknown male invited himself into house asking for money to do roofing job. Stated would come back for money but didn't.

### **Current trends.**

Farms and outbuildings are being attacked from the rear of the properties. Offenders are rarely using the front of properties to enter the sites, they are driving cross country to the rear of properties and gaining entry on foot.

Once on site the offenders are targeting outbuildings and vehicles, using items to cause damage to steal from within.

Stolen items are ranging from vehicles (quadbikes/Gators), trailers, power tools and technology from within farm vehicles.

Often vehicles such as quadbikes/gators/trailers may be left nearby the offence location. Offenders will do this in case the item has a tracker. They will then recover the stolen property, if still there, in a few days' time.

### **Land Rover Thefts –**

There has been a recent increase in Land Rover thefts, both locally and nationally. This is a trend that appears to come and go. The likelihood is that the Land Rovers will be taken to a chop shop and taken apart for their parts.

Previously it has seen mostly Defenders targeted, however there appears to be a spate of Discovery's being taken as well.

**Op Vitality** is an operation set up to help reduce rural criminality within Melton and Rutland.

Officers will provide a visible presence during the hours of darkness to the rural community.

Active stop checks are being completed on vehicles moving around these locations between the hours of 21:00 – 06:00.

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### **NEIGHBOURHOOD LINK**

We continue to encourage local residents to have their say through Neighborhood Link surveys and keep all residents that have signed up to this aware of issues happening in Rutland.



The banner features the text 'Neighbourhood Link Police Community Messaging Service' in white on a dark blue background. To the right is the Leicestershire Police logo with the tagline 'Protecting our communities'. Below this is a photograph of a person's hand holding a blue sign that reads 'POLICE COMMUNITY MESSAGING SERVICE 6154 KARIM BALLADI'. At the bottom of the banner, it says 'Receive the latest news, updates and events information direct from the police' and 'REGISTER TODAY www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk'.

### **BEAT SURGERY/EVENTS**

PCSO 6516 Di Freeman will be holding a Beat surgery at the Village shop Ryhall 10-11am 20<sup>th</sup> March.

If you would like to speak to Di about any Policing issues or concerns please come down and join her.

## BEAT PRIORITIES

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### **Speeding.**

Through consultation with our community we have identified that Speeding vehicles on Rutland roads is a priority our communities want us to address, specifically the lack of adherence to 30mph zones.

### **Fraud.**

Through consultation with our community we have highlighted the priority of "Fraud" that residents are concerned about. This means online fraud, internet security together with rogue traders visiting private addresses to conduct work.

### **Rural Crime.**

Through consultation with our communities we have highlighted Rural Crime as a priority to be addressed.

