



PC BEN ORTON 425

I am the beat manager for the North of Rutland, working alongside PCSO Di Freeman 6516 from Oakham Police station.

There're a couple of recent additions to report at Oakham Police station.

Firstly, Oakham police station now has a front enquiry office which is open to the public Monday to Friday 10am-4pm.

Secondly, we said goodbye to Rutland's Police Sergeant Paul Kear who retired after thirty years' service in the police. He has since been replaced by Police Sergeant Liam Palmer 4114.

Sergeant Palmer joined Leicestershire Police in 2012 as a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) before becoming a police officer four years later in 2016. He has worked on response and in neighbourhoods in both Leicester city Centre, Keyham Lane and at Melton Mowbray. He was promoted to sergeant in 2021 and has now transferred to Rutland.

Kind regards
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Current Trends

During the months of harvest, fields are cleared of their crops leaving vast open spaces. These areas are then used to commit "Hare coursing" offences.

RUTLAND NORTH BEAT

Crime & Policing report 31/8/23
Last 30days crime (August)

VEHICLE CRIME

- EXTON. Attempt theft from Vehicle.
- LITTLE CASTERTON. Vehicle stolen overnight whilst parked outside home address.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

- LANGHAM. Vehicle scratched overnight.
- COTTESMORE, Kendrew Barracks. Arson to outbuilding.
- STRETTON – Victims Vehicle is damage. Suspected wheels/tyre damage.

THEFT

- GREETHAM. Ram Jam service station, Bilking - fuel stolen.
- LANGHAM. Theft by finding – envelope containing cash dropped in the street.

Burglary residential

- RYHALL – Disturbed break, Victim disturbs suspect who is located inside.
- WHISSENDINE. Victim reports Property stolen by known suspect.

VIOLENCE AGAINST PERSON

Robbery

- TICKENCOTE, Bloody Oaks Service station. Suspect steals items and assaults staff whilst leaving.

MICELLANEOUS

- LANGHAM. OP GALILEO - Hare coursing.
- PICKWORTH. OP GALILEO – Hare coursing.
- TEIGH. OP GALILEO – Hare coursing.

What is hare coursing?

- It is a competition in which dogs are assessed as to their skill in hunting hares by sight, using live hares.
- It has been illegal since 2005, with the implementation of the Hunting Act 2004.
- Long dogs are used to chase, catch and kill hares and is a serious problem in rural areas. They are sight hounds which means they need clear a clear line of sight to pursue their quarry.
- Other offences include cruelty to wild animals, theft, criminal damage, violence and intimidation to the public and Police.

What to do

- If you have suspicion that a person or vehicle has or will be involved in hare coursing call police immediately on **999**.

RURAL CRIME

OP GALILEO - Policing Operation designed to target offenders involved in Hare coursing and bring them to justice.

OP VITALITY – Policing Operation set up to help reduce rural criminality within Melton and Rutland.

Officers will provide a visible presence to the rural community.

Active stop checks are being completed on vehicles moving around these locations 24/7.

NEIGHBOURHOOD LINK

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



BEAT SURGERY/EVENTS

- PC 425 Ben Orton will be holding a Beat surgery.
- 10:00 -11:00 am 9th September at Stretton Village Hub.
- PCSO 6516 Di Freeman will be holding a Beat surgery,
- 10:00 -11:30 am 3rd October at Langham village hall.

If you would like to speak to Ben or Di about any Policing issues or concerns please come and meet and discuss this with them.

BEAT PRIORITIES

Road Safety.

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.

Farm thefts.

Through consultation with our community we have identified that Farm thefts is a priority. To help reduce rural criminality within Melton and Rutland Police Officers will provide a visible presence during the hours of darkness to the rural community.

Rural Crime.

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

