



## 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 He has since been replaced by Police Sergeant Liam Palmer 4114.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 02/10/23

Last 30days crime (September)

## VEHICLE CRIME

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- X2 GREETHAM, OP BARRIC. Diesel Stolen from fuel tanks.
- STRETTON, OP BARRIC. Diesel stolen from HGV fuel tank.
- RYHALL, Meadow playing fields, pavilion and sport equipment damaged.
- PICKWORH, Unknown persons/vehicles have driven through farm hedge damaging crops and fields.
- GREETHAM, Vehicle suspected to be hare coursing damages land and padlocks to gates.

## THEFT

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- GREAT CASTERTON, Stamford Garden Centre. Cooking oil stolen from store.
- WHITWELL, Rutland watersports shop. Victim leaves mobile phone unattended.
- TICKENCOTE, Suspects use Telehandler to steal cash machine (ATM) from location and make off in 4x4 vehicle.
- GREAT CASTERTON, Telehandler stolen and used to commit ATM theft.

## Burglary

- GREETHAM, Suspects remove lead from roof and copper piping from inside property.
- RYHALL – Sewage treatment works broken into.

### 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.
- **OP BARRIC** – Policing operation to target curtain side trailer thefts (HGVs parked overnight on A1).

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

PCSO 6516 Di Freeman will be holding a Beat surgery,  
- 10:00 -11:30 am 3<sup>rd</sup> October at Langham village hall.

## 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.

### Rural Crime/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.

### Wildlife Crime.

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

