



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 He has since been replaced by Police Sergeant Liam Palmer 4114.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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RUTLAND NORTH BEAT

Crime & Policing report 01/11/23
Last 31 days crime (October)

VEHICLE CRIME

- EXTON – Vehicle stolen from back of property.
- GREETHAM – Theft of diesel overnight from lorry.
- LANGHAM – Theft of vehicle number plates.

THEFT

- TICKENCOTE – Victim leaves phone at service station and upon return it's gone believed stolen.
- LANGHAM – OP ROCKHOPPER. Telephone fraud. Victim is scammed by suspect reporting to be from the National crime agency (police) and collects a cheque for several thousands of pounds from victim.
- GREETHAM – Ram Jam service station. Theft of petrol.
- COTTESMORE – Kendrew Barracks x 2, Theft of food and alcohol from store.
- 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

- HAMBLETON, Volunteer Training Centre, Suspect attempts to break into metal storage container.
- LITTLE CASTERTON – House broken into in an attempt to steal Vehicle keys/Vehicle.
- LITTLE CASTERTON – Shed broken into during the night.
- THISTLETON – Residential burglary, untidy search and safe stolen.

Current Crime trends

There has been an increase in car key burglaries with intent to steal high value vehicles at the location. Police are advising car owners to keep car keys hidden from view and secure, ideally inside a Faraday pouch (car key signal blocking pouch). These pouches prevent your keys from being cloned/scanned (without the need to break in).

Also, with the evenings drawing in and becoming darker sooner, homes are vulnerable. If you have planned holidays or away from your home for extended periods of time consider a few simple steps to prevent your home being targeted.

- Timer switches for lights/radios. These are good deterrents as they give the impression someone is home.
- Close curtains/blinds to the front restricting views from the street.
- Lock Gates.
- Keep valuables out of sight and consider storing them in a safe or use safe tins/books. These are relatively cheap and very effective.
- Window/door alarms. These are simple battery-operated vibration trigger devices, which are stuck to windows.

If any of these items are of interest, or you require further information please get in touch.

RURAL POLICING

- **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 -11:00am 3rd October at Langham village hall.
- 10:00-11:00am 9th November at Greetham 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 Rural Crime as a priority to be addressed.

