

South Northants - Towcester AGM Report 2025/2026

Introducing your Neighbourhood Team

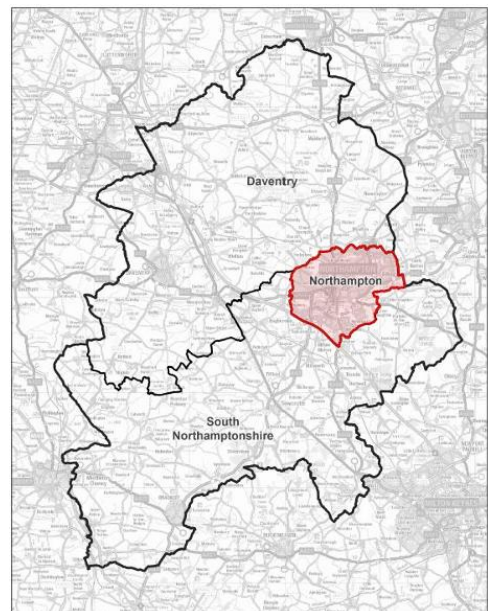


Summary

The South Northants Neighbourhood policing team is split into Brackley and Towcester areas, with the boundary being roughly the A43 and A5. Over the past 12 months the Towcester team has seen some staffing changes within the team, we have welcomed back PCSO Charlotte MORRIS, we have said a temporary 'so long' to PCSO Nicole DEGG, who will return at the end of this year. PC Jim KING moved into Training, PC Chris Partridge moved up to Daventry and PC Kate RIDEOUT moved to HQ. However, PC's Becky FUDGE, Jamie O'SULLIVAN, Jo RUSSELL and Dylan DYER all joined the team. We remain a team of 6 PC's and 5 PCSO's covering the wider Towcester area of Deanshanger and Grange Park beat, and Towcester and Roade beat.

Throughout most of the year the Local Identified Priorities Survey (LIPS) have given us areas to focus on as Rural crime, Road safety, Drugs Harm and Burglary. If you want to complete a LIPS survey for your area, you can do this without registering for Northamptonshire Talking, by using this link [Locally Identified Priorities Survey](#)

The team also now use GoodSAM. GoodSAM is a communication system designed for the emergency services. It allows people to share your GPS location with us, live stream video, chat to us via messaging, and communicate with us via two-way video consultation. This is really assisting with initial reporting and our response, especially when the team are deployed to emergencies. [GoodSAM | Northamptonshire Police](#)



Engagements

Over the past year we have been delivering specific engagements around road safety, online safety and personal safety at the secondary schools, as well as supporting their careers days and the County Schools Challenge. We have also delivered a Seniors Safety Day in both Bugbrooke and Towcester areas. This is alongside our regular beat bus commitments on a Wednesday, in the villages and towns across our sector. We also have a regular commitment to the Family Hub in Towcester Library every Thursday afternoon.



The team have also visited many of the areas primary schools delivering the Blue Butterfly input alongside other inputs around personal safety and road safety. We also try to pop in at other clubs and societies, such as scouts, rainbows, youth clubs, food larders, chatty café's etc.

ASB

This continues to be the main focus of the team, although it can appear in a variety of ways; from kids hanging around, drugs related ASB, housing problems, dog related issues to neighbour complaints. This year we have used the ASB legislation alongside our partner agencies to secure a closure order on an address in Towcester, we have issued a lot of ASB advice and warning letters and a couple of Community Protection Warning Notices and Criminal Behaviour Orders. For further information about ASB see here [Antisocial behaviour | Northamptonshire Police](#)

Speeding/Drink and drug driving

The team have access to a speed gun and have been out regularly throughout the year in areas that have raised concerns about speeding. With a PC operating this, we are to take enforcement action through points/fines, but if PCSO's or Speed Watch Volunteers take this out, this generates letters to the registered owners of the vehicles advising of the speeding offence captured, in order to reduce the likelihood of a repeat of this manner of driving. If you would like to get involved in becoming a Speed Watch volunteer, information can be found here [Community Speed Watch | Northamptonshire Police](#)



We have also focussed on Drink and Drug Driving, delivering beer mats, table talkers and posters to every pub across our area throughout November and December. These were newly designed this year around the theme of rural drink driving and the excuses given to officers, and were

funded by an OFPCC funding bid. If communities are interested in any of these products, please contact the team.

In November we took a 'passive' drugs dog around several of the pubs across the area linking in with the licensee's and their customers. With wider resources from Special Constables and Roads Policing, we also carried out many vehicles stops, the whole evening was a focus on drink/drug driving education. The feedback was really positive all round.



Road safety

The team, working alongside Safer Roads and Roads Policing teams, have carried out a few days of action around road safety. By combining resources, we can benefit from the additional skills of these teams around unsafe loads and vehicle prohibitions, and it allows more officers to search out for the vehicles to pull into the dedicated 'stop area'. These days have resulted in vehicle seizures, roadside tickets for speeding, seatbelt and mobile phone offences and an arrest.

Where a vehicle was stolen without keys in Shutlanger, a few hours later the vehicle was recovered by Police nearby and returned to the owner.

We also handled a Theft from Motor Vehicle series around the Rothersthorpe area, where due to the tenacity of the officers a suspect was charged with 7 offences, having been picked up by ambulance after they collapsed outside one address.

Drugs and weapon offending

We are lucky in our area that we see significantly less of this type of offending than our colleagues in towns and cities, but the team are still alive to its presence in our more rural community.



Over the past year we have.

- Arrested a male in possession of a weapon from his home address.
- Seized weapons and Class B drugs from a youth at an address,
- Carried out a successful Drugs warrant where Class A and B drugs and a weapon was seized.
- Carried out another warrant where over £100k of property was seized, before further links were found to a lock up where a stolen vehicle was recovered.

- Located and dismantled a cannabis factory in an abandoned building.

Street watch

We are currently supporting Street watch schemes in Old Stratford and Towcester. Street Watch enables local people to take an active role in keeping their community safe by patrolling their neighbourhood as part of an organised scheme, identifying potential issues, and engaging with local residents encouraging them to report things like antisocial behaviour, vandalism, and suspicious behaviour to the police.

Further information can be found here [Street Watch | Northamptonshire Police](#) and we are always happy to hear from people looking to set up further schemes.

Community events

We have taken part in community events and already have several scheduled for 2026. In addition, we have delivered crime prevention events and are exploring the opportunity to hold another later in the year. This event would involve a multi-agency approach, focusing on crime prevention and scam awareness. The date is to be confirmed.



The Young Citizens Scheme was delivered this year for primary school children and involved a multi-agency day covering fire safety, crime prevention for young people, drugs awareness, and a range of other topics. The event was very well received by all participating pupils, and we look forward to building on its success as we plan for 2026.

