



# PLR November Update



## Key Information

### Neighbourhood Beat Bus and Community Surgeries

Up-to-date information about our beat buses and events can be found on: [Your area](#) | [Northamptonshire Police](#) (northants.police.uk) under 'Meetings & Events' tab

### Latest News

Up-to-date information about general force news, witness appeals, campaigns, court cases and appeals for wanted people, can be found on: [Latest news](#) | [Northamptonshire Police](#)

### Report a crime

Information about the different ways you can contact the police or report a crime, can be found on: [Contact us](#) | [Northamptonshire Police](#)

## PLR Changes

- If there has been a change of PLR, you need to notify NCALC and complete the form [here](#)
- Please note that there is only **one** PLR contact for each council or meeting, regardless of size. If you would like to add additional people to the mailing list to receive the monthly update and other communications, you can contact NCALC.
- You should also notify your PCSO if there has been a change of PLR and provide the contact details of the new PLR or an interim contact detail (eg the Clerk or a Councillor)
- If you have a change of email address, you need to inform NCALC and your PCSO, so we can ensure we can still reach you. You can find contact details at the end of this update.

## Northamptonshire Talking

We aim to send all PLR digital communications through our [Northamptonshire Talking](#) platform. It is essential all PLRs register on the platform using their council email address so that you can be added to the PLR group. The system uses location based messaging, therefore all communications you receive will be relevant to your area and your council.

Group Join QR Code





## Car seizures

An operation led by Northamptonshire Police's Roads Policing Team saw 40 cars stopped for checks. The checks took place at two separate sites in Wellingborough Road, Northampton, on October 1, and saw 40 cars pulled over at random to ensure they were legal and roadworthy. Of those vehicles stopped, eight vehicles were seized in connection with a number of issues including mobile phone offences, seatbelt offences and driving without insurance. Two drivers were also found to be driving without a licence.

Tragically in 2024, 31 people never returned home safely to their loved ones following a collision in Northamptonshire and 243 required urgent medical assistance for serious or life-changing injuries.

Anyone with information about road safety concerns or any vehicle crime is asked to report it online at [Making a road traffic incident report | Northamptonshire Police](#) or call Northamptonshire Police on 101. Alternatively, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Always call 999 in the event of an emergency, such as a crime in progress or where life is at risk.





## Night time parking campaign

The family of a 23-year-old driver killed in a road collision on a Kettering industrial estate have teamed up with Northamptonshire Police and local businesses as part of a new parking safety campaign.

Shortly after 6am on January 24, 2023, Kelsey Walsh's Renault Kangoo Maxi van collided with the front of a stationary trailer which had been left unattended and parked incorrectly on the Telford Way Industrial Estate. The trailer was parked on the roadside against the traffic flow meaning that its rear reflectors, designed to catch the headlights of oncoming vehicles, were facing the wrong way, leaving it an invisible hazard.

More than two years on, drivers continue to put lives at risk on the industrial estate through dangerous and inconsiderate parking, despite the Kettering Neighbourhood Policing Team issuing warning letters and subsequent fixed penalty notices to repeat offenders.



Over this period, Kelsey's family have also campaigned for change which has resulted in North Northamptonshire Council introducing new restrictions which prohibit heavy goods vehicles over five tonnes from parking on the industrial estate.

To complement this, the neighbourhood policing team, with the help of the Force's Safer Roads Team and local foodservice company Sysco GB, has created information banners at the entrances to the industrial estate to raise awareness of the Highway Code's rules 248 and 250. Rule 248 states you must not park on a road at night facing against the direction of traffic flow unless in a recognised parking space, while rule 250 makes it clear that trailers or vehicles with projecting loads must not be left on the road at night without lights.

Breaches of either regulation could result in a fine of up to £2,500, penalty points on driving licences or even a disqualification.

Find our more [here](#)





## Firearms surrender

Forty-one weapons have been handed in to Northamptonshire Police between August 26 and October 5 as part of a five-week firearms surrender. Led by the Force's Central Operations Team, the campaign asked people to hand in unwanted or illegal firearms to help reduce serious violence and make our communities safer.

While nationally and locally, crimes involving firearms remain low, any incident involving a gun within our communities is one too many, and the aim of the campaign is to stop such lethal weapons from falling into the wrong hands. The introduction of legislative changes also means it is no longer legal to own specific firearms without a licence, if at all in some cases, and the amnesty will give people the opportunity to dispose of both illegal firearms and ammunition safely.

The weapons handed in included 22 firearms, the majority of which were shotguns, however there were also a few rifles and a historic handgun. In addition to these, among the haul were also nine imitation firearms, eight air rifles and a nail gun as well as



an edged weapon. Those who handed weapons over to a specially trained police officer did not face prosecution for illegal possession, at the point of surrender, and could remain anonymous.





## Strengthening liaison with Neighbourhood Watch



Neighbourhood Watch plays a vital role in promoting community awareness, reporting suspicious activity, and fostering trust between residents and local authorities. The Northampton Neighbourhood Watch Association is comprised of numerous coordinators and members across the county, and there are numerous roles available which you can get involved with.

As part of the PLR role, we encourage you to regularly liaise and build partnerships with your local scheme members and coordinators. You can work together to ensure the timely sharing of information, and carry out joint initiatives such as crime prevention campaigns and community engagement events.

As a PLR, you may already be a member of your local neighbourhood watch scheme. You may also find that although you are not already signed up to a scheme, some of your roles and responsibilities as a PLR actually overlap. If you are interested in becoming a coordinator, you would have the additional benefit of having access to the Neighbourhood Watch members in your area that you can liaise with, pass on information you receive from your neighbourhood policing team, and keep them informed on what your Parish/Town council or meeting are up to.

You can find out more about your local scheme and how to join on the Neighbourhood Watch website [here](#). You may find that there currently is not a scheme running in your area. You can look at starting your own local scheme and becoming the coordinator online [here](#).

There are currently vacancies for membership support administrators (MSA) in Corby, Kettering and East Northamptonshire. If you are interested in this role, you can find out more information [here](#).

If you have any questions, or want to find out how to get in touch with your local coordinator, you can use this email address: [northants.nhw@outlook.com](mailto:northants.nhw@outlook.com)



## Contact details

The next monthly PLR Update will be sent out at the beginning of December 2025

For further information, to provide feedback or suggest articles for this update, please contact:

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