



Northamptonshire PFCC

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New structure for Northamptonshire Police

Chief Constable Nick Adderley has announced plans for a major restructure of the Force along geographic lines, which will deliver more effective, responsive and visible policing to communities across Northamptonshire.

The new model, which will be in place from this autumn, will see the creation of two local policing areas in the north and west of the county and will ensure that there is better ownership, accountability and flexibility from Northamptonshire Police.

This will mean that criminal investigation and other core functions are locally based.

This is just one of a package of measures aimed to improve the performance of Northamptonshire Police. Recent developments include:

- A 101 call-back pledge so that no-one ringing with less urgent matters will have to wait more than five minutes to be answered or offered a call back
- The introduction of a new investigation team at Wootton Hall so that now victims of less serious crimes will be contacted in a timely way

by an investigator, who provides a single point of contact and deals quickly and efficiently with their crime report, identifying any investigative opportunities and giving professional advice

- A new approach to household burglary so that every victim is visited by police. This combined with Operation Crooked, is projected to reduce the number of offences by up to a third over the next few months

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold said: "Since I appointed the Chief Constable last July, he has identified and taken a grip of issues that have affected the force and he has a clear plan to improve performance. Already we have seen a much stronger focus on dealing with crime and a commitment to robust enforcement.

"When we receive the report from our Inspectors in September, I still believe it will tell us that there is a lot of work to do. But there has been a lot of progress since the inspection – which took place last year – and I want people to feel the difference in the policing service they receive."

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Write: East House, Force Headquarters, Wootton Hall, Northampton, NN4 0JQ

Early intervention project has a positive impact

A project funded by Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold and set up by Northamptonshire Police to help improve the lives of young people living in Northampton has been hailed a success by officers from the Early Intervention Team, which works alongside families and young people.

Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Becky Binder-Pollard (pictured) organised sessions at a local gym for eight 10-15 year olds, during school time, to give them a taste of several different sports.

The aim of project was to give the group a better outcome in life by helping them to learn discipline and respect as well as promote fitness and a healthier lifestyle.

PCSO Becky Binder-Pollard from the Early Intervention Team, said: "We wanted to run a project like this but we simply could not afford it until this funding from the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner became available.

"The project has helped to boost their confidence and self-esteem as well as taught them about discipline and personal responsibility."

This is one of the latest community safety initiatives across the county to receive support from the Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC).



PFCC Stephen Mold said he was thrilled the project had been so well received: "Intervening early and engaging with young people who are at risk or vulnerable is an absolute priority for me and I was very supportive of this project.

"When I went along to see it in action, I was so impressed at how the young people were working with each other, and growing in self-respect, that I have asked the Early Intervention Team to work up a plan to take it more widely so we can work with more young people for longer and measure how effective the project is."

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In April, Northamptonshire Police Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold announced plans to recruit 200 new police officers which would give almost 100 extra officers on the streets of Northamptonshire within the next two years, taking the numbers above 1300 for the first time since 2010.

A major new recruitment campaign has now begun to increase applications and help bolster the ranks. The Force is using the strapline #FitTheBill and an inspirational video, available on the Force website and YouTube channel, is hoping to motivate and attract applications from a diverse background.

For more information go to www.northants.police.uk/careers

Grants to fund projects in the community



Projects in Northamptonshire have received a funding boost thanks to the latest round of grants from the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold's community grant fund – and the next funding round is now open.

Grants to the value of £80,000 have been awarded to twelve different groups, all working in different ways to make their community safer. This brings the number of groups supported with grants since 2017 to 25, with around £180,000 made available for community projects.

The Northamptonshire Safer Communities Fund was created by the PFCC to support voluntary and community groups, charities and other voluntary organisations with projects that support the aims of his Police and Crime Plan.

This year, the PFCC has also made available the Northamptonshire Road Safety Community Fund and the Tackling Hate Crime Fund.

Projects funded as part of the latest round include:

- **St James, Spencer and Dallington Youth Club will be opening the club for an additional night each week to focus on working against knife crime, acid attacks, gangs and hate crime**
- **Northampton Carers will be raising awareness of crime and fraud amongst older people in Wellingborough**
- **Northampton Town Football Club Trust will be offering football sessions as a diversionary activity in the Hemmingwell and Queensway areas of Wellingborough**
- **Brightkidz received funding to run a project that will enable three Kettering secondary schools to promote road safety and active travel**
- **Cotterstock Parish Council; Wilby Parish Council; Brigstock Parish Council all received grants to carry out projects to put up vehicle activated speed awareness signs.**

Stephen Mold, Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, said: "One of the most pleasant parts of my job is being able to provide support and funding to some great causes. Since I became Commissioner, I have had the honour of being able to support 25 really fantastic projects across Northamptonshire with almost £200,000 of funding. I was thrilled to meet the groups and tell them they were being funded and I look forward to visiting their projects to see how they will benefit their local communities.

"This is money that comes from the community from speeding fines and the proceeds of crime among other sources. It is right that it goes back to benefit the community."

Henny Cameron of Northampton Advanced Motorists said: "We are excited that this funding gives us the opportunity to engage with young drivers, raising their awareness of advanced techniques and will enable us to sponsor under 26 year olds through the IAM RoadSmart Advanced Driving course."



Chief Constable Nick Adderley, John Norrie and Henny Cameron both from Northampton Advanced Motorists and PFCC Stephen Mold

Applications for the next round of funding will close on **August 30**. More details are available at www.northantspcc.org.uk/community-grants

Lots you can do over the counter



Do you know what services are offered at Northamptonshire Police Front Counters?

Based in six locations across the county, the friendly staff are there to help with a multitude of enquiries writes *Tanya Brannan, Enquiry Desk Supervisor*.

There are Front Counters in Wellingborough, Weston Favell and Daventry, which are all based in the Police station. Kettering, Corby and Northampton front counters are located within the town council buildings.

At Police front counters, you can get advice, report incidents, surrender old knives, enquire about property and report traffic collisions amongst other things. The professional, knowledgeable staff are able to talk through your issues and point you in the right direction if it is not a police matter.

Each base also specialises in a particular issue. For example at Kettering and Northampton you can attend to get a seized vehicle released. At the three Police stations you can get an appointment to have your fingerprints taken for visa, work and adoption purposes. Several of the desks can take in firearms that are no longer required. All of the desks can advise you which station can assist with your specific needs.

The six desks have a wealth of information about some amazing schemes such as Neighbourhood Alert, The Blue Butterfly, Herbert Protocol and Keep Safe which aim to help protect the vulnerable, young and elderly alike. Combine all this with years of training and knowledge, and they are there to help their communities however they can.

The desks all have a variety of opening hours and days which you can find on the Northamptonshire Police website, www.northants.police.uk or by calling **101**.

Neighbourhood teams receive crime prevention training

Members of your local Neighbourhood Policing Teams can now help you with crime prevention advice, after having completed a one-day training course in a move to improve the level of service the Force provides.

A total of 150 Sergeants, Constables and Police Community Support Officers took part in one of four training days held at Force Headquarters in June.

All aspects of crime prevention were covered, from basic principles and signposting to further advice on security products, to protecting businesses.

Prevention Team Leader, Paul Golley, said: "Everything we do is about prevention and raising awareness of the steps people can take to protect themselves, their homes or business as well as reduce crime within their communities."

A new burglary prevention website and a helpful pack of advice for anyone who is burgled are currently under development and will be available soon.

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold said: "I am strongly supportive of helping people to protect themselves and their property and it is very positive that our Neighbourhood Teams are now well trained in crime prevention."



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