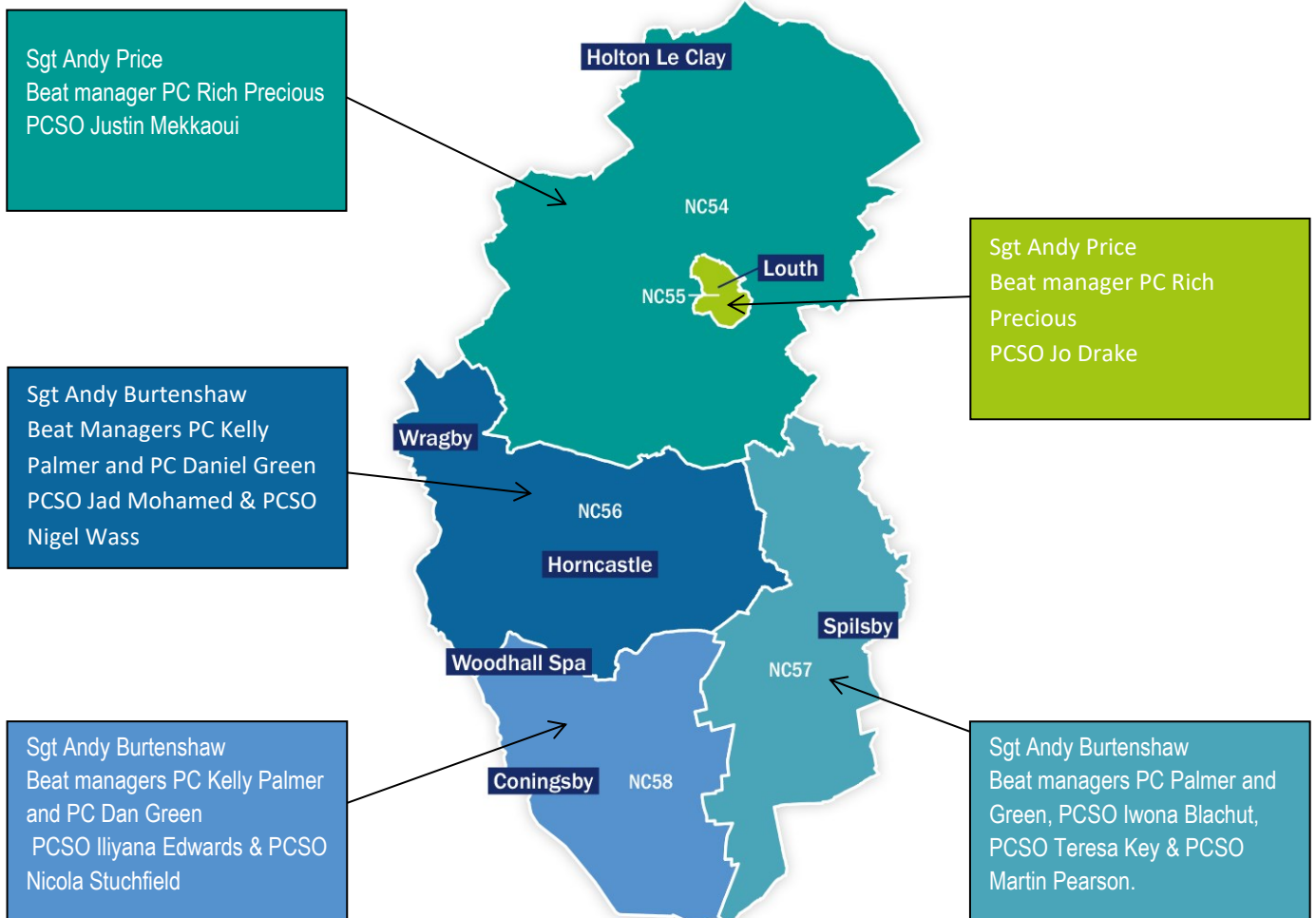


YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAMS



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this quarters briefing for Wolds, Wolds is a large geographical area as you can see on the map above and is split into North and South Wolds, the North consists of Louth town and rural (NC 54 and 55 area beat codes). South consists of the towns of Wragby, Horncastle, Woodhall Spa, Coningsby, Spilsby and the rural areas (NC56, 57 and 58 beat codes).

In this briefing there is an update around the priorities that were set back in April and an update on what we will focus on over the next quarter which were set at a recent priority setting meeting held in July. This is to keep you informed about what the teams have been busy with since I last updated you in April.



In the priority setting meeting we look at what has been reported to us, to partner agencies and include representatives from key people in our communities. We also seek your input prior to the meeting so that we can ensure that we are focused on the things that are of the most concern to us all.

We have not held a live Facebook Q and A discussion this time but will be doing those again in the future. I would also be grateful for any thoughts on how you would like to be able to let us know what you think should be our priorities so we can include these at our meetings and during our discussions.

Over the previous quarter from April up until the meeting in July the priorities focused on by Wolds were:

- [Fatal 4 \(Speeding, seat belts, drink/drug driving and mobile phones\)](#)
- [Drugs](#)
- [ASB](#)

The number one problem raised repeatedly by most who took the time to contact us in every area in Wolds was speeding, so we chose this as one of our priorities. Unfortunately there are far too many people killed or seriously injured on our roads, we hope that by focussing on this we can reduce this number and seek to engage with people to explain and educate them to make a change to how they drive. We will enforce against those who commit offences, but really, we want people to understand that they can prevent deaths and injuries by making changes in what they do.

We really do appreciate the public reporting these offences to us both at the time when offences are taking place through the force control room on 101 or 999, or by on-line reporting through the Lincolnshire Police website under the section roads and vehicles. This can be used to report driving offences (but not collisions) through our Operation Snap initiative, this also includes a link for uploading dashcam footage which can be used to take action against drivers found to have broken the law.

[Fatal four –](#)

[We have held days of action across division and directed speed enforcement in areas reported as having issues by the public or areas being identified as offence hotspots which has resulted in advice being given to drivers, speeding and seatbelt tickets being issued, people being dealt with through court process for varying offences including drink and drug driving and a number vehicles being seized. We have undertaken community engagements with the EDDIE van around education and prevention.](#)

[Support of NPT \(Neighbourhood Police Team\) and fatal 4 are provided by local response, ARV's \(armed response vehicles\) and Lincolnshire Road safety partnership \(LRSP\), and the safer roads team \(SRT\). We are also supporting and helping to set up community speed watch teams in our area and information on this scheme and other initiatives around road safety can be found on the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership page on the Lincolnshire Government website.](#)

[Other initiatives supporting our work on FATAL 4 are:](#)



Operation Octane is a Lincolnshire Police and LRSP campaign which is running over the Spring and Summer months specifically designed to promote safer neighbourhoods and reducing road casualties due to incidents involving motorcycles.

Ride and Bikesafe:

The force are able to offer an educational alternative to prosecution, called the Rider Intervention Developing Experience (RIDE), and we also have access to the National Speed Diversionary Course Bikesafe.

Project Edward (Every Day Without A Road Death):

This initiative is national initiative that we are supporting across East Lindsey and more information can be found out about this through the projectedward.org website and our social media accounts across the various social media forums, such as nextdoor, Facebook and twitter. We heavily are involved in supporting this campaign and you may see some of your local team featuring on a television programme on Project Edward highlighting the work we have done. Further information will be put out by the team about Project Edward including details of when you will be able to see your local teams in action around East Lindsey.

Roads policing campaign – bumper stickers

- New road safety campaign by Lincolnshire Police where residents can commit to safer driving and display a #SlowDownInLincolnshire bumper sticker on their vehicles
- The bumper stickers can be displayed to the rear of the vehicle or rear windscreen and calls for road users to respect their neighbourhood and observe the correct speed limit.
- The pledge to drive safely aims to instil community pride and ownership of the safety of their roads.
- Run in partnership with the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership and aims to cut the number of people killed or seriously injured in road collisions.

These campaigns will continue over the next quarter. We are also supporting the NPCC (National Police Chiefs Council) Speed Campaign- 26th of July to 2nd of August.

Drugs:

The team have been working with partner agencies in supporting local projects and initiatives to try and educate those at risk of being involved with drug taking and supply. Vulnerable members of our communities have been targeted by county lines and are being used to facilitate those types of offences. We have been working locally on national initiatives with businesses and agencies to ensure that county lines and exploitation is recognised and identified to the appropriate agency to intervene and keep local people safe.

We have been providing support and resources from appropriate local and national networks to help those people get themselves out of harmful situations and find ways to keep them safe and prevent them from being victims of crime. Where vulnerable people have been identified to us the team take action to safeguard them and ensure appropriate support agencies are alerted to the concerns. If we can remove the cause of the problem and support them this will help to reduce associated crime. Enforcement is not the only option or sometimes not the most effective solution to the problem. Every individual we help get the right support will then be less likely to commit crimes that affect all of us.

We have supported national educational campaigns and gone into schools. We have worked with you to develop the information to target those who cause us the most harm. Every piece of information that you provide us helps us to identify those that we need to target. We cannot always tell you exactly what we are doing with what you tell us, but we do rely on and need your help.

Over the last quarter some of the enforcement your NPT has undertaken includes several drugs warrants across our area, and we have dismantled several large cannabis grows in our community, targeting those that produce the drugs making money out of vulnerable people. Usually this information has been



provided by someone who has noticed that something is just not right and taken the time to contact us or report it through crime stoppers anonymously. We have also supported other departments around drug enforcement activity at a regional and national level, that also impact on us locally.

We have also been actively targeting those who drive under the influence of drugs and who pose a risk to other road users and themselves, which is a key area of this and our Fatal 4 priority.

ASB:

As can be seen from the demand on our service in Wolds this has continued to be a very busy period for your policing teams. The last year has been tough for all our communities and reflect in the figures below, since we started to come out of lockdown we saw an increase in ASB that our teams are dealing with across the whole of the Wolds policing area in particular this seemed to involve the younger members of our community and the way they were behaving particularly in public places, and having few of their usual diversionary opportunities available.

This was rightly identified as a priority at our meeting in April as something our teams would look to have a plan for each area to tackle the ASB and work with partners and our communities to address this.

Very early on it became apparent that people were raising issues on social media and there was a lack of reporting to the Police or to East Lindsey District council who we work with in partnership to tackle ASB. We do not have the resource or capacity to monitor the hundreds of various social media sites across the county, and a comment on a community social media page will most likely remain unseen by those who can do something about the problem. You can help us by letting us know about ASB in your area, so that we can try and defuse the problem before it escalates. Some of the younger members of our communities do not realise how impactful their behaviour is on those others. By taking early intervention we can hopefully intervene in a way that has the best outcome for all involved. If you see matters being discussed on local community pages, can you advise people to report things to us. That way I know where resources need to be, without this information additional resources will be used where problems are being reported. We really appreciate the time that you take to report things to us, sometimes we cannot always give you an update on the specific outcome, but we are working hard to tackle ASB in all of the Wolds NPA.

Often the families of those children and young people are often horrified to find out what their children have been doing, without their knowledge. They work with us and support us to prevent ASB and stop it happening again, and they are grateful for that early lower key intervention and education. We want to help our young citizens in their journey to becoming adults and keep them away from crime and getting them on the right path not criminalising them. Hopefully if we can engage with them this will stop the ASB at an early stage and reduce the necessity for us to go through court process which is both costly and time consuming and is better for the victims who usually just want the ASB to stop.

Some of the work we have been doing around drugs has also linked in to reducing ASB and other associated crime which is committed by the individual to support their habit.

Over the last quarter we have as a team in partnership with ELDC issued an unprecedented amount of unacceptable behaviour warning letters, to deal with ASB reported to us in an incremental approach we very much try and tackle these issues using a stepped approach involving all parties and try to work with people to resolve the issue at the lowest level possible. We have several cases of crimes linked to ASB which are going through court process, But as you can imagine court process does not always resolve the underlying causes and takes time, so if we can sort out what is causing the issue and make a plan around this then often we can ensure all parties can move forward in a more harmonious way.

As we are coming out of COVID restrictions, we have a noticeable change in the types of incidents that we are being called to deal with and we have been working closely with the licensing teams around incidents that have been linked to alcohol and our licensed premises have been well with us to try and keep people safe and reduce the number of calls for service from the police as a result of violence where people are under the influence of alcohol. Unseen to the majority of the public is the time spent dealing with domestic abuse, often made worse when alcohol is involved. Your neighbourhood teams work again with support services to help those who are victims of domestic abuse get the help that they need when



they need it. Safeguarding is everyone's business and we unfortunately are aware that the violent crime recorded in our area is often taking place in homes behind closed doors. If you are worried about someone or need advice there is information on our website that may help, or you can contact us through our force control room on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

If you want to know more about the specific crime statistics in your area these are available at www.police.uk

Staffing updates:

We have since my last update been joined by PC Dan Green CBM (community beat manager) at Horncastle, He has come from response having previously worked in neighbourhoods in another force area. This will greatly increase our capacity in neighbourhood policing for proactive work and problem-solving initiatives on Wolds. Our ASB officer PC Mark Johnson retired and in August we will be joined by DC Phil Graves as the new ASB officer for East Lindsey. We were sad to say goodbye to Mark who had worked tirelessly over his time with Lincolnshire Police to obtain civil behaviour orders for those convicted of crimes, but I am sure Phil who comes from CID will bring a wealth of experience to the role helping to keep you safe.

Our PCSO's across the Wolds all do an incredible job in very difficult and challenging times and every one of them is passionate about their role and the area that they Police. I like every public agency has finite resources and the number of PCSO's across the force is at 85. I have 9 PCSO's posts allocated to me across the Wolds area, and we are not recruiting more PCSO's for now, but I understand we will be soon to maintain that number locally and force wide. Recently a number of PCSO's have followed their dream to become Police officers whilst it will be good to see them starting in that different role and continuing to be part of Lincolnshire Police, this will mean that we will have a reduction in staff available to Wolds in the short term until those vacancies are filled. As you can imagine any reduction in our numbers poses a challenge to the team, around providing that visible presence over such a large geographical area. This is where you can assist us by letting us know where the problems are so we can focus on tackling these.

I often hear comments about PCSO's not being real Police, but every one of my team work very hard to keep you safe and deal with all sorts of issues on a daily basis that make a real difference to lives and ensuring we understand the issues affecting our communities. These are without doubt very challenging and unusual times for all of us,

Hopefully you have a fantastic Summer, keep safe and I look forward to updating you in the next quarter.

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OUR PRIORITIES

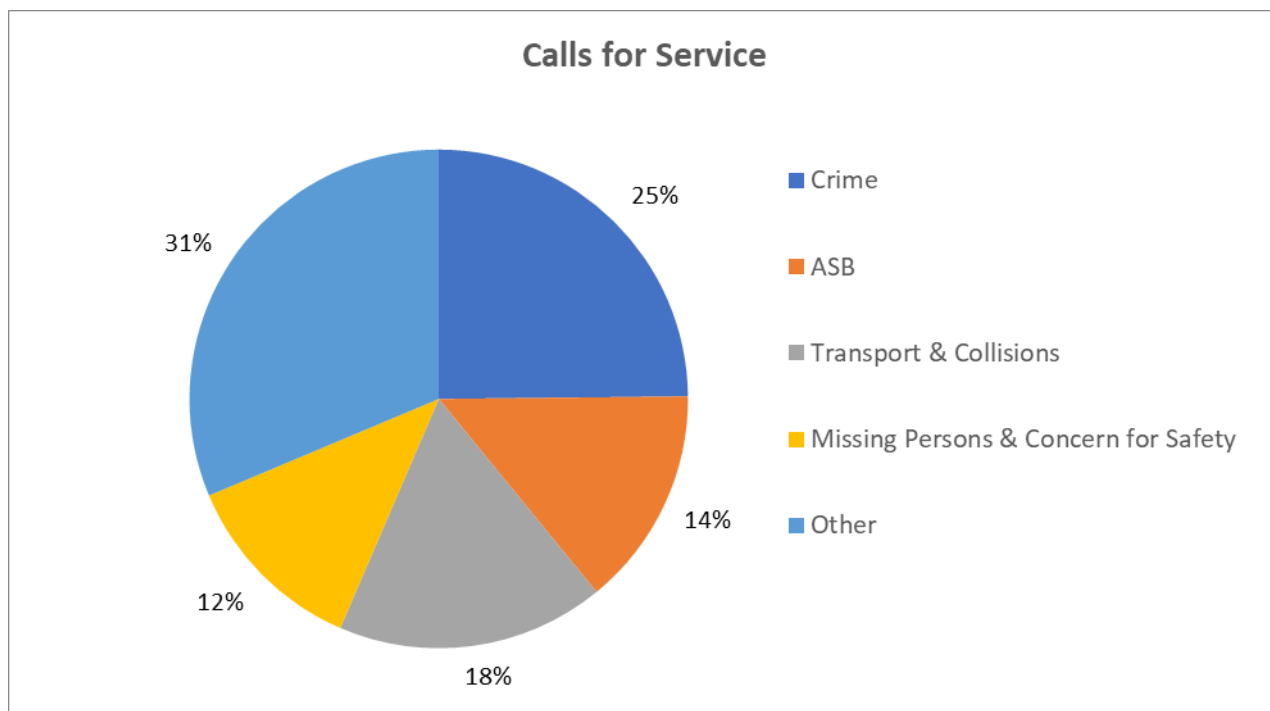


At the last meeting it was agreed given the increase in demand on our daily business, compared to the available NPT resources over the next quarter we would focus on two key priorities.

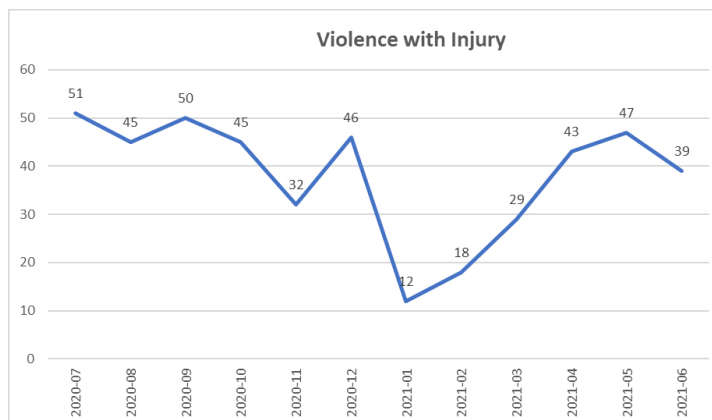
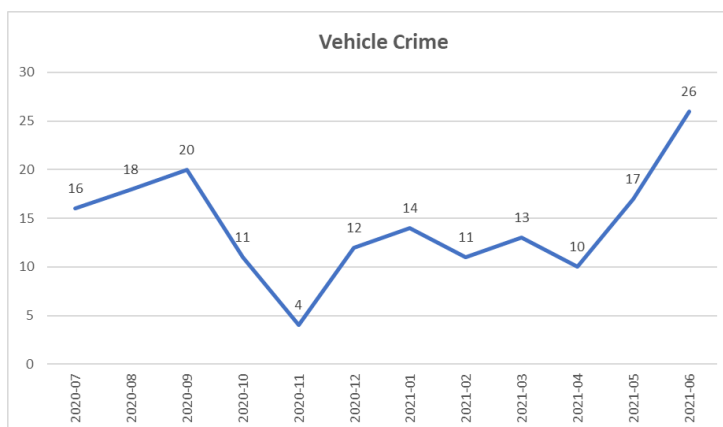
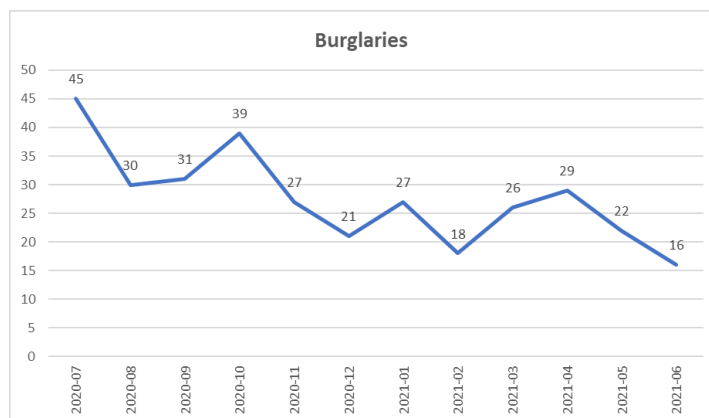
Given what has been raised out of community engagements and contact with partners and other agencies.

So, the focus for the next quarter will be on Fatal 4 and ASB.

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CRIME



CONTACT US AND MORE INFORMATION

A range of information and resources are available including online crime recording at
www.lincs.police.uk

Action Fraud

National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre

 **0300 123 2040** 

Action Fraud has information about fraud and facilities for recording offences of fraud.
www.actionfraud.police.uk



Crime and other incidents should be reported to Lincolnshire Police on **101**



Incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour (including noise nuisance and flytipping) can also be reported to East Lindsey District Council on **01507 601111**



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