

South Northants Towcester Safer Community Team

Village Update
June 2015



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Villages covered in this update

- **Gayton, Kislingbury, Harpole, Rothersthorpe, Milton Malsor**
- **Bugbrooke, Nether Heyford, Upper Heyford**
- **Cosgrove, Old Stratford**
- **Brafield On The Green, Castle Ashby, Chadstone, Cogenhoe, Denton, Whiston, Yardley Hastings**

How To Report an Incident or Crime

Just a reminder that the number to report any Incident or Crime to Northamptonshire Police is 101 and then when prompted Select Option 2. This enables one of our Call Handlers to record all required information. **In any emergency call 999.**

School Parking

The police receive a number of complaints about inconsiderate parking in many of our villages at the start and end of the school day. Complaints include vehicles being parked on yellow zigzag lines outside of schools, obstructing local residents' driveways and parking across the pavement to the extent that it forces school children to step into the road to pass the parked cars.

School parking is an issue that has been raised over many years and is something that requires a certain amount of tolerance from parents and local residents. Most schools do not have allocated parking for parents to use which means that parents are required to park in nearby streets.

We ask parents collecting children from schools to be considerate to local residents by parking in a manner that does not obstruct drop kerbs or access to driveways and also to avoid parking on yellow zig zag lines or in bus bays.

We encourage those residents with driveways or off-road parking to use this space to park your vehicles wherever possible.

Parking a vehicle in a position that causes more than a momentary pause for other vehicles attempting to pass it would constitute an obstruction of the highway; this can be dealt with by Police Officers in a number of ways. If the owner of the vehicle can be located they could be offered words of advice to move the vehicle, issued with a £60 Fixed Penalty Notice, or the Officer could have the vehicle removed – The owner would have to pay the recovery costs.

Where a vehicle is parked in a position that causes a wilful, serious or unnecessary obstruction of the pavement, an offence is committed, granting officers the same powers mentioned above, including Fixed Penalty Notices and powers to remove the vehicle from the location. Officers are expected to exercise discretion and professional judgement in these situations, and a good measure of whether a vehicle is

unreasonably obstructing the pathway is whether you would be able to pass the vehicle whilst pushing a double push-chair, or whether you would be forced to step into the road to go around it.

The yellow zigzag lines outside the school are there to increase the safety of children attempting to cross the road. Parking is prohibited on these lines to ensure that children have good visibility in both directions before stepping into the carriageway. These lines also ensure that children are not stepping out into the road from behind a parked vehicle where they cannot be seen by drivers.

Please set a good example for your children and ensure you are parking in a considerate manner

Main Crimes reported in May 2015

Cosgrove

Attempted Burglary in a Building, Bridge Road between 4.30pm on 6 May and 7am on 7 May
Burglary in a Dwelling, Bridge Road between 11.50pm on 8 May and 3am on 9 May
Attempted Burglary in a Building, Bridge Road between 3.20am and 3.40am on 9 May
Burglary in a Dwelling, Bridge Road between 11pm on 8 May and 8am on 9 May
Attempted Burglary in a Dwelling, Stratford Road between 3.10am and 3.25am on 9 May
Burglary in a Dwelling, Bridge Road between 8am and 8pm on 20 May
Burglary in a Building, The Stocks between 4.30pm on 22 May and 9am on 23 May

Old Stratford

Cat shot by a pellet between 3pm and 8.30pm on 7 May
Theft From an Insecure Vehicle, The Meadows between 12.15pm and 1pm on 31 May

Bugbrooke

Burglary in a Dwelling, Oaklands between 11am and 11.45am on 5 May *suspect identified
Burglary in a Dwelling, Oaklands between 4pm on 4 May and 7.30am on 6 May *suspect identified
Theft of Tools, High Street between 11.55am and 12.05pm on 13 May
Exposure or Voyeurism, Church Lane between 4.10pm and 4.30pm on 13 May
Burglary in a Building, Mill lane between 11pm on 23 May and 4am on 24 May

Nether Heyford

Burglary in a Dwelling, Furnace lane between 8.15am and 4.30pm on 2 May
Spare Wheel Stolen From Vehicle, Church Lane between 1 May and 21 May
House Window Smashed by Stone , Manor Park between 7.50pm and 8.10pm on 28 May

Kislingbury

Burglary in a Dwelling, Beech Lane between 7.40am and 6pm on 6 May
Burglary in a Building [Insecure Shed], Beech Lane between 6pm on 10 May and 9am on 11 May
Criminal Damage Of Vehicle, Twigden Road between 8pm on 17 May and 8.30am on 18 May

Harpole

Criminal Damage Of Vehicle, Orchard way between 1pm on 25 May and 6am on 26 May

Rothersthorpe

Burglary in a Building [Shed], Banbury Lane between 1.40pm and 3pm on 11 May

Brafield On The Green

Burglary in a Building, Church Lane between 6.30pm on 14 May and 7am on 15 May

Castle Ashby

Burglary in a Building but no items stolen between 5.30pm on 1 May and 10.30am on 2 May

HOW TO FIND APPROVED SECURITY SUPPLIERS IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE



LOCAL LOCKSMITHS

Listed below are locksmiths in the Northampton area that can supply and/or fit your security requirements including door and window security, garage door locks and safes. All are vetted, inspected and qualified and are members of the **Master Locksmith's Association**.

M. HANZLIK Master Locksmiths
107 Lutterworth Road
NORTHAMPTON
NN1 5JP

Phone: 01604 628154
Website: www.loxandkeys.com

BRINNICK LOCKSMITHS and Security Ltd
17 Gold Street
NORTHAMPTON
NN1 1RA

Phone: 01604 628729
Website: www.brinnicklocksmiths.co.uk



BENN SECURITY SERVICES
42 Wycliffe Road
NORTHAMPTON
NN1 5JF

Phone: 01604 620707
Website: www.bennsecurityservices.co.uk

RUTHERFORDS Locksmiths Ltd
27-28 Market Square
WELLINGBOROUGH
NN8 1AT

Phone: 01933 279812
Website: www.rutherfordlocksmiths.co.uk

Further information and listings for all MLA locksmiths can be found at MLA website: www.locksmiths.co.uk

SECURITY PRODUCTS

Woodford Haise based **Sold Secure** is the national premier testing and certification house for security products including door locks, vehicle security, bicycle locks and caravan security, including ground anchor points and security posts.



Tested to Reduce Crime



A full range of tested products and suppliers can be found at Sold Secure website: www.soldsecure.com

FIRE SAFETY Install smoke alarms meeting BS5446 and CE standard. Keep them in good working order and check them weekly. Further home fire safety information is available at **Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue** website: www.northantsfire.org.uk

SECURED BY DESIGN

Secured by Design (SBD) is owned by the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) and focusses on the crime prevention of homes, businesses and car parks, as well as promoting the use of quality of security products.

Doors	Windows	Secondary glazing
Garage doors	Bicycles	Vehicles
Mobile phones	Computers	Forensic marking
Safes and key safes	Fencing	Security shutters
Locks	Roofing	Secure mail delivery



A full range of recommended products can be found at SBD website: www.securedbydesign.com

BURGLAR ALARMS and INSTALLERS

A burglar alarm is highly recommended as it is an effective deterrent to burglars. They provide a useful warning and limit the risk of theft and damage to property. Modern alarms are usually wireless, thus minimising the disruption to your home during installation.



- ✓ Consider whether you want an audible only system which will sound to attract attention OR a monitored system which will sound and send a signal to a monitoring station who will then call the police. This is useful in rural or remote areas.
- ✓ Obtain three independent quotes from accredited installers (NSI GOLD or SSAIB) before buying a system.
- ✓ Don't buy from companies who telephone you or knock on your door.
- ✓ Check for annual maintenance or monitoring fees on top of the installation price.
- ✓ Once the alarm is installed, advise your home insurance company and you may get a reduction in your premium



A full list of accredited installers can be found at NSI website: www.nsi.org.uk and SSAIB website: www.ssaib.org

How to get your stuff back if it is stolen

It is a good idea to mark your property so that it can be easily identified as belonging to you. Check out **Protecting my Property** section at www.northants.police.uk to select a marking method that suits your need.

Register your items for free on the SBD approved national database www.immobilise.com

The information stored is shared between police forces around the country and if your property is recovered it can be returned to you



Who's that knocking at the door?

Northamptonshire Police would like to remind all residents that all contractors should carry identity cards. Bogus callers are a growing problem. Criminals can pretend to be a genuine visitor with a reason to ask for money, or try to keep you occupied while someone else steals from other rooms.

Keep yourself safe by following some simple rules:

- Keep valuables including your purse or wallet in a safe place, out of view of doors and windows.
- Lock your back door when you answer the front.
- If you are not expecting your caller, be suspicious and check them out.
- If your visitor has an identity card, but you are still suspicious, telephone the police and check they are who they say they are.
- If someone knocks and offers to do some work for cash, do not agree and seek advice first. Citizens Advice Consumer Service Tel: 03454 04 05 06
- If the visitor will not go away, becomes agitated or aggressive, continues to visit other homes in the area, or you feel you are in danger, call 999.
- If you fear you have been the victim of a bogus caller, contact Northamptonshire Police on 101.

Don't feel that you have been silly or gullible: this is a deliberate crime and the perpetrators make up very convincing stories.

The golden rule is: **IF IN DOUBT KEEP THEM OUT!**

101 is the non-emergency number for Northamptonshire Police
Call 101 to speak to your local officers, discuss concerns you have about where you live or to report incidents and crimes that do not require an emergency response

Telephone: 101

SCT-SouthNorthantsTowcester@northants.police.uk

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In an emergency, call 999