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From: North East Leeds Off Road Motorcycle Unit

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Subject: *Quarterly Report July- September 2013*

Leeds Outer East (GKSM, CWT)

Statistical Breakdown:

Stop searches: 9

Calls attended: 20

Section 59 warnings: 17

Vehicle seizures: 6

Arrests/Summons: 9

Stolen Vehicles recovered: 2

Optimal Patrols: 6

Cannabis Warnings: 1

Missing Persons: 2

The off road unit has continued to be in great demand across North East Leeds. This was partly due to the long hot summer that we were spoilt with, but more importantly down to the positive impact the unit has with the communities it serves and the results that the unit achieves.

More Neighbourhood Policing Teams have requested our services over the summer months than ever before, to help tackle and problem solve in their area. By continually updating their team POPI's (**P**roblem **O**rientated **P**olice **I**nitiative's) they can immediately see the quality of service from the unit and report back to members of the public, senior management and Councillors.

We have continued to give inputs to schools and carry out preventative work and education.

We are often utilised along with National Police Air Support Unit (NPAS 99) to search for and locate high risk missing or injured persons in open ground and woodland. This partnership between the two is invaluable with a notable success. Working with our partner agencies we have continued to tackle crime and disorder, as part of Operation Champion.

The unit is prevalent along with Leeds City Council Riders at major events such as Party in the Park, Opera in the Park, festivals and events at Temple Newsam.

Some examples of our work this quarter include

- A three day operation Champion in Halton Moor where we worked alongside VOSA, HMRC, Court Warrant Officers, Dog Wardens, LCC Parks and Countryside to name just some of the partners involved. This operation and the use of the off roaders was well publicised on the CWT NPT Facebook page.



- Officers from the off road unit were on patrol with LCC riders around the Halton Moor area as part of the ongoing POPI in the area. At this time one of the police officers noticed a black motorcycle make off at speed across the Moor. The rider of this bike noticed police and dropped the motorcycle making off on foot. The second police officer along with the LCC rider detained the rider while the first officer remained with what turned out to be a stolen motorcycle. The young male was arrested and interviewed regarding his involvement.



- Concerns were generated after police received a number of calls regarding the sighting of a naked male within St Aiden's nature reserve. This area is visited by families and young children. Conventional police units were deployed to the location where they reported that they could see what they believed to be a naked person, however this person was a considerable distance away from them. When the officers approached, the figure continued to move further away. Owing to the restricted vehicle access they could not drive towards the person. The off road unit was deployed and owing to its versatility and capabilities they quickly gained access over the restrictions. They approached the person with NPAS 99 monitoring above. The off road unit was able to ascertain the person's details and report back to the control room. This male was in fact a high risk missing person from City & Holbeck division.

- Skeletons Lake aka “The Lagoon” continues to be a favourite for those with off road type motor vehicles and remains a focus of attention for the off road unit. A number of vehicles have been recovered from the nature reserve along with Section 59 warnings issued to the riders.



- In addition to The Lagoon, the off road unit continues to receive a number of calls to Owl Woods in Allerton Bywater. This is a tough nut to crack for the unit as the land is privately owned and the owner is happy for his land to be used by our off road friends. Never the less the off road unit continues to respond to the public calls, and has issued a number of Section 59 warnings. On one occasion although the motorcycle and rider were on the private land, the motorcycle transpired to be stolen from the Castleford area. The owner was interviewed and stated that the he had bought the bike in good faith. The information that he provided in interview led to further arrests from the Alerton Bywater area
- On a summers evening, three males decided to partake in the use of illegal drugs. To their credit they made attempts to keep themselves well away from the general public and decided to frequent the underpass of the motorway on Nanny Goat Lane. The last thing that they expected to see turn the corner was a marked police off road motorcycle. Their faces were a picture and they immediately tried to conceal what they were up to. Too late, they had been caught red faced and handed.

- The off road unit noticed a vehicle driving erratic along Wakefield Road Garforth. Owing to the manner of driving the vehicle was stopped and the occupant spoken to. It was clear to the officers that the male driver had been drinking and provided a positive breath test. Unfortunately for the driver he was less than 100 yards from his home address. He certainly did not expect two off road police motorcycles to be that close to urban Garforth.

Court Results

- The male caught riding the stolen motorcycle on Halton Moor was pleaded guilty and ordered to partake in a car crime programme and received 8 penalty points
- .The erratic driver on Wakefield Road pleaded guilty to driving while over the prescribed limit. He received £110.00 fine, £85.00 costs and disqualified from driving for 12 months.
- A male found in possession of a Suzuki Quad on Halton Moor was summonsed to Court for insurance offences. Although he was not riding the vehicle at the time, he was still in a public place with a motor vehicle. He pleaded guilty and received a £270.00 fine and ordered to pay costs of £85.00. The male stated in court *"I'd rather go to prison than pay the money!"*



Thank you for your continued support.