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Leeds East

# Neighbourhood News

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## Leeds East Neighbourhoods

The Leeds East Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) area encompasses seven neighbourhood policing ward areas covering:

Allerton Bywater, Burmantofts, Cross Gates, Garforth, Gipton, Halton Moor, Harehills, Killingbeck, Kippax, Methley, Richmond Hill, Seacroft, Swillington, Temple Newsam, Whinmoor and surrounding areas.



### Leeds East NPT Under New Management

Inspector Nicholls was appointed as the Leeds East Inspector in November 2022, managing the seven ward areas and working alongside six ward Sergeants, a support Sergeant, Police Officers, Police Community Support officers, Safer Schools officers and support staff including an Intelligence Development Officer, Crime Prevention Officer and District Neighbourhood Support Officer.

#### **New management, new newsletter and a message from Inspector Alastair Nicholls:**

'I was delighted to be appointed as the Leeds East Neighbourhood Policing Inspector, having previously served as a Sergeant in the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill ward area for eighteen months.

'Leeds East NPT is a large, busy and diverse area, with varying incidents, crime demands and local priorities. There is a strong partnership network and some fantastic community groups, provisions and volunteers working across the localities, aiming to provide and achieve stronger, safer, supportive and more cohesive communities for all.

'West Yorkshire Police is committed to reducing crime and the fear of crime, whilst positively interacting with the communities we serve. I am very proud of the work my officers and staff have done to target and disrupt criminality across Leeds East neighbourhood areas, along with increasing our community engagement footprint. The work they have undertaken and continue to take daily, is testament to their drive and determination to provide better communities for all.

'I would like to thank all communities for your continued support and information provided. The support you provide is pivotal and invaluable across the communities we serve, and the information provided has assisted in detecting and disrupting crime and anti-social behaviour. I would urge communities to continue reporting information, so we can continue to take action and keep communities safe and feeling safe.'

**Inside...Community Engagements**

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## Community Engagement News

### 'A Friendly Face'

PC Rawson (pictured to the right) continues to actively engage with several communities, across the Gipton and Harehills ward.

Passionate about diversity, equality and inclusion, he has forged positive relations with new and emerging communities and continues to build on community relations already formed across the ward.



### Community Clean Up Day January 2023

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023, PC Rawson and PC Hussain joined Leeds Kurdish House on Harehills Road and Strathmore view, for a community litter pick.

Officers engaged with the local Kurdish community and a total of 25 bags of litter was collected in the area, providing cleaner environments for local people.



### Harehills Community Interfaith Iftar Sharing Ramadan

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023, PC Rawson attended the Harehills Community Interfaith Iftar held at the Bilal Sports Hall, Harehills.

The event was arranged by the Junior Sports Hub, to celebrate and share culture during Ramadan.

Over 100 friends and neighbours in the community united together, to share an evening of good food, song and reflection.

The event was a success and testament to the wonderful work that the Junior Sports Hub delivers in the community and for young people.



PC Rawson thoroughly enjoyed attending and celebrating the Harehills Community Interfaith Iftar with the event organisers, community and partners.

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## In the Community – School Engagements

**Did you know there is an assigned PCSO for all Primary Schools across Leeds East NPT ward areas?**

PCSO's across all ward areas have been actively engaging with local primary schools, to deliver class lessons, assemblies and to introduce 'Bobby' as part of the 'Talk to the Bear' project.



Pictured: Bobby the Police Bear

The 'Talk to the Bear' project was launched in Wakefield in 2018, after a Police officer came up with the idea to give a police bear to every primary school. The purpose was to build relationships between the Police and young children, encouraging them to 'talk to the bear' if they had a worry that they couldn't talk to an adult about.

After a successful launch in Wakefield and following funding from the West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit, the Bear is being delivered to every Primary School in West Yorkshire.

Leeds East NPT have delivered 'Bobby' to several Primary schools, discussing the bear in class sessions and school assemblies.



Pictured is PCSO Simpson delivering 'Talk to the Bear' lessons/assemblies at Colton Primary and Templenewsam Halton Primary school.

In March PCSO Hurley visited Ninelands and Strawberry Fields primary schools in Garforth, where children got to sit in the Police van, turning the sirens and lights on, along with dressing up in mini police uniforms.



PCSO Hurley said:

"It's always great visiting the schools and children, to educate them that we are here to help.

"I hear lots of fantastic stories from the children and I think we definitely have some future cops amongst them."

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**WYP valued four-legged colleagues support Neighbourhood Policing Teams across Leeds East communities.**

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## Police Paws Patrol At St Nicholas Primary School

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023, St Nicholas Primary School in Gipton, Leeds had a special visit from Operational Police Dogs - PD Roost and Zero.



**Pictured:** Police Dogs - Zero (left) & Roost (right)

The children loved hearing about all the work that the Police Dogs do to keep people safe, in the communities.

The school input was arranged by PCSO Crawford, the allocated PCSO for the school, which was supported and attended by West Yorkshire Police (WYP) Operational Dog Support Unit.



**Did you know WYP Dog Support Unit has a variety of dogs, who help to keep the communities of West Yorkshire safe?**

WYP valued four-legged colleagues are split between General Purpose Dogs and Specialist Support. General Purpose dogs are typically German Shepherds, who are trained to perform a multitude of tasks which includes tracking, searching for persons and property and criminal work.

Specialist dogs are either Spaniels or Labradors and these are trained to find explosives, money, drugs and firearms.

Police dogs are also trained to deal with aggressive people and detain those who make off from officers.

## WYP Mounted Section Support NPT Day Of Action In Lincoln Green, Leeds



On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023, officers from the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill NPT Team were joined by WYP Mounted Section and six police horses for a day of action across Lincoln Green.

Officers on horseback, deployed across the area engaging with the local community, whilst gathering intelligence and disrupting offenders.

Neighbourhood Policing officers conducted

weapons sweeps across the area and reported no weapons were found at the time of searching.

Feedback from the local community was positive, with many commenting that they love seeing the Horses in the area and Leeds East NPT thank our Operational Support Teams and animal colleagues for their continued support.

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## Targeting Serious and Organised Crime

West Yorkshire Police and partners have implemented the Clear, Hold and Build Home Office initiative to tackle serious and organised crime in the Gipton and Harehills, Burmantofts and Richmond Hill ward areas.

The areas have been identified following local profile reviews and a series of serious, violent and organised crime activity.

### How will CLEAR, HOLD and BUILD work?

Leeds East NPT, WYP operational support units and partners will ruthlessly pursue criminals to **clear** an area, maintain a **hold** over the location to prevent another gang from taking control.

Police and partners will work with communities to **build** resilience in an area, so it is less susceptible to the draw of crime groups.



### CLEAR Phase

Leeds East Neighbourhood Policing Teams and the Leeds District Neighbourhood Impact Team officers, alongside partner agencies are currently in the clear phase.

A series of local news releases have been published, to inform residents of the actions taken as part of the initiative and Operation Bakegreen proactive deployments.

**Operation Bakegreen...** a coordinated response targeting the production, cultivation and supply of drugs.



Tackling this organised criminality and the harms associated with it, officers have:

- Executed several Misuse of Drugs warrants.
- Seized significant quantities of drugs.
- Arrested 12 adult males and 1 adult female.
- Five adult males and one adult female remanded to prison, until their next court appearances, in May 2023.



Approximately 290 cannabis plants were seized in East End Park, during one of the Operation Bakegreen deployments with a street value of **£111,660**.



On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023, David Puska (20) of Ashton Terrace, Harehills was sentenced to twenty-four weeks in prison. David Puska pleaded guilty in court for Possession with intent to supply Class B – Cannabis, following the arrest made by NPT officers in February 2023.

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## STOP Knife Crime!

Knife crime can have devastating consequences – not only for the wider communities - but also those individuals directly caught up in it including families of people injured or killed through knife crime or sent to prison because of it.

Leeds East NPT is committed to reducing knife crime and serious violence, across the ward areas we serve, whilst raising awareness of the dangers of knife crime and the impacts caused in communities.

Officers frequently deploy across the ward areas and participate in National weeks of action to raise awareness of knife crime, associated criminality and to ensure knives and other weapons are not being stored or hidden in open spaces.



Pictured: Large knife hidden in grassland

Over the last four months NPT officers have conducted weapons sweeps across residential streets, ginnels and parkland areas including:

- Banstead Park, Harehills
- Nowell Mount Park, Burmantofts
- Manston Park, Crossgates
- Sutton Park, Halton Moor
- Torre's, Haslewoods & Rigton's grassland
- Ashton Park, Harehills and more



In addition to weapons sweeps, NPT officers deploy the knife arch to schools, to check young people are not carrying knives.



Pictured: NPT officers with knife arch at Co-Op Academy, Burmantofts.

Safer Schools officers and PCSO's frequently deliver knife crime awareness lessons in primary schools and high schools, to educate young people of the dangers and divert them away from criminality.

PCSO's Moseley and Wilson recently worked alongside St Peters Church of England Primary School in Lincoln Green, where pupils created a series of posters, to raise awareness of the impacts that knife crime has on the communities of East Leeds.

The posters have been placed in community notice boards and residential tower blocks across Burmantofts and Richmond Hill, with fantastic words and pictures from local pupils highlighting quotes such as:

'You can save people's lives, by not carrying knives.'  
'Bin a knife to save a life'.

The pupils created some wonderful knife crime awareness posters and should be very proud of their work. **Well Done!**



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## Burglary News

Between the 10th and 13th March 2023, increased proactive patrols were implemented following a rise in Burglary residential occurrences across Garforth, Swillington, Kippax, Methley and Villages ward areas.

**Prevention and Detection....** during the targeted patrols officers recovered a stolen vehicle, returned several young people home to parents, gathered intelligence and evidence in relation to the reported offences.

Two suspects were arrested on suspicion of Burglary and local residents were thanked for their support and information.

In response to Burglary demands the Crime Prevention officer has held a series of pop-up surgeries across the East in Garforth, Gipton, Kippax, Methley, Seacroft and Swillington wards and was joined by West Yorkshire's Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Co-ordinator in Seacroft.

More information about Neighbourhood Watch, what's involved and how to set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme is available at:

[www.westyorkshire.police.uk/advice/our-services/crime-prevention/neighbourhood-watch/setting-neighbourhood-watch-scheme](http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/advice/our-services/crime-prevention/neighbourhood-watch/setting-neighbourhood-watch-scheme)

### Have you seen the West Yorkshire Police burglary advice campaign - Easy Street?

The campaign, information, posters and advice are available on the West Yorkshire Police website, and you can read more at:

[www.westyorkshire.police.uk/burglary](http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/burglary)



## Crime Prevention

The Crime Prevention Officer and NPT officers have been delivering a series of crime prevention events, pop up surgeries and community sessions.

### Doorstep Criminals

As part of Neighbourhood Policing Week of action, PCSO's from Crossgates and Whinmoor NPT and the Crime Prevention officer held a Rogue Traders and Bogus Officials information session at the Morethan Community Coffee morning with Connecting Crossgates.

A host of information was provided to those in attendance advising....

*'If in doubt, keep them out!'*



### Vehicle Crime Prevention Event The Springs Retail Park

On the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023, a successful vehicle crime prevention event was held at the Springs Retail park.

Several motorists and members of the public were spoken to, and crime prevention information leaflets provided. 'Faraday' cans were given to keyless entry vehicle owners, funded by the Inner and Outer East Community Committee.



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## Community Alert

We have provided an overview of some of the work and engagements we have conducted across the Leeds East communities we serve.

However, there is so much more information to be shared, in respect of all the work taking place daily to build positive relations and keep the communities of Leeds East safe and feeling safe.

**Did you know West Yorkshire Police has a dedicated messaging system called Community Alert?**



By registering with West Yorkshire Community Alert, you can choose to receive news and appeals, local crime information and/or prevention advice direct to you by email, text or voice message. Registering for alerts is completely free and once you have signed-up, you can choose how you want to receive the messages and what you want to receive messages about.

Community Alert is a fantastic service as it gives the public a simple way of keeping up to date with what we're up to in the local community, especially for those who may not have social media.

**To sign up, please visit:**

[www.wypcommunityalert.co.uk](http://www.wypcommunityalert.co.uk)

## Neighbourhood Priorities and NPT Information Links

**How do we identify neighbourhood priorities?**

Priorities are identified and set following community feedback at Police and Community Together (PACT) meetings, community contact points, neighbourhood forums, events and local policing demand analysis.

**Did you know that Leeds East NPT has a dedicated page on the West Yorkshire Police website?**

On this page you will be able to view and read the local neighbourhood priorities for each NPT ward area.

You can access and view the page at:

[www.westyorkshire.police.uk/my-neighbourhood/leeds/leeds-east](http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/my-neighbourhood/leeds/leeds-east)

The page is updated frequently, providing an overview of some of the work completed by Police and partners to address the local priorities identified, with links to news releases published.

On this page there is also links to our NPT contacts, events and meetings page, local news and more....

**Events and Meetings**

This page provides dates for the diary for Police and Community Together Meetings (PACT), community contact points and any additional engagement events that we hold across the wards.

Join us and have a say in how your neighbourhood is policed.

**Local News**

We post local and force press releases frequently across the dedicated news page, to keep our communities up to date with latest news releases, appeals, policing operations and activities.

**Social Media**

We also hold accounts on Facebook and Twitter, where we frequently post our work.

**'Like' us on Facebook at:**

[www.facebook.com/WYPLeedsEast](http://www.facebook.com/WYPLeedsEast)

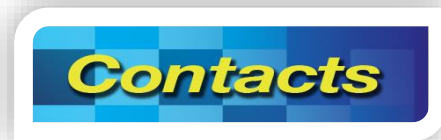
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Following feedback received from local businesses, members of the public and elected members we have compiled a list of several different ways you can make contact with the Police and keep up to date with our events and meetings.

We have been distributing this information across NPT wards and will continue to deliver further Meet The Team and Key Contact newsletters for all ward areas, in the coming weeks and months.



## **Contact Us**

In an emergency dial 999 and non-emergency dial 101.

## **#ClickB4UCall**

Did you know that you can use the below online methods, to contact West Yorkshire Police?

### **101 Live Chat**

Members of the public can have a two-way conversation with a member of the Customer Contact Centre using the Live Chat System.

The benefit of this system is that a Contact Centre Agent can provide assistance to a number of people at the same time, rather than being engaged on one phone line, and for quick queries, it is an ideal way to beat the queue.

<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/101LiveChat>

### **Online crime reporting**

You can call 101 to report non-emergency crimes, but there are also ways to report certain crimes on the West Yorkshire Police website.

There are dedicated forms for reporting anti-social behaviour, nuisance bikes and hate crime.

Report Online at: <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/report-it>

### **Ask the Police**

West Yorkshire Police has recently signed up to askthepolice.uk which offers answers to frequently asked questions to the police.

Residents are urged wherever possible to check on the website or mobile app first to see if they can get an answer to their question without needing to contact the police.

<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/ask-the-police>

### **Local Crime Tracker**

The Local Crime Tracker allows people to find out the status of an ongoing investigation or contact details of the officer in the case, using their crime reference number.

<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/crimetracker>

### **StreetSafe**

StreetSafe is a service for anyone to anonymously tell us about public places where you have felt or feel unsafe, because of environmental issues such as street lighting, abandoned buildings, vandalism and/or because of some behaviours for example being followed or verbally abused.

<https://www.police.uk/pu/notices/streetsafe/street-safe/>



### Road Safety

We're changing the way we use speed cameras to try and reduce deaths and serious injuries on our roads. Physical signs will not always be used to inform drivers where cameras are located.

Find out more at:

[www.safetycameraswestyorkshire.co.uk/](http://www.safetycameraswestyorkshire.co.uk/)



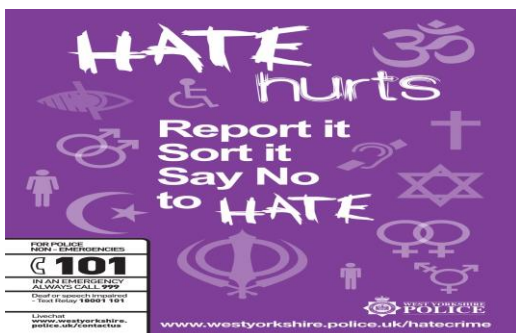
### HATE HURTS!!

Hate crimes / hate incidents can take place anywhere – at home, in the streets, at work, online or at school. No-one should have to live with the fear, anxiety and consequences of hate.

Reporting it when it happens will help us to deal with it and may prevent these incidents from happening to someone else.

Find out more and report online:

<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/hatehurts>



## Campaigns, Good News and Goodbye.... until the next edition!

### Partnership Working

On Monday 27th March 2023, Leeds East Neighbourhood Policing Teams conducted a targeted operation alongside officers from His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) in Harehills, Leeds.

As part of the operation officers and the HMRC visited several off-license premises suspected to be involved in the sales of illicit alcohol or goods in contravention to their license.

The operation was conducted to reduce the supply of cheap alcohol to street drinkers, in which a significant quantity of alcohol was seized.

The action followed on from targeted work alongside Trading Standards in Harehills on the 13th February 2023, where a significant quantity of illicit cigarettes, tobacco and suspected counterfeit items were seized with a street value of around £55k.



### Leeds NPT Seizes Drugs Worth Almost £50,000

Killingbeck and Seacroft Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) seized drugs with an estimated street value of £48,000 from an address in Seacroft.



The find was made by officers on Tuesday 7th February 2023, whilst police were making enquiries in the area to locate a wanted man.

A 25-year-old man was arrested for possession with intent to supply Class A drugs. He was later charged with three possessions with intent to supply offences and remanded to appear before Leeds Magistrates Court.

**Thank you for reading the Leeds East NPT Newsletter. We look forward to publishing the next quarterly edition in September 2023. Delivering local news to local people.**