

West Yorkshire Police

Outer North East Community Committee

Neighbourhood Priorities



North East Neighbourhood Policing: *Inspector Richard Armstead*

- The resourcing of North East Neighbourhood Policing Team is currently at 4 x PS, 19 x PC and 20 x PCSO. We have some leavers shortly on our teams, along with a couple of officers swapping teams to flexibly manage these changes. We also have a couple of Student Officers joining our teams on a temporary basis.
- Specifically OUTER North East Wards account for around 45% of available staffing, with 4 x full time and 2 x part time PCSOs and 3 x full time PCs based at Wetherby Police Station covering Wetherby and Harewood wards all under 1 x full time sgt. Covering Alwoodley and based out of Stainbeck Police Station are a mix of 9 x full time PCs and PCSOs with 1 x full time sgt.
- Crime Demand by Ward in 2024:
 - Alwoodley 16.86%
 - Harewood 9.39%
 - Wetherby 10.51%

Police and Public priorities

Alwoodley Ward - Sergeant 2931 Pervin

- **Public Priority - Anti-social behaviour - The Moor Allerton Centre is the main hotspot for youth ASB caused by off-road motor cycles, quads and cars along the part of King Lane to the West of The Moor Allerton Centre which is historically an issue which generates calls in the summer months.**

Update - We have planned a number of additional contact points and crime prevention events around the Moor Allerton area to act as a visible deterrent and reassure the public. This included additional contact points including 6th April and 19th November.

PCSO's have also held a meeting with security at Sainsburys on 4th April which is a frequent target of the ASB.

The Team have also been having regular meetings with the LASBT Team to encourage problem solving through partnership working.

We also have a regular 3 weekly contact point here at the library which assists us in building relationships with local businesses and providing advice.

During ASB Awareness Week, on 22nd November, our teams also conducted an Operation here with Uniformed and Non-Uniformed Officers.

We are also carrying out regular patrols of the area and engaging with local businesses to provide support.

- **Police Priority - Residential Burglary** - The residential parts of the ward immediately north of the Ring Road both to the East and West of its junction with Harrogate Road are particular hotspots and it is believed that the main threat is from offenders travelling in from other parts of Leeds and Bradford.

Update - We will utilise crime prevention tactics to target harden and deploy intelligence led patrols at the key times to disrupt and deter offences.

From January – 1st November there have been 101 residential burglaries in Alwoodley.

One of our initiatives has been the use of the forensic liquid Smart Water. This began in April 2024 and so far, we have provided 32 residents with this to protect their property. Neighbours of victims of burglary have also been given a similar UV Pen.

We also have some proactive patrols in place and crime prevention events planned which aim to offer the public advice on how to best protect their homes.

Our crime prevention officer has also been providing home visits to those who would like to be provided with tailored advice.

Harewood Ward - Sergeant: 5863 Standen

- **Public Priority - Road Safety** - There is public concern about speeding throughout the ward area. We will work to target this using any resources available to us.

Update – Year to date there has been a total of 45 Road Traffic Incidents recorded in the Harewood ward. 12 of these were serious and 33 of these were slight. There were no fatalities recorded. 7 of these took place on York Road and 7 on the A1M.

We are continuing our work towards Vision Zero with patrols cracking down on dangerous drivers.

- **Police Priority - Residential Burglary.** Although this is one of the lowest in the force, we will provide reassurance and revisits to ensure the initial investigation is as thorough as possible. We will tackle these through the use of intelligence led patrols at the key times to disrupt and deter offences and we will utilise crime prevention methods to target harden properties in the area.

Update - We are also using Smart Water technology as previously described.

From January to the 1st November there have been 39 residential burglaries in the Harewood Ward.

- **Police Priority – Rural Burglaries –** The theft of plant and farm machinery including off-road quad bikes, is a problem in all rural areas that border North Yorkshire but has traditionally been focused on Harewood ward.

Update - We have seen a continued reduction in theft across the Ward.

- **Police Priority – Rural & Wildlife Crime –** Offenders targeting Badger setts, foxes and other wildlife are very often linked with organised criminal groups and whilst wildlife offences often get overlooked and may not be a specific priority for many local residents, the offences that they lead onto are.

Update: Specific to wildlife crime, we have been running investigations into three particular individuals. Two investigations have now completed with the individuals summonsed to court and the last we are awaiting CPS authority to lay charges. These nominals do not live in the ward but do use it and other areas for their criminal activities and they all either commit other serious offences or are linked to others who do.

- **Police Priority – Fraud – With Harewood ward being relatively affluent, its residents are inevitably a target for fraudsters. In the age of the internet, much of this is done remotely by phone, email, messaging and other forms of social media. We will continue to do community talks on fraud awareness with elderly residents. Whilst we don't want to scare the local community, it is something that is very much a present and real threat to elderly residents and we will target this through local engagement and discussion.**

Update - Our PCSO's have undertaken a number of fraud awareness events to educate the people of Harewood.

We also had a Fraud / Scam social media campaign providing advice in the run up to Black Friday.

Wetherby Ward - Sergeant: 5863 Standen

- **Public Priority - Road Safety – Speeding is a concern in areas across the ward. We will work to target this using any resources available to us.**

Update - Year to date there has been a total of 24 Road Traffic Incidents recorded in the Harewood ward. 6 of these were serious and 18 of these were slight. 8 of these took place on the A1M.

- **Public Priority - Antisocial behaviour across areas of Wetherby town and Boston Spa in particular.**

Update – Two campers causing nuisance in the Wilderness Car Park have now been moved on and court hearings scheduled.

Several other campers have also been dealt with and moved on during the summer months.

Our Teams have expanded and continue to actively be involved in a number of different initiatives including Pub Watch and Shop Watch.

- **Police Priority - Residential Burglary - In the residential communities in Wetherby itself and the villages of Boston Spa, Clifford and Bramham. Day time offences of opportunity, e.g. sneak in burglaries. We will tackle this through crime prevention to target harden and intelligence led patrols at the key times to disrupt and deter offences.**

Update - Wetherby NPT are also using Smart water to forensically security mark property. 6 kits have been given out to victims of burglary.

From January to 1st November there have been 33 residential burglaries.

- **Policy Priority - Address commercial burglaries when they occur, most notably on the Thorpe Arch estate**

Update - In October there was only 1 report of a commercial burglary in the Wetherby area where tools were stolen. We have targeted patrols in place to deter criminals.

- **Police Priority – Fraud**

Update - Our PCSO's have undertaken a number of fraud awareness events to educate the people of Wetherby.

Update -Our Officers and PCSO's have a number of Fraud Awareness Talks planned in the community. We also have a Fraud / Scam social media campaign providing advice in the run up to Black Friday.

Police Plans for 2025

- Continued Communications through the Neighbourhood Support Officer
- Continued of Community Intelligence through Neighbourhood Watch Programmes
- No reduction in resourcing investment in the Outer North East Wards
- Continued focus on tackling Burglaries
- Continued focus on tackling Speeding issues

NOTE: All data contained in this report is correct as of 12th November 2024