



Northamptonshire PFCC

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New police recruits taking a break from training at Force Headquarters

New recruits set to be a force for all

A major local recruitment campaign is ongoing to attract more than 200 extra officers to Northamptonshire Police, putting almost 100 more on the streets of the county within the next two years.

The recruitment has been funded through an increase in the council tax locally. By 2021 - and possibly even sooner - there will be 1310 Northamptonshire Police officers, the largest number the Force has had since 2010.

This will be further increased by Northamptonshire's allocation from the 20,000 new police officers promised nationally – we expect around 200 of these extra officers to come to Northamptonshire, which would make the county force the largest it has ever been.

Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Stephen Mold said:

“I am supporting the Chief Constable to put measures in place to help us recruit the numbers of people that we need as a result of our own extra investment and now the boost promised to all Forces by the Government. This really is an amazing opportunity for people to consider a career in policing, where they can make a positive change and help create a Force that truly reflects the community it serves.”

Further details of Northamptonshire's allocation of the extra national funding are still awaited but recruitment has begun, so anyone interested in joining the police family are encouraged to go online and find out more by visiting www.northants.police.uk/policeofficer

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Specials boost burglary operation



Stephen Mold with some of Northants Police Special Constables

With reducing the number of residential burglaries one of the priorities of Northamptonshire Police, the Special Constabulary has been playing a key role in tackling the issue.

Specials from Northampton and Wellingborough & East Northants of all ranks have volunteered more than 1400 hours to target those committing burglaries and vehicle crime in our communities.

More than 200 Specials from the two areas have carried out dedicated proactive patrols in the evenings and at weekends,

responding to 90 emergency incidents, making 12 arrests, seizing 15 vehicles and reporting a further 15 traffic offences.

Uniformed and plain clothed officers have increased foot patrols in communities that have been hardest hit by burglary and vehicle crime.

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold joined Special Inspector Kevin Freeman out on patrol in Northampton to see the efforts being made to crack down on crime.

He said: "The public have told me clearly that they want to see Northamptonshire Police robustly tackling burglary and other crime and there could not be a better example of how that is happening than the operation I joined.

It was great to see everyone working together and I must thank every member of our Special Constabulary for the unique contribution they make to policing in Northamptonshire. Their enthusiasm and professionalism was humbling and I really enjoyed being part of their team."

Groundbreaking new law helping Force tackle domestic abuse

Tackling domestic abuse is a priority for Northamptonshire Police and officers are using new legislation and initiatives to better protect victims and those at risk of domestic violence.

In the past month, 853 domestic violence offences were recorded, more than 16 per cent of all recorded crimes in the county and up almost 17 per cent compared to the same time last year.

To help tackle the issue, the force is currently piloting project PIPA (Preventing Intimate Partner

Abuse), an early intervention approach where a first time offender who would have received a simple caution as a penalty, will now be given a conditional caution and made to attend a special programme to change their behaviour.

Project PIPA helps offenders understand their behaviour and all the expert evidence from experts is that this is an approach that prevents offenders from reoffending.

Offenders are only sent on the programme with the agreement

of the victim and if they fail to attend the sessions, they will be put before the courts. So far, a total of 16 offenders have successfully completed the programme.

Stephen Mold, Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, said: "I am confident that this groundbreaking approach will be a real change with better outcomes for victims and I thank my team and the police officers involved who have worked hard to bring this to Northamptonshire."

Corby Cube police base now up and running



Launch of the new Corby Cube police base

A new office base in the Corby Cube for Northamptonshire Police has now opened, meaning that response officers will be spending more time in and around the town.

Response officers will now be using a drop in base at the Corby Cube in George Street, alongside police officers and PCSOs from the town's Neighbourhood Policing Team, who have moved across the road from their old base in Deene House.

Corby Cube already houses the Police Enquiry Desk on the first floor of the council building, which is open for the public to visit and get advice.

Bringing the police resources together under one roof in a central location will help to increase the responsiveness and visibility of the Force in Corby and the surrounding villages and is a response to changing circumstances and crime patterns in the county.

This local focus will be further enhanced next month, when Northamptonshire Police moves to a new structure and the creation of two territorial policing areas: Northamptonshire North covering Corby, East Northants, Kettering and Wellingborough and Northamptonshire West, covering Daventry, Northampton and South Northamptonshire.

The move to the Corby Cube will be an interim one while work takes place to create a new joint police and fire hub on the site of the town's existing Corby Fire Station in Phoenix Parkway.

Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold, said: "The Chief Constable's new policing model will mean that Northamptonshire Police will provide a truly local response to local problems and is visible and accessible in the community it serves. That can only be a very good move and one that I support wholeheartedly."



101 calls

In May, we announced new standards for answering calls by the Northamptonshire Police control room. Every non-emergency caller to Northamptonshire Police is now offered the option of being called back, in a bid to cut the length of time that callers wait on the phone.

All 101 calls are initially answered within 60 seconds for triage - the caller is asked the reason for their call, the threat and risk is assessed and then the call is prioritised and given a category, A or B.

Calls are then placed in a queue and can go down instead of up if more urgent matters come in. Now, all 101 callers will be offered a call back by the Force if they have to wait for six minutes for a category A or 10 minutes for a category B call.

Non-urgent information can also be passed to the police easily and conveniently using online reporting forms at www.northants.police.uk

Burglary packs to support crime crackdown

New crime prevention packs and a special crime prevention website have been created to help people in Northamptonshire protect themselves from burglary.

The materials are part of the Force's Operation Crooked, the campaign that makes burglary a top priority for the Force.

Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold has committed to providing a better service to victims of burglary as well as helping to prevent burglary from happening in the first place.

Every victim of a burglary at their home now receives a visit from the police and a dedicated burglary team was set up to investigate prolific offenders.

Now burglary packs are available that contain useful information on



Prevention Team Leader Paul Golley and Stephen Mold showing the new burglary packs

every aspect of home security and what can be done to make a home safer. The packs are available from police front desks and the website will be online soon.

OPFCC Stephen Mold said: "I am pleased to be able to support the Chief Constable in making household burglary a top priority

for the Force and the operation set up to focus on this is already achieving significant results in reducing crime and targeting criminals.

Preventing crime is everybody's businesses, and the packs help us all to play our part in keeping safe and cutting crime."

Op Stock on the rural beat

Northamptonshire has had a very high profile in the national media this summer for all the wrong reasons – the illegal butchery and theft of sheep from farms in our county.

Northamptonshire Police has been running Op Stock to reassure rural residents and help deter and detect offences.

There have been increased night time patrols in rural areas, drones have been used and Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold has met with the National Farmers' Union to hear their views.

Signs have gone up warning that regular patrols are taking place and a great web page www.northants.police.uk/opstock - has been produced to give more information.



Stephen said: "I met with the NFU and heard very clearly just how much concern these horrible crimes are causing to the local community.

"Our local policing teams and officers and staff from across the Force are working hard to disrupt and deter the criminals involved, alongside partners, to try to ensure that our rural residents have their concerns taken seriously and feel safe."

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