

# Stakeholder update

Monthly update to stakeholders,  
provided by the Gedling Neighbourhood Policing Team

## Inspector's update



Inspector  
Chris Pearson

Welcome to the latest Gedling newsletter. I wanted to start with a 'thank you' for all the fantastic messages of support that we have received during the COVID19 pandemic. It's really appreciated by all of us at Nottinghamshire Police. Secondly I wanted to provide some reassurance that we are still here, responding to incidents, reassuring the public and dealing with those who cause harm in our communities.

Over the last few weeks the Neighbourhood Policing team and Operation Reacher have turned their attention to policing the government guidelines around social distancing and non-essential travel. We are very much taking an approach of Engage, Explain and Encourage. So far this appears to have been a successful approach but we are prepared to take further action should the need arise. We have also been working together with council colleagues to deal with businesses operating in breach of the government guidelines.

I wanted to touch on policing priorities and for now these will remain as Residential Burglary, Drug Supply and Shop Theft. The local priorities will be refreshed again in June this year. Local priorities can be influenced by members of our communities and we have introduced a new online survey. Further details can be found at [www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/whatmatters](http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/whatmatters)

The end of March saw a review of crime data for the area and there are some positive results. I was pleased to see that Gedling ended the year with a slight overall reduction in victim based crime. Through all of the hard work carried out by officers from across Gedling autocrime reduced by 27.8% in the last twelve months which equates to 192 less victims. Burglary also reduced across the borough with 37 less victims compared to 2018-2019. There were also 5 less victims of Robbery and 99 less people were injured as a result of violence showing that our focus on serious violent crime has had some impact. That said there is always work to be done and we will be looking closely at our priorities as the year goes on to identify areas of focus such.

Finally we are regularly updating our social media pages with details of ongoing patrols, proactive work and of course anything relevant to the COVID19 outbreak so please follow our facebook pages for more information.

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# Team Updates: Arnold

**Sergeant  
Helen Walker**

During the last month the Gedling North Team has been focusing of course on 'Op Bion' which is the forces response to the COVID19 pandemic. We have been supported by the Specials who have been working many shifts since the government restrictions were imposed. The vast majority of the community have been adhering to the guidelines and for those who have not, our approach of engage, explain, encourage has been used and we have encountered very few difficulties. Obviously our day to day work has very much changed. Due to the fact that we are patrolling in the area daily, the team have been actively identifying vulnerable members of the community to refer to Gedling Borough Council's humanitarian response team. We will continue to do this to ensure that that we assist as many people as possible living in the community.

This week saw proactive activity in Arnold with a warrant executed on High Street in Arnold. This was following intelligence that drug dealing was taking place. A number of neighbourhood officers joined the Op Reacher team and following the discovery of drugs and cash three males were arrested for drugs supply offences. CID officers are now investigating the find.

Finally one of team has left us in recent weeks. PCSO Nik Brennan hasn't gone very far though as he is now PC Nik Brennan. We wish him the best of luck with his new role. PCSO Kirsty Szeluk will take over Nik's area of Calverton & Woodborough.



Images: PCSO Kirsty

Szeluk on patrol in the Gedling North area

# Team Updates: Carlton

**Sergeant  
Mike Ebbins**

In recent weeks the Gedling South neighbourhood teams focus has been around visibility and reinforcing the governments guidance on COVID-19. This has proven challenging for us and the wider community. One of our key messages has been around the necessity of journeys and the use of vehicles to travel to our open spaces. We have stopped people from as far away as Long Eaton in our parks who have travelled to exercise. Thankfully the majority of our interactions have been met with positivity and understanding. As a policing team we are well aware that the majority of our residents are inside their own homes so not seeing our patrols, we have therefore worked hard to communicate this by sharing our route tracker maps on social media. We have also sought to improve the ways in which we get about the area; this has included bringing in a trial of the forces first electric bikes. Our hope is that these new bikes will allow us to cover a larger area in a shorter time and most importantly, be able to engage with more of our residents. We believe that these bikes will cut down on our car usage and with it our carbon footprint, as well as assisting with a few of Gedling's hills. The bikes have already received a lot of media attention and we are keen to know your thoughts on the pilot and whether you feel this is something we should invest in.

In the background we are trying to keep business as usual and there have been some successful drugs arrests and search warrants which have been publicised. We are aware residents will be spending more time inside looking out the windows so we would encourage you all to continue to pass on any observations of criminality and be assured that every bit of information we receive will be reviewed and developed. On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April we worked closely with Operation Reacher officers to execute a warrant on Dunstan Street in Netherfield. This was in relation to drug dealing and following concerns raised by local residents. As a result drugs and dealer bags were seized. A male has been interviewed and enquiries are ongoing. Finally the Gedling South team would like to pass on our thanks to all key workers living and working on our area. We greatly appreciate all that you are sacrificing to keep us safe. Thank you.



Images: Electric bikes currently on trial and GPS patrol map shared on social media

# Team Updates: Op Reacher

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**Sergeant  
Matt Sisson**

The Gedling Op Reacher team has now been operating in the borough for the last three months. It's been an exciting three months for the team and I, as we get to meet the community and learn the layout of the Gedling area. It has also been an opportunity for us to meet and get to know the people who persistently commit crime in the area. Since the team was established at the end of January we have arrested 36 individuals, seized 18 illegal vehicles, executed 10 search warrants and had 28 individual drug seizures. Some quantities of the drugs that have been seized have been of such significant amount that it supports an investigation being conducted around those concerned being involved in the supply of drugs. Furthermore, the team have seized approximately £17,800 in cash. This is because the team have suspected the cash is directly linked to drug supply or money laundering.

The team has also recently been involved in high visibility patrols of the Gedling borough as part of the response to the guidelines issued from the government around Covid-19. Recognising the impact these guidelines are having on everyone, not least the most vulnerable in our society the team have been helping out at the Richard Herrod centre in Carlton. Collating food packages and delivering those to the people who are most in need but cannot leave their houses. The team have also showed their gratitude to the carers by delivering Easter eggs to them over the Easter period. All deliveries were made whilst adhering to social distancing.

Whilst on patrol in the Carlton area the team saw a vehicle which contained two males. The team stopped the vehicle and following a search of the vehicle they found a substantial amount of both suspected class A and class B drugs and a large quantity of cash. Both males were arrested and are currently under investigation in relation to the matters.

During an evening patrol in Ravenshead, the team saw a van parked up suspiciously in a car park on Longdale Lane. As the team approached the van a male could be seen running off into woodland. Not wanting to get involved in a woodland pursuit in the middle of the night the team decided to withdraw from the area but wait to see if the male would return to the vehicle and drive away in it. Sure enough just minutes later the vehicle was seen driving along the A614 and was stopped. A search of the vehicle recovered a large quantity of cannabis suggesting that the male was involved in drug supply. He was subsequently arrested.