

BLUE LIGHT



ADAM SIMMONDS - NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

COMMUNITY JUSTICE SECURITY

A MESSAGE FROM ADAM SIMMONDS

Dear Resident,

Welcome to my Autumn 2013 e-newsletter.

It has been an incredibly busy period. We continue to recruit Special Constables and more volunteers.

We have moved forward with our Fire Service colleagues in closer working and we are about to publish the results and recommendations of the *Victims' Voice* (this will be available to view in full on my website).

I am particularly proud that our Police have achieved the biggest fall in vehicle crime anywhere in the country!

In the days ahead we will launch the Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives; the Police Crime and Justice Institute and mark 365 days since the election.

So much done and so much still to do!

Yours,

Adam Simmonds
Northants Police and Crime Commissioner

CRIME DOWN



Latest crime figures for Northamptonshire show impressive reductions.

In line with Adam's Police and Crime Plan commitment to reduce violence by 40% over five years, latest figures show that excellent progress is being made. Figures show violence is down 14.6% compared to this time last year. Over the last 52 week period, Northamptonshire Police have had the second biggest fall in violence of any force in the country.

Data shows also that for theft of vehicles, July 2013 has been the lowest month for thefts of cars since the 1990s. The reduction over the last year has been the largest proportionally achieved by any force in the country.

Theft from vehicles is down 12% too year to date, meaning 170 fewer offences.

Adam said: "I am very pleased to see crime coming down across Northamptonshire and I want to thank all of the officers and staff whose hard work has made this happen. I look forward to the Chief Constable continuing to lead the further substantial reductions that need to be made."

OFFICE OF FAITH BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Evidence shows that programmes to treat drug addictions, stop alcohol misuse and to rehabilitate offenders are most effective when they are run in communities, by community groups and organisations with local knowledge and relationships.

This office is being created to support and grow the work of our community groups across Northamptonshire to contribute towards crime reduction, often by focussing on such issues as drugs, alcohol and emotional wellbeing. Our communities are brought together for a variety of reasons: geography, interests, religion and other shared demographics such as age and gender. Whatever their bind, this office will be looking to all communities to contribute to crime prevention and reduction in re-offending, as this is key to making Northamptonshire a safer place to live.

"Faith groups are often at the heart of their communities. This new office helps to recognise and support the work we do locally and will help us build real bridges with groups and organisations across our county".

Dinesh Unalkat - the Patel Samaj of Northampton.

LAUNCH OF A POLICE, CRIME & JUSTICE INSTITUTE

Work to launch a police, crime and justice institute with the university of Northampton is well under way.

The institute will provide top flight research into matters which will help improve the effectiveness of policing and the criminal justice system in Northamptonshire.

It will also deliver vocational training to the police and wider criminal justice system agencies.

The institute is set to open in November 2013.

Out & about



with Adam Simmonds



■ Adam in Burton Latimer at the first of a series of planned 'getting to know you' meetings across Northamptonshire. He listened to concerns about double yellow line parking in the town centre and updated residents about the pilot scheme in the Kettering district, which has enabled PCSOs to enforce parking offences.



■ Adam at Thrapston at the opening of the county's first combined police and fire station. Officers from the local safer community team will be based at the newly refurbished fire station, joining the team of retained firefighters. The move is part of the wider collaboration between the Police, the County Council's Fire and Rescue Service and the Police and Crime Commissioner.



■ Adam at the Corby Cube street surgery. Adam has continued to hold street surgeries across the county. They provide an ideal opportunity for people to meet and speak with their PCC. Police officers and PCSOs are on hand to offer advice and information and people are able to share their views about crime and policing in their community.

POLICE CADETS COMING TO KETTERING

Young people in Kettering will soon be able to get a taste of policing when a Northamptonshire Police cadet scheme launches in the town.

The scheme, which has been successfully running in Northampton for two years, is set to be launched in Kettering in January 2014.

Thirty places will be available and applicants must be aged 16 when the scheme starts on 6th January 2014.

Police cadets meet one evening a week to learn about the police service and develop practical skills. The new Kettering cadets will also work with local police and become part

of Kettering safer community team, helping out at events and offering crime prevention advice.

The Kettering cadets are asked to commit their time every Wednesday evening, 6pm-9pm during the school term, and volunteer to support their safer community team.

Adam said: "I'm excited the police cadet scheme is set to expand to Kettering. Plans are also underway for the scheme to expand even further next year into Wellingborough and Daventry. I have spent time with many of the current intake of cadets and have been really impressed with how enthusiastic they are and their contribution to making Northamptonshire the safest place in the country."

For more information visit www.northants.police.uk/cadets or email sav@northants.police.uk

