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Welcome to your Rutland police e-newsletter. Here you will find all of the latest news from a Rutland policing perspective and crime prevention advice to help keep yourself safe.

## Rutland's new Front Desk opens



Geoff Thompson, High Sheriff opened Oakham Police Station Public-Facing Office on 23 March 2023.

Pictured from left to right are Chief Constable Rob Nixon, Local Policing Superintendent Aimee Ramm, NPA Commander Lindsey Madeley-Harland, High Sheriff Geoff Thompson, The Lord Lieutenant of Rutland Dr Sarah Furness and the PCC Rupert Matthews.

Leicestershire Police has invested in Rutland in the last 12 months with a new police vehicle, a new beat office in Uppingham, and this public-facing office in Oakham. The office is open from Monday – Friday (10 am – 4pm).

In charge of the desk is LSTO Nicole Welsh who started her policing career at Oakham as a PCSO then transferring to Melton Mowbray working on the front desk as a Local Support Team Office (LSTO), returning to Oakham to run the front desk. Nicole is looking forward to assisting with any queries that you might have. Please pop in and see her.



## Officers visit Edith Weston

Dropping by  
St. George's  
Youth Club.  
March '23



PC Orton and PC Robinson, have been engaging with the youths at St. George's Youth Club Edith Weston. Fun had by all and a few deputies signed up!





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## Community Speedwatch

### Are you interested in setting up Community Speedwatch in your village?

CSW is a scheme to help local residents take action against speeding traffic through their community. The scheme enables volunteers to work within their community to raise awareness of the dangers of speeding and to help control the problem locally - underpinning the community's commitment to reducing speeds.

Each CSW scheme runs over a full two-week period and involves volunteers taking direct action, using radar speed guns to identify individuals travelling in excess of the speed limit by 10% + 2mph (36mph). The use of the radar devices does not lead to prosecution, but drivers receive a warning letter from Leicestershire Police. Temporary CSW signage is also installed in areas taking part in CSW, to help raise awareness and extend the benefits of the scheme. The scheme is administered and co-ordinated by Rutland County Council in partnership with Local Police officers and Leicestershire Police. An optimum number of volunteers would be 12 or more to allow for rest periods, other commitments, and last-minute absences.

Local police officers will complete site surveys, so all speed checks are completed in safe areas and we go through a briefing and training session prior to commencement.

If your village is keen to have community speedwatch approach your councillor at a parish council meeting and they should be able to progress the request.

This month PC Icke has been out with road safety and community safety at Rutland County Council (Julie Potkins and Hugh Crouch) looking at suitable locations for the 5 villages that are going to be involved this year. Each village will be trained to use the newly funded SL700 camera (same as that used by the police) and will monitor traffic over a 2-week period. Any offending vehicles and the registered keepers will be sent advisory letters re their speed. The dates are:



South Luffenham 17/4/23 – 30/4/23    Caldecott – 12/6/23- 25/6/23  
Edith Weston 3/7/23 – 16/7/23        Uppingham – 4/9/23/ 17/9/23  
Ashwell – 25/9/23 – 8/10/23



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## Goodbyes and hellos

Sadly we are saying goodbye to 2 of our neighbourhood officers.

PC Kimberlee Newman is moving to Melton Mowbray to become a neighbourhood patrol officer she has enjoyed her time at Oakham and is looking forward to her new role.



PC Anna Ingram is leaving the force and moving onto pastures new. Anna says that she has enjoyed the opportunity to be Uppingham's dedicated neighbourhood officer. She has met some wonderful people and has made friends for life. As she tells us policing Uppingham hasn't been without its challenges but working in conjunction with RCC community team has ensured justice has been served on those committing offences.



We say hello to PC 1101 Craig Robinson who moves across from Melton Mowbray where he was a neighbourhood patrol officer. He joins the team in Rutland to become Oakham and Barleythorpe's dedicated neighbourhood officer. He is looking forward to working in the community and helping tackle issues as they arise.



If you see him out and about please stop and say hello.

**The next edition will be out soon!**