



## **PC 2157 EDD MCKINNON**

A hello from me! I have Very recently taken over from PC Pete Icke as the Dedicated Neighbourhood Officer for the rural south beat.

I have been a Police Employee for 23 years, and a Police Officer for 18 years now, with experience split between the city and the county.

This is my second stint as a beat officer, the last being in the city covering Evington village and it's surrounding areas.

Some of the engagement tools we use now are new to me, but I will try my best to be at least as accessible to you all as Pete was.

I look forward to meeting as many people as possible and helping to keep Rutland a safe and peaceful place to live.

# **RUTLAND SOUTH BEAT**

*Crimes of Note: January 2024*

## **BURGLARY**

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14/01 – Commercial burglary where the front gates of the Bellway Homes development on Braunston Road were forced open and the site entered. Nothing stolen.

15/01 – Car key burglary where vehicle is taken North Luffenham.

16/01 – Trailer tow hitch and trailer stolen from farm Edith Weston.

## **CRIMINAL DAMAGE**

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21/01 – Side gate damaged Edith Weston.

## **THEFT**

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15/01 – 2x drive off thefts of fuel from the Esso Station on the A47 at Morcott.

## **ASSAULT**

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Nothing of note this month.

## **VEHICLE CRIME**

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Nothing of note this month.

## **OTHER**

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25/01 - Serious RTC Brooke Road, Ridlington.

## In Summary:

Burglary has been highlighted this month with the focus on offences being primarily in commercial/farm settings.

Please consider any and all preventative security options available to protect your commercial spaces and residences. The object is to make places as unappealing as possible to criminals who will look to work quickly and without disturbance in dark places.

PIR lights are a relatively inexpensive way to alert presence on properties, and there are myriad other items available from lights to monitoring cameras to full on professional alarm systems.

If you keep vehicles and trailers on site, try and park your vehicle where it could not be reasonably or quickly removed. The more obstacles in the way, the less attractive your equipment is.

We have sadly had one residential break in January where vehicle keys were stolen to take a vehicle from the front of the house.

Always consider where your keys are kept in the house. Most criminals entering properties for keys will look in the obvious places in hallways and kitchens etc, so think about keeping your keys in the more ambiguous areas. It is also worth looking at keeping car keys in 'Faraday pouches'. Technology is such that thieves can detect and copy the signal that your keys transmit to the car and enter it without the need for a physical key. A Faraday pouch blocks the signal the key transmits, making this impossible.

Our villages whilst beautiful, are VERY dark at night so please remain vigilant. Ensure your doors and windows are always locked and leave lights on if you go out.

Rural locations including building sites and Farms are often targeted as their plant equipment are highly desired commodities due to demand exceeding worldwide supply. We continue to run operation Vitality for rural crime with extra officers out patrolling where possible.

If you see, witness or suspect anything similar happening, please call the police. Your call may be all that's required to catch them in the act!

## NEIGHBOURHOOD LINK

We continue to encourage local residents to have their say through Neighborhood Link surveys and keep all residents that have signed up to this aware of issues happening in Rutland.

**Get news, updates and crime prevention advice from your local police team**

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Follow your local police team on social media:

Access services, information, advice and report crime using our website:

Sign up to Neighbourhood Link, our free e-mail update service:

## **BEAT PRIORITIES**

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We continue our focus on 3 main areas highlighted through public consultation:

Nuisance Road users  
Road Safety Issues  
Rural Crime/farming equipment

Operation ENFORCE continues to attempt to address excessive speed and dangerous driving around the county, and we will carry this forward through regular monitoring of areas highlighted as a concern, and use of community speedwatch sites and the forces speed camera vans.

## **GETTING IN TOUCH**

### **Parish Meetings:**

If any parishes would like the beat team to join them, then please let me know (subject to duties & commitments).

### **Reporting issues:**

We are always trying to improve how you can report issues to us and reduce demand on the emergency '999' system.

As well as using the national non emergency '101' number, You can report incidents now through our new website, where the information provided is instantly directed to the correct department:

**[www.leics.police.uk](http://www.leics.police.uk)**