



**Welcome to the Rotherham South Neighbourhood newsletter.**

Throughout Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018, officers in the Rotherham South Neighbourhood Policing team worked to carry out Operation Duxford, the force wide initiative to target community concerns. The targeted operation aimed to address drug related issues, antisocial behaviour and increase interaction with communities. These areas of concern were identified following feedback and concerns raised by members of the local community.

The operation included two warrants being executed in the Dinnington area, Traffic Officers carrying out joint checks on vehicles with DVLA and Customs and Excise in Maltby. The Mounted Department carried out patrols in the Dinnington area, engaging with the public and local schools. Multiagency work involving our partners from RMBC, Department for Work and Pensions and the Environment Agency took place to tackle local concerns and provide community reassurance. Officers also engaged with communities in Catcliffe and Thurcroft area offering crime prevention advice and merchandise.

The results achieved from the activity carried out highlight the successes achieved to meet these aims £18,000 in contraband tobacco products along with a number of stolen items were recovered from the warrant. An adult caution for cannabis was also issued. 1 vehicle was lifted from Leicester Road, Dinnington for no tax by DVLA. Traffic officers, Custom and Excise stopped 16 vehicles, which were checked for red diesel at Outgang Lane, Dinnington and Tickhill Road, Maltby. 3 crime prevention stalls were held across Catcliffe and Thurcroft area with a number of local residents engaged with. A number of properties have been located in the Dinnington area where CPN warning letters



are to be issued due to environmental issues.



## POLICE POWERS – DID YOU KNOW

### **Community Protection Notices - Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.**

A Community Protection Notice (CPN ) is aimed to prevent unreasonable behaviour that is having a negative impact on the local community's quality of life.

Any person aged 16 years or over can be issued with a notice, whether it is an individual or a business, and it will require the behaviour to stop and if necessary reasonable steps to be taken to ensure it is not repeated in the future.

CPNs replace current measures including litter clearing, defacement removal and street litter control notices. Below are examples of when a CPN may be issued;

- when a dog is constantly escaping through a broken fence the owner could be issued a CPN requiring that the fence be fixed to avoid further escapes,
- a notice could be issued to a local shop/supermarket who are allowing litter to be deposited outside the property, or
- to prevent anti-social behaviour such as regularly playing loud music in a public area

Police officers, local authorities and PCSOs can issue CPNs but before doing so, they must consider two things; whether the conduct is having a detrimental effect on the community's quality of life and also, whether said conduct is considered unreasonable. The individual must be given a written warning beforehand stating that if the behaviour does not cease, the notice will be issued.

The notice can be appealed in the Magistrates' Court within 21 days. Failure to comply is an offence and may result in a fine or a fixed penalty notice.



## COME AND SEE US

Because we want to be available to you, we have established a number of weekly drop in sessions across the South of Rotherham, where you can meet with team members and discuss the issues that are important to you.

- Dinnington Resource Centre, 131 Laughton Road, Dinnington S25 2PP.  
Every Wednesday 1.30 – 3 pm.
- Aston Service Centre, Worksop Road, Aston, S26 4WD.  
Every Wednesday 11 am – 12 pm.
- Maltby Ascension Centre, Ascension Close, Maltby S66 7HQ  
Every Thursday 11 am – 1 pm.
- Treeton Reading Rooms, 25 Front Street, Treeton, S60 5QP  
Every Thursday 10.30 – 11.30 am.



## YOUR LOCAL CONTACTS

Police Sergeant Mark Worrall and Inspector Caroline Bakewell

You can follow us on Twitter @RothSouthNHP and Facebook at Rotherham South NHP

Visit SYP's web site for more info or to report non-emergency crime online: [www.southyorks.police.uk](http://www.southyorks.police.uk)

Call 999 if it is an emergency

Call 101 for general enquiries or to report a crime in a non-emergency

Call Crimestoppers to give your information anonymously on 0800 555 111

## CRIME PREVENTION

### Nuisance Phone Scams/ Fraud

Phone scams are a common way for criminals to con people out of money using various tricks to get your personal or financial information. Be aware of some of the most common phone scams and find out what you can do to stay safe.

#### Bank Scams

This is a call from someone claiming to be from your bank telling you there is a problem with your card or account. They may ask for your account and card details, including your PIN number, and even offer to send a courier to collect your card from you so they can resolve the problem. They may also advise transferring your money to a 'safe account' to protect it, which can lead to loss of money.

The caller will often sound professional and try to convince you that your card has been cloned or that your money is at risk. This is a common scam and your bank would never ask you to do this.

#### Computer repair scams

A scammer may call you claiming to be from the helpdesk of a well-known IT firm, such as Microsoft. They will tell you that your computer has a virus and will charge you to upload 'anti-virus software'. This turns out to be spyware, which is used to get your personal details. Legitimate IT companies do not contact customers this way.

#### Compensation calls

This is a call from a company asking about a car accident you have had and offering you compensation. Some of these could be genuine companies looking for business but others are scammers. Do not engage in these calls. If you have had an accident, call your own insurance company on the phone number provided on your policy.

#### HMRC scams

You may get a call from someone claiming to be from HMRC saying there is an issue with your tax refund or an unpaid tax bill. They may leave a message and ask you to call back. Again, do not be fooled by this. HMRC would never contact you this way and would never ask you to reveal personal financial information such as your bank account details.

#### What should you do if you get a Scam phone call?

Older people are often a target for scammers, so it is important to be aware of phone scams and how to handle them. Fortunately, there are things you can do to protect yourself.

Don't reveal personal details

Never give out financial information (such as your bank account details or your PIN) over the phone, even if the caller claims to be from your bank. Be wary of anyone asking for personal information such as your passport details.

Hang up

If you feel harassed or intimidated, or if the caller talks over you without giving you a chance to speak, end the call. It may feel rude to hang up on someone, but you have the right not to be harassed and pressurised into buying something, answering a survey, or giving out your personal details.

#### Ring the organisation

If you are unsure whether the caller is genuine, you can always ring the company or bank they claim to be from. Make sure you find the number yourself (from a letter, statement, the phone book, or their official website) and do not use the one provided by the caller.

If you are using the same phone, try calling someone you know first to make sure the line is free, or wait at least 10 minutes between calls to make sure scammers have hung up.

#### Don't be rushed

Scammers will try to rush you into providing your personal details. They may say they have an offer or an investment that is time-limited. Alternatively, they may say your money or your bank account is at risk if you do not give them the information they need right away. These tactics are designed to pressure you but do not be rushed into doing something you are not sure about.

If it is about an offer or an investment, always take the time to seek advice and look into the seller's credentials first.