



UPDATE FROM YOUR LOCAL OFFICER

September 2008

Not too many incidents to report this past month, but a few items of interest to pass on. Since the last newsletter we have had the Community Forum held at Tissington Village Hall, and also a Crime Prevention Event at Kniveton Village Hall.

We've had some good phone calls from the public reporting suspicious vehicles and persons in the Tissington, Kniveton and Parwich areas. Calls relating to vehicles causing concern at Sandybrook, and at Alsop provided us with some information that was worth noting, and also a driver being reported for motoring offences. A local resident also brought in a letter received, allegedly sent from China, stating that a person who had recently died in an accident in China, had left a large amount of money but had no next of kin. The letter suggested that because they shared the same surname, if Bank details were provided, they could find a way of passing the money on to that bank account. The resident appreciated it was a 'scam', but felt it could alarm some people. There are a number of letters that circulate, that are very similar, and claim to come from different parts of the World. They can get peoples details from public registers such as Voters lists, and try to offer something very appealing, ie a large amount of money. As always if an offer is too good to be true, ignore it. Most of these also create quite ridiculous circumstances to try and tempt you. Don't be alarmed by the letters, simply file them in the nearest rubbish bin.

At Kniveton, between 8.30pm, Friday 18th July and 10am, Saturday 19th July 2008, a window was smashed to allow access to a Peugeot parked in the village. The offenders then flicked open the fuel cap, and stole diesel from the cars tank. Overnight on Sunday 10th August 2008, a tax disc was stolen from an insecure car parked in Tissington Village.

A campsite at Sandybrook had a number of cycles stolen from outside tents, overnight on Friday 23rd August 2008.

The Community Forum took place on 16th July 2008. The main concerns that were raised by residents attending included the speed and manner of driving of both motor cycles, and Large Goods Vehicles, along the A515. Concerns were also raised about the lack of cutting back of grass verges and roadside trees and its effect on roads safety. These points are all being looked into. Operation Focus, which is currently running, is the annual summer operation that targets motor cyclists. Local Officers and Roads Policing Officers have been made aware of the concerns about LGVs, and I am looking at ways of reminding drivers about their driving as they pass through our area. The concerns about the verges have been raised with the Road Safety Partnership, which involves Police, local and County Council members. They are already discussing vegetation growth in relation to the A515.

The services provided by the Minor Injuries Unit at the Whitworth Hospital, Bakewell Rd, Matlock was mentioned at the meeting. Staff there have asked that we publicise their services as an alternative to Derby Royal Infirmary or Chesterfield Hospitals, where the Accident and Emergency units can be very busy with long delays. The Whitworth has a Nurse led service, 24 hour, 7 days a week, with X ray facilities at certain times. They can see and advise on minor injuries and illnesses, although you may not receive your treatment there. They can provide telephone advice on their direct line – 01629 593003, and welcome any calls.

The next Community Forum will take place around October 2008, and will be in a different village. I will pass on details once it has been arranged. I hope to have a representative from the Road Safety Partnership present to explain more about the grass verges situation.

A few people attended the Crime Prevention event held at Kniveton, buying a number of items. We have a small stock at the Police Station of Shed alarms, Driveway Alarms, Smartwater, Marking Kits, and other items. Please call in if interested in looking at any items.

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USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Police Non Emergency 0845 1233333 (Non Emergency, for suspicious incidents, etc, requiring prompt attention, and routine calls)

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (Call anonymously with information about crime)

Severn Trent Water 0800 783 444 (To check on the identity of callers claiming to work for the Water Board)

Please remember if you see, hear, or are told about someone that is acting suspiciously, or causing a nuisance, please make a note of any details. Registration numbers, good descriptions, are very helpful. Please ring us, if possible at the time. You do not have to give your details, you will be asked for them, but you can decline and remain anonymous. The most important thing is that the information is passed on.