



Neighbourhood Engagement Commitment

Section or department	East and North Dorset Neighbourhood Policing Team
Period Covered	July 2021 – September 2021

Our Vision - To provide an outstanding service to the people of Dorset

Our Mission - To keep people safe. To do the right thing. To make a difference. To collaborate

Our Promise – To proactively engage with you the community to listen, learn and respond to your concerns effectively and efficiently in order to build trust and confidence in local policing.

Local Policing Priorities for Reporting Period (In No order of Priority)

1. Tackling Anti-social Behaviour ASB including concerns around ASB driving
2. Tackling Drug Dealing with a focus on County Lines and Organised criminals
3. Reducing Rural crimes with a focus on Acquisitive crime and Burglaries



Business Update –

- Work towards our priorities:

Crime types

Some highlights re our Priorities:

ASB- team working well with the Councils Community Safety Partnership increased use of Community Protection Notices. These Notices provide early intervention and can place restrictions on an individual for example not to drink alcohol in the street, or not to attend a certain area and can also request positive requirements for example to attend drug/alcohol support. Approximately 11 in place at time of review.

East 3 x (Criminal behaviour Orders CBO... replaced ASBOs) CBOs issued to youths, all feature on Dorset Police Knife crime agenda- The CBOs have led to an immediate decrease in ASB related incidents in Wimborne and Ferndown

Use of 2 x partial closure notices Ferndown and Gillingham- these prohibit anyone other than occupant or other named persons as attending those addresses for a time period of three months.

Dangerous driving (always a Public Concern) Current case involving BURT a North Dorset top offender, over 5 vehicles seized from him and on remand for sentencing for several counts of disqualified driving, failing to stop. Drug possession and possession of offence weapon. Court result pending

RURAL CRIME

NPT led on a Wiltshire based offence where a Dorset offender is alleged to have stolen a high value digger, during the offence he failed to stop for police in a vehicle in North Dorset and decamped and fled from the vehicle in Somerset. NPT North and East coordinated the investigations which led to his arrest and subject has subsequently been charged with theft, pervert the course of justice and dangerous driving court case pending.



Case of JOHNSON at Bournemouth Crown. MAY 2021 East Spree offender committing dwelling burglaries in Ferndown. His method of offending was to smash key safes off walls of elderly persons and use the keys to gain entry whilst they were in the premises. Working with other teams he was arrested charged and remanded pleading guilty receiving a 3 year custodial sentence.

Case of BREWER at Poole Magistrates. May and June 2021. Male responsible for theft of charity box from shop in Gillingham and for a night time burglary at a dwelling. Identified following work by the local NPT. Received 32 week custodial sentence

DRUGS-

Roll out of Cuckoo check visits by NPT teams of addresses linked to Vulnerable drug users across North and East. Local team involved in force meetings to ensure the sharing of information as the offenders for targeting vulnerable persons operate pan Dorset and in other force areas.

December 2020 Cannabis factory located by NPT in Shaftesbury next to a nursery school. Entry was forced and one male located arrested and remanded in custody, clear links to OCG (organised crime) activity.

June 2021 following joint investigation with Border Force June 2021 subject from North Dorset arrested for Importation of Cocaine, enquiries ongoing

March 2021 Firearms and Drugs investigation- offender identified and charged to court for offences, unfortunately has failed court bail for sentencing (fled the County) but still at large. NPT working with local teams and other forces to bring male to justice

The above hopefully provides a brief snapshot/Overview of the joint work the local Policing teams are completing to address the Public priority concerns.

Crime trends, emerging issues and responses for the period covered:

Apart from the priorities mentioned above, the key emerging crime trend in both areas is the theft of catalytic converters. This is a country-wide issue and isn't



confined to a small group of offenders. Dorset Police has a force-wide co-ordinator in CID, and local Neighbourhood Teams own the problems on their patch. We have a local plan where each crime's reviewed and outstanding enquiries pursued by the team.

Our teams are now eager to return to face-to-face engagement with the public, and preparations are continuing in line with Government guidance.

We will engage with our communities by holding face to face events

Face to face engagement events are currently prohibited.

What did we learn

We have completed engagement events online such as Facebook live, and recognised that there is not a "one size fits" all response to engaging with the community. Some segments of the Community (for example the elderly) still prefer face to face engagement, other groups prefer a more digital approach which avoids travelling and meeting in numbers.

How are we responding

We're planning for the summer.

- Ensuring we keep our local residents updated via Dorset Alert and our areas Social Media channels.
- Youth engagement is being arranged by the team, and we work closely with the Councils Youth outreach teams
- Dorset Police volunteers are being recruited into engagement, CCTV and administrative roles.



- Officers from across Dorset are supporting our Neighbourhood Team throughout the summer.
- We'll be out and about, accessible to our communities and conducting 'business as usual' engagement activity.

What's Next

Once Government restrictions allow, our Community Support Officers can recommence direct engagement events face to face with the public.

We will develop and increase the effectiveness of our digital engagement.

This has been our main method of engaging with our communities via events in the last year. Online events have included our engagement at local council meetings to Facebook live events for Verwood and North Dorset. This is an area that will continue to develop in the future.



We will improve and increase our use of social media to engage with the public and keep them informed.

During 2021 to date, we have posted for both areas 426 times on Facebook. (*other social media is currently not captured*)

We have a varied presence on social media. Our postings vary from, road closures, to community updates and crime related postings. We also try to post about our daily patrols including targeting Anti-Social Behaviour hotspots or directing our patrols around intelligence/reports that we receive from the community.

Our most popular posts in May 2021 are listed on the right.

These postings were reference a road closure, due to a blockage and a positive result following NPT work around catalytic converter thefts affecting the area.

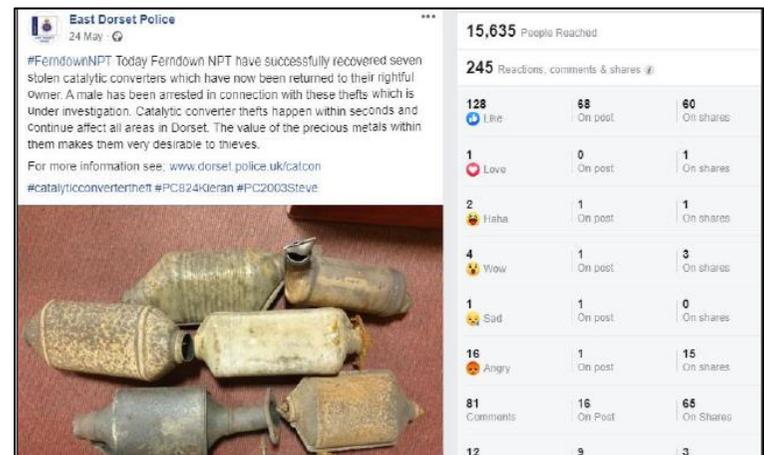
You can find our social media handles below:

North Dorset

Facebook: [FB North Dorset](#)

Twitter: [Twitter North Dorset](#)

Instagram: [Instagram North Dorset](#)





Webpage: [NPT Webpages](#)

East Dorset

Facebook: [FB East Dorset](#)

Twitter: [Twitter East Dorset](#)

Instagram: [Instagram East Dorset](#)

Webpage: [NPT Webpages](#)

Other

You can also find local NPT Inspector Perry on Twitter:

[Twitter NPT local Inspector 1656 Perry](#)

We will consult and engage with our communities to make them integral to the decisions we make.

North and East Neighbourhood teams engaged in the Public priority survey process in 2020, which has now evolved into the force-wide online Priority Survey. Completed online the respondent answers 3 clear questions and identifies 3 priorities for local policing. The surveys are refreshed every 6 months and they form the basis of our #YouSaidWeDid activity, posted on our social media. Our top three responses are currently: Anti-social behaviour, Drugs and Rural crime: with a focus on burglary.



We also engage with partners in the Partnership and Co-ordinating Group, Youth at risk Meeting and in various other forums. We also consult with our town councils on a regular basis, as well as attending various parish council meetings.

The result of these consultations together with Police held data helps to identify “HotSpot” locations we patrol, as well as identifying vulnerably victims and repeat Suspects. It’s used along with conventional crime data and other measurements to determine our section priorities for the next 100-day period.

We use these methods because they provide a good ‘snap-shot’ opinion of the residents and visitors to our area. Engagement is at the top of our list of priorities, and being a large section, it’s important we focus our limited resources in areas that make a real difference to people’s lives.

We will increase and broaden our engagement across all communities ensuring we are inclusive of seldom-heard communities.

Our Key Community Contacts (KCC) are maintained on a Dorset Police secure system by our Neighbourhood Engagement Officer and NPTs. They are constantly being developed, but they are individuals who can speak for their communities and help us improve the service we provide.

The KCC list is currently under review to ensure the list remains current and relevant and effectively represents the diverse communities who we provide our Policing response.



Currently the KCCs are used to comment on and provide feedback on this document, in general consultation, following critical incidents that may affect their communities and to assist us in communicating with their communities.

This is an area that is being worked on, the people we have as KCCs will change to better represent the communities they represent.

When planning future engagement opportunities, we consider our seldom heard groups and try to utilise our community relationships to deliver engagements, not only to the wider communities, but also to those seldom heard communities. We will strive to develop new working partnerships with our seldom heard groups. If you are a member of a community group and would like us to attend community meetings, events, or activities, then please do get in contact with the team. You can do this by emailing 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk marking it FAO the relevant NPT (town you operate in) e.g. *FAO Verwood NPT*.

Neighbourhood Policing Team

East Dorset currently has

1 Inspector 2 Sergeants (one Sergeant has dual role in both Sections) 4 PCs and 9 PCSOs

North Dorset has the same staffing ratio as above

1 Inspector 2 Sergeants 4 PCs and 9 PCSOs

You can find out who your local NPT officers are via our webpages: www.dorset.police.uk/neighbourhood-policing



Neighbourhood Inspector

Inspector 1656 Simon PERRY

Neighbourhood Chief Inspector

Chief Inspector 1824 Ged Want