

## **Introduction**

First may I introduce myself. My name is Debbie Fagan and I am the East Riding Engagement Officer for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and I represent the PCC, Keith Hunter, in my work with communities and partner organisations. The PCC is elected to represent the Public in the commissioning of the Police Service and other Community Safety related services such as victim support.

In September, you will have received an invite to attend one of a series of meetings hosted by the PCC, Keith Hunter throughout the month of October and into November. The meetings were well attended providing the opportunity for 55 different Parish Councils to meet the Commissioner, hear about his work and his plans for the future. There will be some further 'Meet the Commissioner' events arranged for March for those who were unable to make the last ones.

Those who did attend will recall I said I would be starting a quarterly 'e' Bulletin in January which would contain information from the OPCC and partner organisations. This is the first edition and I apologise for it being so long, there is a lot of information to give you.

## **Tell us what your Top 3 community safety priorities are and why?**

I work closely with the East Riding Community Safety Partnership (CSP) which is a partnership created through the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. It requires 'responsible authorities' those being the Local Authority, Police, Probation, Health and the Fire Service to co-operate and collaborate on community Safety matters.

The Partnership works together and with other agencies aims to reduce the incidence of crime and disorder, tackle the underlying community safety issues and achieve a permanent improvement to the quality of life in local communities.

To help us ensure our priorities are the real community priorities for 2019/20, we would be grateful if you could please share with us the three key community safety related issues or concerns of your community. If you can briefly explain why these matters are priorities to your community it will enable us to consider not just the statistics but also the local impact and perception of problems in your location and help us to plan resources accordingly. Please ensure all returns are submitted by email to me ([Deborah.fagan@humberside.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Deborah.fagan@humberside.pnn.police.uk)) by Sunday 17th February 2019 for inclusion.

## **Community Speed Watch**

I am pleased to provide an update on the Community Speed Watch scheme which was approved in August 2018 by the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable. The scheme will see local volunteers be trained and approved to operate speed monitoring in approved sites of concern. Whilst there are already similar practices in some areas of the East Riding, this will see one consistent approach across Humberside.

Since that time we have been working to establish a partnership network to operate Community Speed Watch across the Humberside Police force area. We are delighted to announce that on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 agreement was reached for the scheme to be endorsed by Safer Roads Humber, with funding for the first year provided by the Police and Crime Commissioner. The proposal was unanimously supported by the board of Safer Roads Humber which includes representatives from all four local unitary authorities.

Safer Roads Humber is the Humberside road safety partnership and has managed speed enforcement throughout the area since 2007, including existing fixed and mobile safety cameras, and provide training and speed awareness courses. The Community Speed Watch scheme will be based within Safer Roads Humber and will have access to information systems and mutual support to manage the administration process.

A training scheme will be developed for community volunteers, Community Speed Watch will work with unitary authorities and communities to identify suitable roadside sites to operate the scheme and volunteers will be fully supported. During the first year the programme will be led by a Humberside Police Chief Inspector supported by a full-time Speed Watch co-ordinator. It will be co-ordinated through Town and Parish Councils so any individual resident who expresses an interest will be directed to their Parish Clerk in the first instance.

Police and Crime Commissioner Keith Hunter was keen to develop the scheme in response to communities, especially rural wards, expressing feelings that current strategies on speeding did not meet their perceived local needs. Local communities consistently raise speeding as an issue in ward-level meetings and directly with police and local authorities.

Development of a Community Speed Watch scheme will aim to: (a) improve road safety and public perceptions of speeding, (b) engage and empower local communities, (c) allow communities to become more self-sustaining and build their resilience, (d) enable the gathering of local information and intelligence, and (e) break down barriers and enhance volunteering at a local level.

A working group will be established shortly to finalise all details before the planned launch in the spring of 2019, led by the police Chief Inspector and incorporating a member from each Local Authority, Safer Roads Humber and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Humberside Police and the Commissioner's office have been contacted by a number of Town and Parish councils (over 30 so far) and members of public, predominantly in rural areas of North Lincolnshire and the East Riding of Yorkshire but also some urban areas, stating their wish to be considered for a future scheme. With such a high level of interest we won't be able to get every area up and running at the same time but in the meantime it would be useful for those interested councils who have an interest to start to build a team of volunteers that are willing to be trained and provide the service. We would recommend a minimum of six as each operation would require four volunteers at a time. Smaller parishes may choose to join forces with their neighbours.

We thank you for your patience as we put the final touches to the scheme in the coming weeks, we want to develop something which will last so it is important we have the proper structures and governance in place. Further details will be provided once all plans have been finalised. If you wish to express an interest as a Town or Parish Council and have not already done so please let me know.

### **Community Safety Road Show**

The information gathered by the 'Meet the Commissioner' meetings together with the work the CSP is doing on consulting on community priorities as well as those I gather on my daily travels will hopefully provide a clearer picture of East Riding community concerns. Our next step is to bring partner organisations out to communities in a Community Safety Road Show. This will take place in the spring and summer 2019. We are not quite sure what it will look like yet or who will be involved as this will be based on your feedback on priorities.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) continues to grow in the East Riding both in towns and villages helping communities to feel safer and become more resilient. NHW is so much more than 'curtain twitching' these days with groups enjoying social contact and having much wider community safety interests than just crime. These include things like 'Good Neighbour Schemes' and 'Emergency Planning' including events such as severe weather and helping people to stay safe. East Riding Council's Neighbourhood Watch lead is: **Maureen Yates, Community and Crime Reduction Resilience Officer for East Riding Council. Tel: 01482 391013.** Maureen will welcome any contact if you would like any further information or help to set up a group in your area.

### **CrimeStoppers – Tel: 0800 555111 – web: [crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org)**

The OPCC and Humberside Police actively promote the use of Crime Stoppers for passing information on any type of criminal activity. Crimestoppers guarantee 100% anonymity always which can be really helpful, particularly in small communities.

### **Do you have a Town or Parish newsletter?**

Please promote Crime Stoppers and Neighbourhood Watch in any community newsletter you may have. I will be sending out electronic branding soon.

### **Lastly ...**

I hope you have found this bulletin informative. Whilst I am not part of Humberside Police and unable to get involved in specific cases I can and do work alongside all the agencies and I am keen to understand your views of the services you receive. My contact details are:

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