



Keeping our communities
safe and reassured



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Welcome to the latest newsletter from your local Neighbourhood Policing Team in Talke, Butt Lane & Clough Hall

Dedicated to your local area, this will keep you updated with the work we are doing, with our partners, to make your community even safer. Your issues and concerns are very important to us and we need you to tell us how we can help you have a better quality of life.

Over the next 3 months, we will be:

- Reducing anti-social behaviour in the area
- Working to reduce thefts from motor vehicles
- Tackling nuisance behaviour around licensed premises.

You said, we did

Over recent months you said you were concerned about anti-social behaviour in the area. We have been working with partner agencies including Aspire Housing and the Borough Council to reduce the number of incidents around ASB in the area. You have said there has been a significant drop in ASB in the area particularly Clough Hall Park and the High Street in Talke Pits compared to the same period over previous years. Over the summer holidays Staffordshire Youth Workers are planning some activities in Bathpool Park on Friday evenings to engage with youngsters. These workers will be supported by local officers from Kidsgrove Policing Team.

You have raised your concerns about thefts from motor vehicles in the Talke area. In the Butt Lane and Talke area we have found that there have only been a few isolated incidents, which appear to be more opportunist rather than targeted locations or vehicles. Local officers worked on "Operation Habit" to investigate whether car owners were leaving items on show in their vehicles in the area. The results of this operation clearly showed that the majority of car owners left items, in some cases high in value, on display in their unattended vehicles. We encourage car owners to ensure they do not leave their belongings on display when their car is unattended and make sure that their doors and windows are secure.

You said you were concerned about people gathering and causing a nuisance around licensed premises in the area. We have liaised with these premises and we are working together to ensure that this is put to a stop to improve the nearby residents' quality of life. Incidents that do occur will be dealt with by officers and further follow-ups are made by our licensing department.

SPLAT – summertime fun for youngsters

A host of activities are available for borough youngsters as part of the six-week summer holiday SPLAT scheme.

Swimming, football, tennis and cricket are just a few of the sports being provided for eight to 16-year-olds by organisers at Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council.

The events will run from Monday 26 July and finish on Friday 3 September.

For more information call 01782 742615 or go to www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/splat



Theft from motor vehicles

Officers are urging motorists to ensure any valuable items are hidden from view in parked motor vehicles, or preferably, removed. There was a theft in the area last month, which ended in a handbag being taken with passports, credit cards, cash, etc. Whilst officers patrol remote car parks as much as possible, motorists need to be careful to prevent being the next victim of vehicle crime. Officers are encouraging motorists to step up the security of their vehicle by taking the following steps:

- Ensure your car is securely locked, including the passenger doors
- Remove sat nav systems – along with their cradle from the windscreen and clean where the pad has been
- Remove the cover of radio/CD players – but DON'T leave it elsewhere in the vehicle
- Take all belongings into the house, even a bag of rubbish could convince a thief there is something worth stealing
- If items need to be left in the car, keep them out of view in the boot or glove box. Do not place items under the seats
- Remove any cash – even the smallest amount of money can attract a thief.

How to contact us

You can speak to your local officer by calling them direct on **0300 123 2345**. Follow the simple instructions and enter the officer's personal collar number or if you prefer, call **0300 123 4455** and speak to the operator.

Kidsgrove Police Station is located on Ravenscliffe Road, and the public front counter is open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

Police officers work from this station, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

In an emergency dial **999**.

Other Useful information:

Newcastle Borough: **01782 717717**- all departments

Domestic Violence Outreach Services: **01782 683770**

24 hr National Helpline number for Domestic Abuse: **0808 2000 247**

