



Treeton Parish Newsletter

TREETON COMMUNITY MEETING UPDATE REDUCING CRIME IN TREETON

Concerns about increases in crime, particularly with domestic burglary and car thefts, were first raised with individual Parish Councillors who without delay brought them to the attention of the wider Parish Council. It was in direct response to these concerns that we acted quickly to plan and organise the public meeting which was held in the Baptist Chapel on 29th June.

We did our best to advertise the meeting via Facebook and by the posting of notices across the village but we were always conscious that we would not get the message to everyone who might want to attend and for that we apologise.

To remedy this, we undertook to provide initial feedback from the meeting via Facebook and through posting of notices across the village which we have done alongside feedback from a follow up meeting in the middle of July that your Parish Councillors held with Rotherham Borough Council officers and local police officers.

We also gave a commitment to write to each household setting out the actions which have been taken following the meeting and that is the purpose of this leaflet.

The meeting on 29th June was attended by the Police and Crime Commissioner, local Police Officers, the local MP, our Ward Councillor, a Regional Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and senior representatives from Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council.

They all listened to the very real concerns of residents and acknowledged that reassurance was urgently needed that the police are tackling these issues with the appropriate level of resources. There was a clear perception that crime rates in Treeton are higher than in other neighbouring areas and that residents want to see a greater visibility of police officers in the area and to know that the police will provide an acceptable response when a crime is committed.



Following the meeting your Parish Council (PC) agreed to collect feedback on the positive actions that will be taken by all the agencies involved and to give serious consideration to the suggestions put forward by residents to tackle crime and make people feel safer.

Since the public meeting took place, the following actions have been taken:

- The Police and Crime Commissioner has raised the concerns of residents with the Chief Constable and her Senior Command Team and a commitment has been given by the police to undertake regular and visible police patrols in the area.
- The police have given a commitment to include Treeton as part of the burglary hot spot patrol plan.
- The police are seeking to promote greater co-operation between their own departments including operational support and detective colleagues in the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) to ensure extra resources and attention are given to the area.
- Information is provided with this leaflet giving advice on ways to contact the police and the contact details for the NPT.
- Your PC has supported and co-ordinated the introduction of a Treeton wide Neighbourhood Watch Scheme which many residents have joined. Details of the scheme and how to join are included in this leaflet.
- RMBC has agreed to coordinate, in collaboration with the police, a series of events for residents in the village on crime prevention, support for the victims of crime and the provision of practical information on how to help residents stay safe.
- The mid-week 'Drop Ins' held in the Reading Room and which are attended by the police, RMBC and parish councillors will be extended to include dates at weekends and evenings to allow residents to raise concerns and/or seek advice outside usual working hours.
- The PC will be meeting with colleagues in nearby villages that have installed CCTV to explore the benefits and the potential impact CCTV can have on crime levels. At the meeting a scheme in Woodsetts was identified and we be visiting to look at what the parish council and Neighbourhood Watch have done there. We want to be honest with you that CCTV is not something that can be installed immediately. Woodsetts had an already established and active Neighbourhood Watch and it took them 9 months but at the same time reassure you we will explore all options and keep you informed.
- The PC at its next meeting will receive a presentation on potential private security services, which was suggested by residents at the public meeting, and will look at both the legality and overall feasibility of such services.
- The PC will hold a further community meeting **at 6.30pm on Wednesday 20th September in Treeton Baptist Church** which will be advertised again nearer the time across the village at which these and other initiatives can be discussed and reviewed with residents.

WHAT WE CAN WE ALL DO NOW practical actions taken so far, their impact and next steps.

REPORTING CRIME

At the last community meeting the police emphasised the importance of reporting all incidents of crime.

It would appear that not all crime is currently reported, for whatever the reason, which may include a belief that the police will not provide a response. It is a matter of fact that the crime statistics for Treeton do not support the very clear view of residents that we have a higher crime rate than neighbouring areas. If incidents of crime are not reported they cannot be recorded and Treeton will not receive the level of police resources to counter criminal activity.

We therefore urge all residents who are victims of crime to report the incident to the police. You should also report anything you see that you feel is suspicious.

IF IN DOUBT PLEASE REPORT IT. Remember you can report anonymously.

Reporting something to the police

When to call 999

- When there is a threat to life; this includes road traffic accidents where people are injured, the road is blocked or a vehicle involved in the accident has failed to stop.
- Violence to a person or damage to property is imminent.
- A serious offence is actually in progress.
- A suspected offender is still at the scene of a crime.
- When any delay in reporting the incident may prevent the apprehension of an offender.
- When serious disruption to the public is currently taking place or, is likely to take place.

When to call 101 (non-emergency)

- To report a crime that is not currently taking place and the offender is no longer present.
- Where your call is a routine enquiry.
- To make an appointment to attend an enquiry desk.
- Requests for advice or to provide information.
- Lost and found property enquiries.

Report a non-emergency incident online through the police online portal

As an alternative to 101, you can report your non-emergency incident on the police online portal.



SCAN ME

You have to register the first time you use it but thereafter it is a quick way of reporting concerns. Also on the portal, you will be able to track the status of your report, read a number of knowledge items relating to your incident, and live chat with members of the force.

Other Contact Details:

Our local police team are Rotherham South and while you can contact individual officers, they are not your first point of contact to report crime and significant concerns because they are out and about in Treeton and may not be able to respond immediately



Sergeant Jon Sorsby

Email Jonathan.Sorsby@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

Mobile: 07557 255 029



PC Carl Robinson

Email carl.robinson@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

Mobile: 07464 985 383

You can also contact Treeton's local Police Community Support Officer

PCSO Tony Brown

Email antony.brown@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

Mobile: 07775 007 450

A new Neighbourhood Watch for Treeton



A presentation was made at the meeting by the Regional Co-ordinator of Neighbourhood Watch highlighting the benefits of a local scheme. It was suggested that an active Neighbourhood Watch would be an effective way of reducing crime. Parish Councillor Rachel Rowbottom and Katie van Niekerk subsequently volunteered to be co-ordinators for the Treeton scheme.

Rachel and Katie are encouraging members of the community to continue to report all crime and any suspicions to the Police, but to also be alert and to share any concerns with their community.

Members can inform Rachel and Katie of any suspicious behaviours or patterns of crime so that this information can be shared with other members, along with any information provided by the Police.

Please remember the effectiveness of Neighbourhood Watch relies on its members and the more people that join, the more able we are to have a co-ordinated information base which will be helpful to the police and in reducing crime.

Katie and Rachel are really encouraged that 138 households have joined so far but also want to encourage many more of you to also join with them.

All residents of Treeton are encouraged to join the Neighbourhood Watch.

You can do so at ourwatch.org.uk or by scanning this QR Code:



If you would like to know more about the scheme, you can also send Rachel and Katie a message via the website.

Finally, we want to assure residents that the Parish Council will continue to work closely with our statutory partners including the police and RMBC to bring about a reduction in actual crime levels and we are committed to ensuring that the actions we have identified above will be carried out.

There will be a further Community Meeting held **at 6.30pm on Wednesday 20th September** at **Treeton Baptist Church** and we hope that many of you will be able to attend. We want to hear your views.

Thank you