



## HOLLOWELL & TEETON PARISH COUNCIL

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### **THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Wednesday 14 May 2025 at 7.15 pm**

#### **Chairman's Report**

*The Times They Are A-Changin' - Song by Bob Dylan*

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Administratively the Parish comprises two wards, Hollowell, which includes Highfield Park, and Teeton. There are eight Councillors, two of whom represent Teeton ward, supported by one paid employee, the Clerk, Mrs Gillian Greaves, (appointed in September 2016) who also holds the position of the 'Responsible Finance Officer'.

#### **Delegated Roles & Responsibilities: (2024 – 25)**

##### **Hollowell Ward:**

**Andrew Crisp [Elected May 2016 / 2021 / 2025]** Chairman / Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator / Police Liaison / Highways Representative / Hollowell & Teeton Notice Boards / Street Lighting Co-ordinator / Finance Signatory/ Defibrillator Inspection

**Emily Curtis [Elected May 2016 / 2021 / 2025]** Vice Chairman / HPPAC Liaison / Asset Management support / Jane Letts Trustee

**Allen Eaton MBE [Elected May 2016 / 2021 – stood down 1 May 2025]** Mowing Co-ordinator / Jane Letts Trustee / Pocket Park Support

**Graham Leah [Co-opted July 2016 / Elected 2021 / 2025]** / Jane Letts Trustee / Finance Signatory

**Sue McCubbin [Co-opted June 2016 / Elected 2021 / 2025]** Rights of Way (Public Footpaths) Representative / Council Asset Inspection (twice year)

**Hannah Oswin [Elected May 2016 / 2021 / 2025]** Representative on Hollowell Village Hall Committee / HPPAC Liaison / web site and computer support / Finance Signatory

##### **Teeton Ward:**

**Mike Tomalin [Elected May 2016 / 2021 / 2025]** Tree warden (Hollowell & Teeton) / Internal Audit / Pocket Park Support (H & S Inspections)

**Vacancy [May 2021 – 2025]**

**NB:** The Council does not qualify for 'General Power of Competence' under Sect 8 Localism Act 2011, which requires two thirds of councillors to be elected, together with the Clerk holding a specified qualification. Although two thirds of Councillors were elected in 2021 and 2025, the Clerk does not hold the specified qualification.

#### **Freedom of the Parish Award - Councillor Allen Eaton MBE**

At the meeting on 19 March 2025 the Council considered a proposal for Sect 249 LGA 1972 Award. The Chairman gave an overview of Councillor Allan Eaton's contribution to the Parish including his 41 years of service as a Parish Councillor and his considerable

contribution towards Hollowell Village Hall, the Hollowell Steam Rally, developing the Pocket Park and construction of the Millenium Bus Shelter. The Council Resolved to grant Councillor Allan Eaton MBE the freedom of Hollowell and Teeton. The Chairman gave thanks and presented retiring Councillor Allan Eaton, MBE with a framed certificate. A photograph of the occasion will be published on the Council's website.

### **ELECTION 1 MAY 2025**

The Parish Council was subject to election on 1 May 2025 but only six nominations were submitted (all from existing Councillors) and therefore no election was necessary and the six nominees were duly elected.

The Council now has the responsibility of seeking candidates for Co-option to fill a vacancy on Hollowell and Teeton wards.

### **WEST NORTHANTS UNITARY AUTHORITY (WNC)**

In May 2021 County and District & Borough Authorities were disbanded within the County and replaced by two Unitary Authorities (North and West Northamptonshire) The Parish was located within the Long Buckby Ward of WNC with three Councillors. On 1 May 2025 the wards changed and the Parish is now within Nasby Ward with one Councillor.

### **ASSET SURVEY**

Assets within the Parish, that are the responsibility of the Council, are inspected in accordance with the Council's Risk Assessment Policy. Details of these assets are recorded on the Asset Register which can be viewed on the Council web site.

### **Assets of Community Value (ACV)**

No applications were submitted to West Northamptonshire Council to register any Asset of Community Value (ACV) during the year.

### **Defibrillator**

The ZOLL AED Plus Fully Automatic Defibrillator and cabinet, donated to the Parish in 2023, is located in the Alcove north side of the Millenium bus shelter located on The Green, Hollowell, NN6 8RW. Notification to conduct checks are received every 3 months. [The Circuit - <https://www.thecircuit.uk/>]

In November 2024 the Council purchased a Bleed Control Kit from 'Off the Streets NN', a CIC set up to tackle knife crime in Northamptonshire. The kit is stored in the Defibrillator Cabinet and registered with a National Database. [Register Your Bleed Kit | Bleed Kits | Turtle Defib Cabinets](#)

### **Notice Board (Millenium Bus Shelter – The Green Hollowell)**

One of the two notice boards located within the Millenium Bus Shelter was deemed to be unusable and was removed.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **H & T P C Web Site (Openness & Accountability)**

The statutory requirements for 'Openness & Accountability' have continued to engage Councillors and the Clerk in the management of Council communications and information. The Council web site remains the primary source of information for the public regarding agendas, minutes and important council related issues and Councillor Hannah Oswin has continued with the maintenance and development of the web site to ensure compliance with the 'Openness & Accountability' procedures. The Government is pressing for adoption of a GOV.UK domain which has financial implications for the Council and is being assessed by Councillor Oswin to determine best options. The work undertaken by Hannah is greatly appreciated.

### **Hollowell Facebook**

The Hollowell News Facebook web site has enhanced the Councils links with Parishioners. This is not a Parish Council responsibility, but was developed and is managed by Councillor Emily Curtis. This continues to provide an invaluable platform in communicating information to the community about local issues

### **The Village Link**

This is a local bi-monthly printed publication, with web site, that provides news from, and is distributed free of charge to, the Northamptonshire villages of Cold Ashby, Cottesbrooke, Creaton, Guilsborough, Hollowell & Teeton and Thornby. Information about recent activities of the Parish Council is submitted for publication to assist with maintaining Parishioners awareness. Councillor Emily Curtis contributes time and effort into ensuring that activities of groups within Hollowell and Teeton Parish receive appropriate publication.

### **WhatsApp and Email Groups**

Residents have options to receive local information via email and WhatsApp by joining groups managed by Councillor Emily Curtis. Both of these systems have continued to provide a well-managed valued source of local information.

I take this opportunity to yet again express appreciation for the time and effort that Emily devotes to the management of all these facilities.

### **FINANCE**

At the meeting held on 17 January 2024 the Council Resolved to set its budget for 2024-25 at £16,500.00 and to set the precept for 2024-25 at £14,475.00 to ensure Reserve funding could be maintained. At the meeting on 15 January 2025 the Council Resolved to approve a budget for 2025/26 at £16,676.00 and to set the precept at £14,909.00

The Council has two accounts with Unity Trust Bank which facilitates online management of payments and supervision of accounts by the Clerk who is the Responsible Finance Officer. I acknowledge the role of Councillors Hannah Oswin and Graham Leah in managing the online payments.

Section 137 of the Local Government Act of 1972 allows councils to provide grant funding to support community initiatives and the Council resolved to make provision of £500.00 within its reserves for this service. £10.81 per elector was the amount that parish and town councils could spend in 2024/25. The expenditure limit for the 2025/26 financial year is £11.10 per elector. The Council received a request for a S137 grant of £210.00 from Jane Letts (Hollowell) Charity and at the meeting on 18 September 2024 the Council Resolved to approve the grant.

By maintaining a budget of under £25,000.00, the Council is able to limit the level of audit but has to comply with transparency regulations. The Council continued to use the NCALC Internal Auditor. Even with this reduced level of audit there is a heavy burden on the Clerk / RFO in ensuring the Councils accounts comply with regulations and procedures.

As Chairman, and on behalf of the Parish, I wish to record my appreciation for the work undertaken by Mrs Gillian Greaves in maintaining the Councils finances.

### **GRASS MOWING CONTRACT**

The Council web site has details of the areas which the Council has designated for mowing of verges and grassed areas within the Parish. Requests have been received from residents to include other area and these are assessed on an individual basis to ensure the additional work and cost can be justified.

The Council receives a small grant from West Northamptonshire Council for undertaking maintenance of roadside verges within 30 mph restricted areas of the Parish. .

Elm Tree Garden Maintenance (ETGM – Mark Hazle) was appointed as the contractor from 1 March 2017 and this has been extended into 2025/26.

Councillor Allen Eaton MBE maintained a working liaison with the mowing contractor to ensure the contract is fulfilled efficiently. This work of Councillor Eaton and Mark Hazle is appreciated.

### **HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS of WAY**

The Council remains responsible for two of the four grit bins located on Church Hill, Hollowell and the relatively mild winter resulted in less use of the grit and the need to refill all the bins. This remains an issue for the Council unless or until the West Northamptonshire Council determines to re-adopt the bins. A contingency of £200 was allocated in the budget. The WNC Highways contractor, Keir, issued a Parish Survey in January 2025 which included an option to request a 'Parish Walkabout'. This was in addition to the re-instatement of the role of Parish Path Warden. The Council awaits further communication from Kier on these initiatives.

### **THE MISS JANE LETTS (HOLLOWELL) CHARITY**

The charity is required to be managed by three Parish Councillors, in accordance with the will of James William Boothe Letts, who died on 16<sup>th</sup> December 1940, although it is not a Parish Council statutory responsibility. The Trust continues to provide support to Parishioners in need of assistance with fuel payments and was able to respond to a specific request for assistance with purchase of a domestic appliance. I acknowledge the contribution that Councillors make in managing this trust and commend Councillor Emily Curtis for her perseverance in researching the processes and preparing appropriate reports and accounts, details of which are displayed on the Council's web site. A new trustee will be required to replace Councillor Allen Eaton MBE.

### **LITTER PICKING**

Several residents continue to undertake collection of litter when out walking throughout the year and are to be commended for their efforts. Incidents of Fly tipping have occurred and reports made to West Northamptonshire Council have resulted in the prompt removal of all waste material.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH [NHW] AND POLICE LIAISON**

Councillor Andrew Crisp continued to undertake the role of NHW Co-ordinator and Police Liaison. NHW requires the participation of residents by remaining vigilant and reviewing the security of their homes, vehicles and property if a low crime rate is to be maintained.

The Parish Council continues to support the Hollowell & Teeton NHW but no expenditure was incurred this year.

The scheme remains active and maintains close liaison with Police staff on the Daventry Rural Policing Team. Neighbourhood Alert messages, advising of recent crime incidents and prevention, are circulated to members and this distribution is supported by Hollowell News Facebook.

Regrettably, offences of burglary and taking of motor vehicles have occurred in the Parish, acting as a stark reminder that residents have to remain vigilant and alert to crime trends.

A copy of the Northamptonshire Police Annual Report 2025 for Daventry & Rural is attached.

NCALC re-introduced a 'Police Liaison Representative' role in March 2021 and this has been developed throughout the year. It remains to be seen how this role benefits the community and the activities of NHW.

### **PLANNING**

#### **Planning Applications**

The change of Government in June 2024 has created some uncertainty as to future planning policy and this impacts the Unitary Authority and the processing of Planning Applications.

Hollowell Parish remains classified within 'Other Villages' and Teeton is classified within 'Small Settlements/Hamlets'. It is expected that this strategy and the Hollowell & Teeton Village Design Statement (VDS) will continue to be applied by West Northamptonshire Council Development Control Officers to manage development in the short term until National Policy has been finalised.

The Council continued to receive and respond to local planning applications.

### **Community Infrastructure Levy**

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge on the amount of floor space created by new development and in consequence of a planning development (WND/2021/0565) the Council continued to receive further payments during the year. This money is to be spent on the Parish Council's own priorities for local infrastructure including the upgrading of some street lamps to LED.

### **POCKET PARK**

#### **Annual Health & Safety Inspection**

The issues raised by residents and in the Annual Health & Safety Inspection Report were considered by the Council and remedial work undertaken when and where necessary. I acknowledge the contribution of Councillor Mike Tomalin who carried out monthly inspections of the Park and play equipment.

#### **Hedgerow Maintenance, Grass Mowing and Weed Control**

The hedgerows on the north and west boundary were trimmed by Roger Heygate of Heygate Contracting Ltd. The east boundary hedge was trimmed having been allowed to mature following laying completed in March 2022.

The areas of grass are mowed by Mark Hazle of Elm Tree Garden Maintenance in accordance with the Council's contract which provides for frequent cutting around play equipment where weed control has to be monitored.

The Council received information about the 'No Mow May' initiative which promotes the restriction of grass mowing for environmental benefit. The Council continued with the policy of leaving a grass area of the Pocket Park uncut throughout the summer period and then having it topped by Roger Heygate in the Autumn.

#### **Hollowell Pocket Park Action Committee (HPPAC)**

Councillors Emily Curtis and Hannah Oswin are members of the HPPAC which assists with them providing liaison between the Council and the Committee. No funding was requested during the year but the Committee remains to act in support of the Pocket Park.

### **PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

Hollowell has continued to be served by a Public Bus Service (59 / 60) linking the village with Northampton and Market Harborough albeit with an amended and reduced service. This has been maintained with subsidies funded by West Northamptonshire Council and local Parish Councils.

The Council committed to provide £979.89 in support of the continued service into 2023 but at the meeting on 17 January 2024 the Council Resolved not to support any further funding for the scheme.

The operator UNO withdrew from providing the service in March 2024 but West Northamptonshire Council confirmed that Stagecoach would take over without a break in the service.

Brixworth Parish Council took on the role of administrator on behalf of WNC and Cllr Christine Ware (Brixworth Parish Council) attended the meeting on 15 January 2025 to explain the wider benefits of the service and the impact of Hollowell & Teeton Parish Council withdrawing funding. Brixworth Parish Council had issued a 59/60 Bus Service

Subsidy Invoice (£979.89) for the Council to determine response. No proposal was made therefore no further action.

### **STREET LIGHTING**

The 32 Street Lamps located within the parish are managed under contract by E.ON Energy Solutions Limited. Faults are reported to Eon and remedial work undertaken as part of the maintenance contract.

This is separate from the supply of electricity which is determined through an Unmetered Supply Certificate (UMS). The supply is provided by Total Energies Gas & Power Ltd through ESPO, a public sector-owned professional buying organisation with over 40 years of experience in public sector procurement. on a fixed price contract whereby the cost per kilo watt hour (kWh) is reviewed from 1 October each year. The Council was notified of changes nationally to the UMS certification whereby charges would be calculated on a Half Hourly assessment. This process has proved difficult to assess in regard to impact on cost whereby monthly charges are being scrutinised to ensure, as far as possible, H & T Parish are not being unfairly charged.

In March 2023 the Council was advised by Eon of the requirement under BS 7671 for the Electrical Testing of Street Lights. Eon completed a survey of all lamps in May 2023 which revealed a fault with Street Lamp No. 10 (Bracket Lamp located on Church Hill, Hollowell) necessitating the replacement of the lamp with a new post and LED light. In addition, it was noted a further 8 lamp brackets were in need of replacement and, following receipt of CIL funding, in March 2025 the Council determined to have these 8 lamps upgraded to LED with new brackets.

The change of lamps will require notification to National Grid to provide update Unmetered Supply Certificates (UMS). The updated UMS will then be submitted to Total Energy to ensure correct charges are being made and the Council benefits from lower costs.

The provision of Street Lighting remains a substantial element of the Parish budget and precept and will continue to be monitored to ensure it is cost effective, particularly in regard to the current trend of substantial increases in the cost of electricity.

### **TREE SURVEY**

The Councils Risk Assessment Policy requires a survey to be undertaken every three years to assess the general condition of trees located around the Parish that are the direct responsibility of the Council or their location may impact upon a Council asset.

Maurice Fitch Tree Works [MFTW] were contracted to undertake a survey in November 2023. The Council considered the details of the survey and instructed MFTW to undertake work on trees in Orchard Close Hollowell in March 2024 and at the Guilsborough – Teeton / Hollowell – Ravensthorpe Cross Roads in August 2024. The Council will review the survey recommendations through 2025 and determine if any other works should be undertaken.

### **PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**Hollowell Steam & Heavy Horse Show (HS&HHS), Annual Firework display and local pensioners Christmas lunch** – The Hollowell Steam & Heavy Horse Show, along with its Annual Firework Display and local pensioners' Christmas Lunch, has been a beloved community tradition since 1986. In 2023, the event saw a new chapter with Chairman Neil Byrd taking the helm, supported by his wife Martine and a dedicated team of committee members and volunteers. Unfortunately, the 2024 events were somewhat affected by adverse weather conditions, putting a bit of a damper on things. Thankfully, such setbacks are rare, and the community's spirit remains as strong as ever with the help and support of the committee and rally volunteers.

**Village Hall** – Residents volunteer as committee members to manage the Village Hall, located off Church Hill, Hollowell, below the church. The Council's web site has a section

dedicated to the Hall and details of booking arrangements. The Hall was available for local events or social functions these included 'We Are Hopewell' for their coffee mornings, the Steam Rally committee for their monthly meetings and to host social events including a return to fully fledged and very well attended Harvest Supper/Auction of Promises and Quiz Night events. A copy of the Village Hall Vice Chairman's report is available on the H & T P C web site.

**Village Planters** – three planters are located around the Millennium Bus Shelter located on The Green in Hollowell. Councillor Curtis, supported by residents Viv Benjamin, and Jan & Alan Winterburn, had undertaken to maintain these and continue to do so. The Council acknowledges their kind efforts and refunds the cost of the plants and compost.

### **We are Hopewell**

In October 2018 Hollowell residents Paul and Cheryl Charter set up a local support group with a mobile, email and Facebook link. Their introductory message reads: *We called it "Hopewell" because we wanted to fill a gap where anyone who is feeling "Hollow" and their "well" of strength has run dry can find a source of "Hope".*

Another successful year for Hopewell supporting our villagers. Our 24/7 emergency phone helpline continues to run giving our residents confidential access to support should they be facing a life crisis without anyone to turn to. We have continued to run our monthly Coffee and Chat mornings enabling folks to meet and talk to each other hopefully forming friendships. We get up to twenty people each time with a large change of those coming. Preventing loneliness and building links is so helpful to those who are struggling and it is by being proactive we hope that personal crisis can be avoided. It is not possible to quantify our success but we will do all we can to engage and support people

### **SUMMARY**

It remains to be seen what effect the election of a 'new' West Northamptonshire Council in May 2025 and the National directives on Planning has on Hollowell and Teeton.

My thanks are extended to The Clerk and all Councillors who have contributed their time and effort in support of the Parish.

A. G. Crisp  
(Chairman)



## Daventry & Rural AGM Report for 2025

### Daventry Town and surrounding area

**PS Greg HARRISON** continues to manage the team responsible for Daventry Town and its largest surrounding villages including Long Buckby, West Haddon and Crick. We are based at Daventry Police station and supported by the 24/7 response policing team also based at Daventry providing emergency response to the district.

### Operation fragment

**PS Josh ELLARD** works on The Grange Estate as part of a partnership operation to tackle specific issues within the area.

Operation Fragment was originally established in response to the increase in youth related ASB, Criminal Damage and violence occurring on the Southbrook estate in Daventry. Following a successful year of working in the Southbrook area, focus shifted to The Grange Estate, also in Daventry. The geographical area of The Grange is similar to the Southbrook.

A similar model has and will be used within The Grange to try and improve the lives of the residents living in the area.

From the start of Operation Fragment, one of the key elements of success was always trying to get the community to talk to the police and engage more regularly. We have a number of mechanisms to communicate, including via the Northamptonshire Talking Application, a dedicated email inbox and face-to-face as we patrol on foot around the estate.

The key element to Operation Fragment is the partnership working. Representatives from the following agencies and groups meet monthly to monitor progress:

- West Northants Council
- Daventry Town Council
- YOS
- Fire (arson reduction)
- Housing (Futures / Bromford/ Southern)
- Community Safety Partnership (WNC)
- ASB officer (WNC)
- Community Development Team (WNC)
- Police (including local PCSOs)

Issues regularly discussed include Anti-social Behaviour, drug dealing, fly tipping and associated environmental issues, upcoming events in the communities and school inputs. Understandably, the police focus on all of the crime reports from the community, but we are often the eyes and ears who are out and about in the area the most. Therefore, we can report back to our partners on areas where they can come in and improve things.

### Daventry Rural – North and West

**PS Lewis JUDD** oversees the wider rural areas, including Woodford Halse and Weedon, as well as the northern rural district covering Brixworth, Moulton, and the surrounding parishes. The team operates from both Daventry police station and our Brixworth office, ensuring a strong presence across the area. We are well-supported by the force's rural crime team, which has now expanded to six police officers and a police sergeant, who are dedicated to targeting the offences that have the greatest impact on our rural communities and farming sector.



**Key Achievements and Initiatives:**

- **Enhanced Patrols and Community Reassurance:**

This year has seen an increase in reported crimes, particularly thefts of and from motor vehicles in Moulton, Overstone, and Boughton. Officers have been conducting high-visibility patrols in these areas to prevent offences and reassure the community that we are addressing their concerns. Numerous arrests have been made, and stolen vehicles have been recovered and returned to their owners. The vast majority of these offences are committed by offenders from surrounding counties and more metropolitan areas. Increased efforts are being made to liaise with these forces and adopt a joint approach to prevent further victimization. We encourage anyone with a keyless entry or high-powered vehicle to research simple theft prevention devices, such as faraday bags, which block the key's signal and make the car harder to steal.

- **Intelligence-Driven Actions:**

Officers continue to act on intelligence provided by the community to disrupt offending and act where possible. Notable examples include a series of burglaries in Brixworth, resulting in the arrest of three suspects, one of whom has been sentenced to prison, while the other two are awaiting court appearances. We have also had success in disrupting organized crime groups active in the area. Successful drug warrants executed at Justin Park and Boughton resulted in the recovery and destruction of more than 500 cannabis plants and the remand of two individuals to prison.

- **Ongoing Crime Management:**

Officers on the team continually manage a crime workload allocated from the response teams, who may not have the same amount of time to devote to investigations. We see many offences involving dogs being dangerously out of control and encourage dog owners to consider obedience training and using a lead when walking around other people due to the unpredictable actions of dogs.

- **Community Engagement:**

Our community support officers are a key visible presence in the villages, keeping updated with the thoughts and feelings of the community. We strive to attend events that provide opportunities to engage with the public and understand what matters most to them. The PCSOs also maintain close working relationships with schools, care homes, and colleges in the area, addressing safeguarding concerns and building lasting relationships from a young age. Please take the opportunity to speak with any member of the team if you see them, they will be more than happy to address and concerns you have or offer crime prevention advice. We will be continuing to utilize the Beat Bus and plan in police surgeries across the area throughout the year.

- **Road Safety:**

Road safety remains a paramount priority for our team, with increased efforts dedicated to the detection of offences and the education of the public regarding road risks. Unfortunately, we have once again witnessed a number of fatal road traffic collisions across the district. A key contributing factor in most of these incidents has been one of the "Fatal Four" road traffic offences: speeding, driving under the influence of substances (alcohol or drugs), not wearing a seatbelt, and mobile device use.

In collaboration with the force's Safer Roads Team, which is responsible for the mobile speed camera van, our enforcement officers are equipped with handheld speed detection devices. Additionally, we utilize the extensive Automatic Number Plate

Recognition (ANPR) network to proactively stop uninsured vehicles and remove them from the road.

If you would like to be kept up to date with crimes and police activity taking place on the local area, we would encourage you to sign up for our community messaging service - <https://www.northamptonshiretalking.co.uk>

Should you wish to discuss a particular issue that is of concern to you or meet a member of your Neighbourhood policing team then please contact us using our team inbox:  
[NeighbourhoodTeamDaventry@northants.pnn.police.uk](mailto:NeighbourhoodTeamDaventry@northants.pnn.police.uk)

#### **PLEASE DO NOT REPORT CRIMES VIA THIS EMAIL ADDRESS**

Reporting an issue or crime to the Police can be made in a number of ways.  
This includes ringing 101 or online at [Northants.police.uk](https://www.northants.police.uk)  
Northants Police's new website offers a reporting system for:

- A road traffic incident
- Missing person – no immediate harm
- Terrorist activity
- Fingerprints appointments – this could be asked for when travelling abroad
- Hate Crime/ Incidents

So that your report can be managed as quickly as possible, it's important to consider the following information and have it ready to provide:

- the date and time the crime happened
- the location, such as address or road name along with the town or village
- a description of any people involved
- the details of any witnesses or suspects
- if you think there's any other evidence such as forensic evidence or mobile phone footage
- if there is clear CCTV footage of the offence being committed

The above reporting tool can be reached via: <https://www.northants.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

#### **USEFUL LINKS**

- Northamptonshire Police Website: <http://www.northants.police.uk/>
- Check if a vehicle is taxed or untaxed and report if necessary: <https://www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-tax>
- Useful link for all matters related to driving: <http://think.direct.gov.uk/>
- This link will provide you with useful information to help protect yourself from scams: [https:// www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/check-if-something-might-be-a-scam/](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/check-if-something-might-be-a-scam/)
- Trading Standards – Advice and help for consumers: West Northants Trading Standards Contact Crime Stoppers anonymously about crime: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>
- Fearless - a site where young people can access non-judgmental information and advice about crime: <https://www.fearless.org/>
- Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Watch: <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk>

- Report to West Northants Council - Fly tipping, dog fouling, Litter, noise pollution and other issues: [West Northamptonshire Council](#)
- West Northants Council Advice on boundary disputes with neighbours:  
<https://www.ricsfirms.com/residential/legal-issues/boundaries/rics-consumer-guide-boundary-disputes/>

**Thank you from Daventry & Rural Neighbourhood Teams**