



# Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter

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## News from Bedford North SNT (Harrold, Carlton, Sharnbrook and Riseley)



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### Neighbourhood Priorities

- Speeding
- Rural Crime/Criminal Damage
- Nuisance Vehicles

These are the priorities that have been identified through consultations with members of your local neighbourhood.

### Crime Prevention

A number of houses in the area have been targeted recently with a view to stealing high powered/high value cars. Please if you have a garage, use it and do not leave keys on display.

With Spring upon us, please ensure garages and sheds are secure and alarmed if possible. Think about property marking and make a note of serial numbers.

### Forthcoming Surgeries

#### Harrold Country Park

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 13:30-14:30

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 13:00-14:30

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 13:30-14:30

#### Emmaus Village, Carlton

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 14:00-15:00hrs

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 14:00-15:00hrs

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 14:00-15:00hrs

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 14:00-15:00hrs

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team is here to make where you live safer, and to give you a better quality of life by reducing crime and tackling anti-social behaviour.

Please feel free to contact the team if you have any concerns or issues.

**In an emergency always ring 999**

### Priority Targets

We will be carrying out High Visibility patrols at speeding hotspots identified by parish councils and regular speed checks will be taking place.

Anti-social behaviour hotspots are regularly checked and details are taken of any persistent offenders, which could lead to Acceptable Behaviour Contracts being issued to these offenders.

We are currently liaising with residents of areas that are affected by nuisance vehicles. This may result in offenders been given a warning under section 59 which enable us to seize vehicles and have them crushed if a fine is not paid.

### Crime Overview

This newsletter covers the wards of Carlton, Harrold, Riseley and Sharnbrook. Since the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2008 a total of **104** crimes have been reported in the area. This is down from **128** in the same period in 2007. Most parishes have shown reductions in crime. Harrold parish has shown an increase but since the arrest of a number of local offenders, crime has decreased significantly.

There has been a number of house burglaries, and with longer days, the opportunist criminal can take advantage of doors and windows left open. Often you may be working in the garden, sitting outside enjoying the sunshine or have been left open while you just pop to the shops or pick the kids up from school. Simple crime prevention measures really can make a difference. Thieves are often opportunists and if they have to make a lot of noise, spend a lot of time, or risk being seen, they are less likely to take that risk.

We recommend you secure your doors and windows whenever you are away from home. Consider distraction burglars and if an unexpected caller comes to the front door ensure the back door is secure before answering and check their ID. Security mark your property as handlers, as well as thieves, hate anything that can be traced back to the owner. Consider joining Neighbourhood watch and/or registering with the Ring master COMMUNITY Messaging Service.

For more information about crime prevention, please contact us or pop in to one of the forthcoming surgeries.

Making neighbourhoods safer, together