

Update for Thurncourt Community Meeting

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Although I have had a foot in both camps for the past few weeks with my previous role, I officially took over as the Neighborhood Sergeant on 29th June.

I have responsibility for both the Thurncourt & Stoneygate Ward Neighborhoods now.

Although new in this role, this area is a bit like a second home to me as this is the third time I have served here.

I started my career at the old Asfordby Street Police Station; I was a uniform response Officer there, then a detective with Asfordby Street CID.

In 2007 I returned to the area, this time at the new Spinney Hill Park Station as a response Sergeant and then the Deputy Commander for over a year.

When I became aware that there was an opening for a new Neighborhood Sergeant at Thurncourt & Stoneygate I applied immediately and was lucky enough to get the job.

I am off work this Monday, however if it wasn't for an unavoidable prior commitment at home I would have come to the Ward meeting in my own time.

The Team currently comprises of myself, Pc Susan Oakes, Pc Ben Orton, PCSO Ken Huddart & PCSO James Edwards.

Unfortunately PC Orton is off work at present recovering from a planned operation. He is hoping to back initially on sedentary duties in the next week or so though.

The two current Local Priorities are currently under review and a decision will be made whether we are to continue with them or adopt different ones. The current Priorities are:-

- To reduce incidents of anti-social behavior around the shops on Thurncourt Road, between Nursery Road and Bowhill Grove, in the afternoons (1pm to 6pm) daily.
- To reduce incidents of groups of young people being rowdy and causing minor damage late in the evenings at weekends in Bowhill Grove between Wreford Crescent and Thurncourt Road.

Although not decided as yet, it is potentially likely that both will be closed, however I would be very interested in any feedback from the meeting and / or suggestions for other areas of concern.

With regards to crime figures, the Thurncourt Ward Neighborhood remains relatively low in comparison to other nearby areas.

Of the five Neighborhoods covered by Spinney Hill Park LPU (Thurncourt, Stoneygate, Spinney Hills, Evington & Coleman) Thurncourt has the current lowest recorded crime.

In the current financial year the Ward has 144 total crimes recorded; to add some context my other Ward, Stoneygate, which has similar geographical dimensions, has 328 total crimes recorded.

In the month of June the Ward had 57 total crimes recorded; this figure was 108 in June 2009, another good example of reduced crime figures.

These statistics read well but this of course doesn't mean for one moment that the Ward's Neighbourhood Team is anything other than vigilant.

I hope this is some assistance. Apologies again for not being able to attend this particular Ward meeting.