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Welcome to your Rutland police e-newsletter. Here you will find all of the latest news from a Rutland policing perspective .

Update from Special Constables

We are fortunate to have Special Constables who give up their time to work for Leicestershire Police.

SC Brad Atkins and SC Billy Bliss have recently been out and about in your community. They patrolled Rutland, attended the A1 where there was a report of a broken down vehicle. The vehicle was cordoned off with cones and lights until assistance arrived.

The specials then attended Rutland Water where reports of a flare had been seen. The entire area was checked to ensure there was no-one in distress; fortunately no-one was located.

The officers were then deployed to Wetherspoons in Oakham to deal with a public order offence. Brad and Billy were heading back to the station in Oakham when they spotted a vehicle that was being driven erratically. A breath test was conducted at the roadside and the driver was arrested and taken to custody where he was dealt with.

The specials completed a 13 hour shift and covered about 200 miles paying particular attention to the villages of Rutland.

Rutland South update

PC Edd McKinnon recently updated about one of his shifts. Edd had received an online report about a vehicle that had been abandoned and left in a position that made the vehicle vulnerable. Edd realised that the vehicle presented an obstruction and as such would have to be moved. Edd tried unsuccessfully to contact the owner and as a result the vehicle was recovered and taken to the pound to await recovery by the owner.



Edd then went onto Ketton to undertake some speed monitoring. This was an issue raised by the community and one that we will continue to tackle. Edd patrolled between Ketton and Tinwell with a vehicle equipped with ANPR. In the hour spent patrolling 60 vehicles were monitored, there were no ANPR activations and the standard of driving on the whole was safe and considerate.



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Rutland south update continued

The final incident of the day was when 72 tonnes of crane broke down on the A1 near Great Casterton. The crane then started to leak diesel. Numerous emergency vehicles attended the scene and eventually the crane was made safe. The next issue was removing the vehicle from the A1. The crane was eventually removed and the Highways agency checked the road to ensure all was safe and the spill successfully contained.



Incidents such as this take a long time to deal with and clear up, we are always aware of the inconvenience of such incidents but we have to ensure all is safe before reopening the roads.

Hot topic

One of the most commented on posts on Rutland's Facebook page recently was the topic of school parking – drop off and pickups.

The rules are quite simple – always ask yourself this when dropping off or pick-up – am I parking considerately and/or safely?

The beat team do patrol schools at key times but clearly cannot be everywhere. If you follow these simple steps it will make it safer for everyone to get into and out of school.

NEVER park outside the school gates. If there are zig-zag lines present it is illegal to park on them. If caught you could face penalty points on your licence and a fine.

Don't park on pavements – think of those who are having to walk round your vehicle.

Don't park on junctions – you could be obstructing other road users.

If in doubt refer to the highway code: which states that you must not stop or park in the following locations, except when forced to do so by stationary traffic:

Anywhere that would prevent access for emergency vehicles

On a bus/tram stop or taxi rank

On the approach to a level crossing

Opposite or within 32 feet of a junction except in an authorised parking bay

Opposite a traffic island or another parked vehicle (it causes an obstruction)

Where the kerb has been lowered

In front of an entrance to a property

On a bend

A pedestrian crossing including the area marked by the zig-zag lines

The next edition will be out soon!