

Letter from PCSO 7115 Matt Taylor, SCT Brixworth

You will have seen the recent documents from Sergeant Sam Dobbs who is in overall command of the Community Aspect of Policing at Daventry; I hope these answer some of the questions that have recently been asked about visibility and how to contact the Police.

On a more local level we are asked regularly why the satellite office at Brixworth does not have a direct number you can call, or why when someone turns up in the lobby, no one answers the intercom. We are a Police base that we work out of and we are in and out throughout the day, unless it is a prior arrangement we cannot guarantee someone will be here when you visit. We appreciate that for some of you Daventry is some distance away, and I have therefore attached another poster of other front offices for handing in property, producing documentation etc.

We continue to work with local schools, and PCSO Kirsten Bates from Daventry has done some amazing work with creating the Blue Butterfly project. Locally we have delivered presentations to Overstone Primary, Spratton Brixworth and Moulton Primary and about 320 young people have had this input. Tomorrow PCSO Jo WRIGHT and I will be delivering the presentation to Maidwell Primary; we have also received interest from Creaton and Clipston Primary.

We work with both Moulton Secondary and Guilsborough Secondary; however, we are recently concerned about what older children may be sharing over the internet, we ask parents of older children to be aware of their child's online behaviour. PCSO Matt TAYLOR accompanied Mr Jones (Headmaster of Moulton School) on an after school foot patrol of Moulton Village a few weeks ago after concerns about the behaviour of students after school in the village of Moulton, we were pleased to report to issues, but it was nice to work together in a home-school-community role.

We also work with Moulton College, once again, PCSO Matt TAYLOR attended the Fresher's Fayre this year giving crime prevention advice to students as well as discussing the dangers of Drugs and Alcohol, also attending were the Safer Road Team, College Nurses, National Citizenship Scheme and Sexual Health. I also work with the various Youth Clubs and the main highlight of that was the charity "Toughtalk" coming in to talk to the young people of Moulton are drugs and consequences of crime.

All Police Officers have mobile tablets, and a role out has now begun to Community Support Officers, Matt was one of those who piloted this trail and he is very grateful to Brixworth Library, The Bulls Head PH at Clipston, Highgate House, Moulton College Garden Centre, Moulton Parish Church and Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue who have given him opportunities to work on his tablet and be visible in the community. He has found I can now turn up at the office, get changed into his uniform complete everything whilst out and about, only returning to the office to drop off the car and change into his plain clothes to go home. Does the future Community Support Officer actually need an office to Police from; the locker for the clothes could be anywhere (that is a personal opinion).

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Finally, we are very grateful for you, you are our eyes and our ears, the feedback we have from "Today's Crime Today" has been brilliant and other villages in other areas are now somewhat jealous of this two-way dialogue that we have with you all. All we ask now is that you put a product such as Smartwater on your Christmas list to mark any items of your personal property if you have not already done so, and remember there is a discount for Neighbourhood Watch Schemes, ask Mr Crisp for the code.

I am in for a few days more, but have a wonderful Christmas to you and your families.

Kind Regards,

Matthew and the Team