

Knaresborough Police and Community Liaison meeting
- Wednesday 3rd July 2024 minutes

Attendees

Cllr Kathryn Davies (Chair) - KTC

Cllr James Pickard - KTC

Inspector Holly Nicholls

Clare Martin – Head Teacher at King James’ School, Knaresborough

Charlotte McEvoy – Chain Lane Community Hub

Jess Ward – Inspire Youth Yorkshire

PCSO Ronnie Woods

Hannah Read – Community Project Officer – KTC (minutes)

Apologies had been received from:

Cllr Hannah Gostlow – KTC and NYC Councillor for Knaresborough East

Cllr Helen Westmancoat

Helen Dennis – The Wellbeing Hub, Stockwell Community Centre, Knaresborough

Sue Vasey – Chain Lane Community Hub

1. Welcome

2. Actions arising from the last meeting on 23rd April 2024

- a) **Primary Schools.** Jess Ward to liaise with and invite primary school head teachers to the next meeting. **Action: to invite primary school head teachers to attend the next Police and Community Liaison meeting on Wednesday Oct 2nd Oct 2024 at 10am.**

- b) **Knaresborough House.** PC Bromley sent an update via KTC Clerk’s office, the CCTV cameras still haven’t been installed. **Action: PC Bromley to follow up with Tom Ireland at NYC to chase the re-installation of CCTV cameras on the building at the back and front of the building.**

- c) **Traffic at King James’ School and entrance to Wellness Hub.** Clare Martin shared that Charlotte Beattie from Area 6 / NYC had visited King James’ School to review the traffic problems and had sent feedback including suggestion of installing a light up speed sign which the school would have to pay for, and Knaresborough Town Council would have to maintain. **Action: Clare Martin to forward email correspondence to KTC Clerk’s office for Clerk to respond.**

3. General Police update:

- **Operation Tornado.** Inspector Holly Nicholls shared that the operation which focused lots of resources on a single area (Harrogate district) had been very successful. The operation included officers on the beat doing face-to-face crime prevention work, community engagement work and a focus on retail crime. Inspector Holly Nicholls praised the work of the Police and the positive outcomes of the day which included arrements, people taken into custody, and disruption of country line crime.
- **Operation Respond.** The Police operation tackling burglary continues, raising awareness and leaflet drops. With regards to boiler thefts, current advice for new

developments in progress is to remove the front panel of the boiler which mitigates the value of the boiler.

- **Burglary at Asda Garage on Wetherby Road on 27-06-24.** PCSO Woods shared that Response had been very good and officers were there in minutes following the emergency call. Inspector Holly Nicholls shared that the investigation is ongoing, and that it appears to be cross border and opportunistic crime.

The group discussed Police communication with local schools in the area when there is an incident such as the garage burglary, and an action was noted by PCSO Woods to encourage all the local schools to sign up to Community Messaging as the easiest way for them to receive police communications.

- **Antisocial behaviour statistics.** PCSO Woods shared that between June 2023 and January 2024 there had been 501 reports of antisocial behaviour, compared to 384 reports since January to date. This is a decrease of 23%. PCSO Woods emphasised the continued need for the community to keep reporting and feeding information to the police about problems, so that incidents can be dealt with in real time.
- **Stolen bikes and MPB's in Knaresborough.** Police continue to see a problem in the area, with bikes often being stolen to order. The group discussed the possibility of police doing some educational work in King James' School, to raise awareness of what is legal for E-bikes ie, age restrictions, helmets and licenses, and fines for not wearing a helmet.
- **Operation Traffic.** The week commencing 15th July will see the Police in the area implementing speed checks, and working with local schools, raising awareness about speeding, and engaging students with a competition to design a sign which will be used near schools. **Action: Inspector Holly Nicholls to share timetable of the week's events with the group.**

4. New Youth Council for Knaresborough

- Jess Ward shared that plans are taking shape to form a new Youth Council in Knaresborough from September, seeking representatives from year 6 students from all the primary schools and all year groups from year 7 to 13. Information has been sent to all Knaresborough schools and Inspire Youth Yorkshire is working to make sure that information is available for young people who are not in full-time education or who are home schooled, hoping to see a diverse representation when the Youth Council is established.

All information can be found on the Inspire Youth Yorkshire website

<https://www.inspireyouth.uk/whats-on/>

Action: any young person who is interested in getting involved is encouraged to download the information from the website and apply.

- **Youth Voice Survey.** Charlotte McEvoy explained that Chain Lane Community Hub is working with Inspire Youth Yorkshire on a joint piece of work to establish a youth voice across the town. They are looking to survey young people (ages 10-18) to ask about their experiences in the town. Input from the group was invited, in particular from the Police around the topic of 'safety'. **Action: please send all suggestions to Charlotte McEvoy at Chain Lane.**

- The survey will be shared with students at King James' School, and young people that Inspire Youth Yorkshire work within the town and surrounding area.

- The survey will be produced on Microsoft forms which has a language translation function for students whose first language is not English.
 - Cllr James Pickard suggested that King James' School timetable the survey for students to encourage engagement and number of responses. The group agreed that this was a good idea.
 - The group discussed how to encourage the broadest spectrum of youth voices and heard about the work that Chain Lane Community Hub is doing with refugee families and The City of Sanctuary organisation. The group discussed how communication can increase to facilitate working together, and how the Police can link up with work happening with refugee families in the community.
 - Once the survey results have been collated, the results and learning from the survey will be shared (practice, method and approach).
 - Chain Lane Community Hub have engaged the same artist that created the Knaresborough Voice vision for Knaresborough illustration to produce a similar illustration informed by the results of the youth survey.
 - The hope is that the results from the survey will be used to help to inform the new Youth Council.
- **Harrogate and District Police Independent Advisory Group.** Inspector Holly Nicholls shared that she is doing work to increase diversity and youth representation. Three students from King James' School have recently joined the advisory group.

5. Any other business

- **Positive information sharing and collaborative working.** The group agreed that the meeting provided a positive forum for informal information sharing between organisations and groups represented and discussed how best to include other relevant parties in the future.
- **Terms of Reference.** It was suggested that the group devise terms of reference to inform attendees of the scope of the group, and remit of those invited to attend. **Action: Cllr Kathryn Davies to draft Terms of Reference and share with the group for input.**
- **Meeting times.** It was agreed that the next meeting of the Knaresborough Police and Community Liaison meeting will be at 10am on Wednesday 2nd October to allow those who have childcare needs after school to attend. Hannah Read to confirm venue.

Date of next meetings:

- **Wednesday 2nd October at 10am (Venue to be confirmed)**
- **Wednesday 22nd January 2025**
- **Wednesday 2nd April 2025**

Venues and times of meetings to be confirmed and communicated to the group.