

## **Knaresborough Police and Community Liaison meeting**

- **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May minutes**

### **Attendees**

Cllr Kathryn Davies (Chair) - KTC

Inspector Holly Nicholls

Lisa Holdsworth – King James' School, Knaresborough

Sue Vasey – Chain Lane Community Hub

Hannah Read – Community Project Officer – KTC (minutes)

### **Apologies received from:**

Cllr Hannah Gostlow – KTC and NYC Councillor for Knaresborough East

Cllr Helen Westmancoat – KTC

Cllr James Pickard – KTC

Jess Ward – Inspire Youth Yorkshire

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

Charlotte McEvoy – Chain Lane Community Hub

### **1. Welcome**

### **2. Minutes of the last meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 and actions arising:**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

### **Actions arising from meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> January updates:**

- **Operation Traffic**

Lisa Holdsworth confirmed that King James School were involved with the last Op Traffic in Knaresborough, following the suggestion made at the last meeting.

- **Bright Friday 2025**

KTC confirmed the date for Knaresborough's 'Bright Friday' Christmas Lights Switch-on this year will be Friday 28 November 2025.

- **Annual Town Meeting**

At the Annual Town Meeting on 3 March 2025 Cllr Kathryn Davies gave a report on the work of the Police and Community Liaison group over the past 12 months, highlighting Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) figures significantly decreased over the period.

### **3. Police Update**

Inspector Holly Nicholls gave an update on new plans for the future of Neighbourhood Policing in York and North Yorkshire. She explained that under the leadership of Chief Constable Tim Forber there is a focus on neighbourhood policing and early intervention and prevention, with increased visibility on the ground.

Inspector Nicholls shared that there is a planned uplift within the Harrogate outer district which would see 3 extra PC's and 3 new PCSO's added to the team to support these plans for neighbourhood policing. North Yorkshire Police have produced a booklet explaining how they have done an in-depth review of neighbourhood policing operations and the resulting approach that they believe will best serve the communities of North Yorkshire. There is a plan is to share

this document and the approach it lays out to Councils and communities via a roadshow, and then an electronic version of the document will be available for everyone.

**Digital resources:** There is a new app in development that will show live data and policing priorities for an area.

All residents and businesses are encouraged to sign up to North Yorkshire Community Messaging to receive email alerts about policing activity and initiatives in your local area as well as crime prevention advice and information:

<https://www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk/#signup-section>

### **Operation Electricity**

Whilst the ASB figures are down there have been problems with electric bikes and antisocial driving in the area. This requires a specialist response (team and equipment) which has been acquired, and the resources will be focused on the local area in May to tackle the problems, with a particular focus in Ripon on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Operation Respond and further crime prevention measures**

Local police officers continue to raise awareness of burglaries in the area; this includes door knocking to highlight the nature and danger of opportunistic burglaries that occur when doors are left unlocked.

### **Anti-Social behaviour**

As the lighter evenings return, the police will focus their patrols and resources on well-known nuisance areas. All residents are encouraged to phone in any concerns directly to the local police. **Call 101 for non-emergency enquiries.**

## **4. Knaresborough Youth Voice update**

Sue Vasey gave an update on the work that Chain Lane has done with Inspire Youth and Yorkshire Create, and the group gathered watched the video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RptcL99ySwM>

The group discussed the Executive Summary and Safety documents which can be found on the Chain Lane Community Hub website. The results of the Youth Voice Survey will be considered by the recently formed Knaresborough Youth Council, who will work with the results to find solutions. <https://chainlane.org/communitydevelopment/youth-engagement-knaresborough/>

The group discussed the summary of recommendations and the potential for a future joint approach to finding solutions which could involve many groups and organisations including the Police, King James School, Knaresborough Youth Council, Inspire Youth Yorkshire, Yorkshire Create, Knaresborough Town Council and community hubs.

Sue Vasey also shared plans for a phase 2 consultation to gather the views of young people in Knaresborough who hadn't been involved in the initial youth engagement survey.

**5. Unauthorised encampments – Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 – explanation of police powers and duties.**

**Operation Gamekeeper** - Inspector Holly Nicholls provided the group with information about police powers concerning unauthorised encampments which can occur at this time of year. Members of the public are encouraged to phone in any concerns about unauthorised encampments they see.

Following discussion about unauthorised vehicles parked at Stockwell Community Centre / Active North Yorkshire, Inspector Holly Nicholls suggested that she could provide KTC with guidance on civil actions and that staff at the Stockwell Community Centre and KTC are also advised to call the local police station with any concerns about behaviour from members of the public regarding parking at the site.

**6. AOB**

- **Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP)** – update sent from Cllr Helen Westmancoat. A meeting was held on 28 April. Update to and information can be found on Padlett. Please note that the SPACE community bus is potentially going to be used in Alcohol Awareness week which is 7 – 13 July, and CAP will also have a market stall at the Wednesday Market that week.
- **Police Team running The Great Knaresborough Bed Race**  
As well as having a Police team running in the Bed Race this year, the Police Cyber Team will have a visible presence at the event this year, raising awareness and engaging with the community.

**7. Date of next meeting – to be confirmed**

*Date, time and venue to be confirmed.*