

# Hucclecote & Barnwood Policing Panel (HNPP)

## Notes of Meeting - 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Hosted by the Hucclecote Community Association (HCA),

Chaired by HCA Trustee Councillor David Brown.

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**Background:** The purpose of the HNPP is to provide a regular meeting open to all residents of Hucclecote and Barnwood to come and meet members of their local Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT),

A report is given by a member of the local NPT on incidents of local crime & disorder over the previous period and what action is being taken to deal with them.

Residents have the opportunity to question and exchange views with the Police on their report, as well as raise any local matters of crime & disorder that have come to their attention.

There is no need to book ahead, just come along on the night. The meeting generally lasts about one hour.

All are encouraged to join the Real Time Community Alerts put out by the Police online so they know what is going on in their area. For Community Alerts visit: [www.yourcommunityalerts.co.uk](http://www.yourcommunityalerts.co.uk)

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**Present :** Cllr David Brown (Chair), PCSO Mark Jones (MJ), PCSO Kara Fraser (KF) + 16 members of the public

**Apologies :** from 5 members of the public

## Welcome:

The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. All were asked to focus comments and questions solely on policing matters, which is the purpose of the meeting. This would, possibly, allow for some time at the end for individual local concerns to be raised privately with Mark or with the Chair.

Two Officers from Gloucestershire Constabulary introduced themselves:

- PCSO Mark Jones (MJ) covering Barnwood, Coney Hill and Chequers
- Kara Fraser (KF) covers Hucclecote, Coopers Edge - team work with MJ

## Matters arising from previous meeting:

Chair asked about the new volunteer PCSOs – numbers and role / powers. MJ believes the Constabulary have taken on 8, though none assigned for active duty they currently have a “back office” role while more active duties are under consideration. Enrolling as a volunteer PCSO is possibly a good way of being recognised for the full PCSO role.

**Planned Speed checks** in Kingscroft Rd. did not happen for various reasons [**Action: MJ carry forward**]

**Graffiti:** still an issue but following a joint meeting Councillors / PCSOs / business management progress is being made to clean up the alleyway from Duncroft Park to Barnett Way. MJ has provided security guards his contact details. It was noted that some residents are cleaning off unsightly graffiti on some private property. Our thanks to them. Residents are asked to report details of anyone they see “in the act” (eg. Clothing, build, height).

## Report from the Neighbourhood Policing Team

Producing crime figures for Hucclecote is straightforward but there is great difficulty breaking down figures for Barnwood as they are ‘lumped in’ with Coney Hill. These two areas have very different demographics so providing overall figures does not give a ‘fair’ assessment of recorded crime for Barnwood.

**Hucclecote:** MJ provided some basic figures, including the excellent news that there have been **ZERO** household burglaries in the past 3 months. All other reported crime figures are low in comparison with other areas of Gloucester.

*Subsequent to the meeting, for reasons of confidentiality, MJ was unable to release the breakdown of figures. [Action: Chair summarise public domain crime figures in future]*

**Barnwood:** Overall incidents in 3 months to 10 October = 157 across Barnwood, Coney Hill, Chequers. 37 being shoplifting offences, mainly on Eastern Avenue. These range from small value items (sandwich) to higher value with a view to selling on for drugs – shoplifters from outside the area (Birmingham / Swindon). Increase in figures may be due to closer working with shop security personnel. There has been a spate of van break ins, looking for tools.

MJ / KF have the facility to look through all reported incidents in the area, giving a good steer on where to focus attention each shift. There have been one or two whispers of drug-related activities in the area but more information is needed to help spot patterns / trends.

MJ appeal to all present to report incidents of crime or suspected crime – the police can then more easily spot trends and know where to target resource to prevent or solve crimes.

MJ / KF monitoring parking near Dinglewell School and in Brookfield Rd at school drop off / pick up times. Visual police presence is good. MJ asked Chair to push Highways to repaint zig-zags on Brookfield Rd (near footpath to Dinglewell) to discourage bad parking – **[Action Chair]**


MJ advised our other local schools are patrolled as often as MJ and KF can.

**Local Policing Issues Raised by those attending:**

One resident asked if shoplifters are apprehended and dealt with formally, before describing how a family member had cautiously prevented an incident at a local store.

MJ responded that suspects are appended and, very broadly, seem to fall into 2 categories. Those in genuine need stealing food and those stealing to order, often under pressure, to sell items for drugs. The first category are often passed on to another agency which may be able to help.

Without revealing details there was some concern about one or two very elderly residents who may put their own personal safety at risk. There was reassurance of a link with family and/or Adult Social Care, MASH (multi agency safeguarding hub) with referrals where appropriate.

<p>Chair reported finding large gas canister (see photo) on the pavement in Chosen Way.</p> <p>This follows a similar find several weeks ago. Used by drug addicts, these should be disposed properly at the recycling centre and not put in the domestic black bin.</p>	
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One resident highlighted Oct 30<sup>th</sup> and Nov 5<sup>th</sup> as dates when some individuals get up to mischief with some areas being targeted in previous years. Both MJ / KF will be on duty those dates and plan to focus on the area mentioned.

Returning to the subject of graffiti the Chair highlighted some areas of concern that have been targeted and took the opportunity to thank the community minded individual(s) who has washed off / cleared a significant quantity of graffiti.

There was concern in the room about the number of cyclists using the Hucclecote Rd / Barnwood Rd in the dark, without lights, wearing dark clothing. Although this is not a priority issue MJ will consider this further and possible look at an awareness campaign, even post Police Specials / Cadets along the route to educate those cyclists who need educating about road safety matters! **[Action: MJ/KF]**

Again, there was concern about the minority of dog walkers who allow their pets to foul the pavements. There are dog waste bins at all the local parks and general litter bins can be used to dispose of dog waste collected in a bag.

Repeated complaints about speeding in the area, Speed Checks will be planned for a number of roads mentioned by those present, Kingscroft, Porchester (previously monitored), Lilliesfield (previously monitored). **[Action: MJ/KF]**

The meeting closed at 7:00pm.

**Dates of next meeting:** Tues., 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024, 6pm start

Other meeting dates in 2024: 27<sup>th</sup> March (Wed), 29<sup>th</sup> May (Wed), 3<sup>rd</sup> October (Thurs)

**Chair: Cllr David Brown** ( [cllrdauidbrown@outlook.com](mailto:cllrdauidbrown@outlook.com) )

Attachments: Boundary maps identify areas covered by our Neighbourhood Policing Teams.

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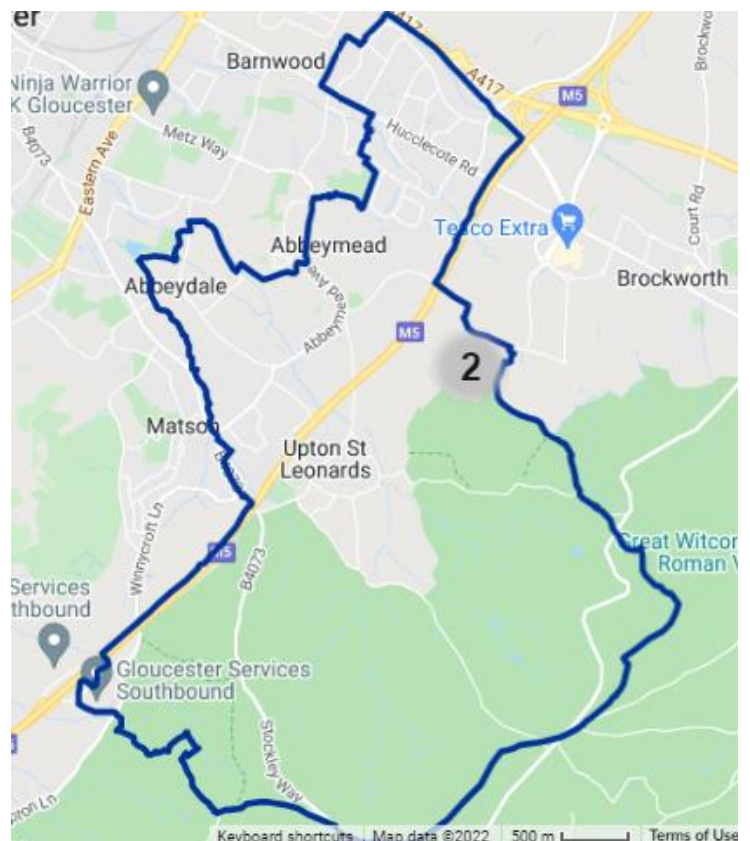
NOTE: Those attending are reminded that detailed crime figures are no longer presented at the HNPP meeting. Information on the current local Crime and Disorder figures (and your NPT) can be accessed on at: <https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/area/your-area/gloucestershire/gloucester/>

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Area covered by Barnwood & Coney Hill Neighbourhood Policing Team

Area covered by Hucclecote, Abbey & Upton St Leonards Neighbourhood Policing Team



Note the relative geographic areas and how the 'boundaries match together.