

Police Report for February 2021 to Newton Poppleford and Harpford Parish Council

Please accept my apologies for tonight's meeting with the Parish Councillors. Unfortunately, I won't be on duty this evening. The February 2021 report can be found below, to be read out at the meeting.

- To date, we have seen no recorded Crimes in February 2021 in the Parish of Newton Poppleford and Harpford. Last year there was one recorded in the same period, which was a Burglary (Non- Dwelling).
- There have been 7 reports to Police, this period. 1 Antisocial Behaviour, 2 public safety, and 4 transport. To confirm, there were no crimes meeting the National Crime Recording Standards, with any of these reports, as such, no crimes recorded. There were 6 reports last year of the same period.
- I identified speeding motorists within Newton Poppleford, particularly along Station Road, and High Street. I contacted the Safety Camera Partnership who very kindly implemented Speed recording devices along Station Road, and they captured data over a 7 day period. This was with the view to have Station Road be considered as a mobile speed detection sight (Speed Camera Vans), for the plethora of positives that they offer for law abiding motorists, pedestrians, residents and visitors to the village. The data was analysed, and in order for there to be a justified necessity for enforcement at that specific area, there is a threshold which needs to be met. Either unfortunately or fortunately (I will go with the latter!), during the data capture period, there was a minimal amount of motorists who exceeded the speed limit. Personally I was shocked at the results as I had always considered that stretch to be very quick indeed (I remember having to dodge speeding motorists along this stretch when I was at Primary School in Newton Poppleford some 20 years ago). What the data has showed, is that at present, there is not a 'speeding problem' along Station Road in Newton Poppleford. This being said, I will try my upmost to approach the Safety Camera Partnership in the Summer months, when there is typically more traffic on the roads (COVID dependant) to install further speed data devices.
- As a local Neighbourhood Policing team, PCSO's Thomas, Blanchford- Cox and I continue to patrol the locality, along with the rest of the Sidmouth, Sidford and Sidbury areas. It has been great to get out and about in Newton Poppleford and Harpford, and will look forward to continue this as we move into Spring!

I hope this helps, if there are any concerns or queries following this, please let me know.

Kind regards as always,

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