

POLICING REPORT 2023-2024

Over the past year I have been focusing heavily on engagement events with residents on the area as much as I can, conducting 5x in person surgeries on the area and 1x online surgery in which residents are invited to each month. These events are widely advertised, particularly on social media, posters placed around the village in key locations such as the Parish Council advertisement boards and in other local postings. These events give residents the opportunity to speak to me in person and raise any concerns or questions to which I can assist them with. I have also been visiting all the schools on the area, giving talks and inputs on how students should be behaving on the area. Covering areas such as ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour), County Lines, Crime, Knife Crime, Stranger Danger, and Road Safety. Ensuring that inputs are given close to important times of the year such as Halloween and Bonfire Night as an example.

A lot of my time on the area is mainly spent dealing with neighbourly disputes and ASB related issues. Just this year we charged 1x neighbour for breaching their restraining order they had in place to protect their neighbour that they were continuously harassing and causing issues for. They are due in court soon over the matter. We also dealt with another neighbour for harassing their neighbours, they too were arrested, charged, found guilty at court and will later be re-attending court for sentencing.

ASB is an issue on all areas, where we advise people to report any ASB related issues, certainly any crimes, through the correct channels. This is through contacting us direct through either 999 in emergencies, calling us on 101 for non-emergencies, or completing an online report for non-urgent matters. Unfortunately, we are seeing all too often residents posting things on social media when in fact it would be more beneficial if they reported the issue or issues to us. We do not Police social media and this is certainly not a reporting mechanism. Any residents spoken to are doing this should be suitably advised that they need to report the matter through the correct channels directly to the Police. This is so that we are made aware, the matter(s) is appropriately logged, a THR (Threat, Harm, Risk) assessment has been conducted and the matter is passed onto the correct team or officer to then deal. Recent ASB crime related issues I have dealt are the damage caused to the window at the OLD SCHOOL VILLAGE CENTRE and brick walls on KINGFISHER CLOSE. Through local enquiries I was able to identify the youths responsible for the damage and they were dealt with by way of CR (Community Resolution). This is basically their last chance, where they only get this chance and can't be dealt with in this way more than once. Any future incidents will mean that they face getting a criminal record. On these occasions as part of the CR process the youth's parents agreed to pay for the damage caused, wrote a letter of apology to the victims, and signed to say that they promised not to cause any further crime, ASB, or other issues in the BRADWELL or surrounding areas. Other youths and persons causing ASB, including vehicle ASB have had ASB letters sent out to them in the post and in some cases a visit to their home address to issue suitable WOA to them and their parents.

I hope this is some insight into what has been happening from a Policing perspective over the past year in BRADWELL. I shall continue to patrol the hotspot areas, especially where the Summer is fast approaching and unfortunately ASB related issues are starting to rise.