

Proposed Ketton and Tinwell – Rural Crime Prevention Project.

I am a Trustee Director of the Rutland Neighbourhood Watch Association, and am interested in identifying those wishing to be involved, with the Rutland Police and the Neighbourhood Watch, in a Rural Crime Prevention Project in Ketton and Tinwell. The suggested Objectives are to:

1. Develop a model of community cooperation, that would make Community Safety in Ketton and Tinwell more effective.
2. Demonstrate that it is possible to reduce reported burglary by at least 30% in Ketton and Tinwell in Year 1.
3. Decide how the progress made, can be sustained and remain relevant, over Years 2 and 3.

How do we approach this?

Research, provides clear evidence that well planned and executed Crime Prevention Programmes are successful.

It is proposed we apply the best practice principles of the Home Office Crime Prevention Unit Research Papers, where appropriate supplementing them with locally sourced information.

It is suggested local volunteers, initially co-ordinated and guided by a small group of key Agency and Community representatives, assisted by organised groups (e.g. Neighbourhood Watch and Police Support Volunteers) could develop a Parish wide framework for action and communication.

It is important for all to be aware that community members should play an increasing role in the management and direction of the initiative. Local 'ownership' and further development of the scheme is necessary if it is to be sustainable and remain relevant.

Why Ketton and Tinwell?

They are adjacent Rutland villages, (pop. approx. 2000) with an admirable quality of life. Typical of many small rural towns and villages across the Leicestershire Force area, quality of life is high, whilst crime, viewed nationally, is unexceptional (but increasing), but there is little evidence of organised crime prevention or intelligence gathering.

With close and easy access to the A1 and the town of Stamford (Lincs.) anecdotal evidence suggests much of the crime originates outside the County.

Changing Police priorities, e.g. Terrorism, Modern Slavery, Internet Crime, mean diminishing public sector resources are unlikely to be diverted to address the 'problems' of areas such as Ketton. If increasing local concerns are to be addressed, communities must unite and help themselves more.

Early in 2017, a Memorandum of Understanding on Safer Communities, was agreed between the Leicestershire Police, all Neighbourhood Watches within the Force Area, and the Community Safety Partnerships of Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland, setting out the reasonable expectations of each; Partnership is a key element. A copy is available on request.

Whilst all such areas in the Force have differences, it is hoped the procedures developed will provide a blueprint for the application of other inexpensive rural Community Safety practices.

If you are interested in being involved in this initiative or would like any further information, please contact either Ruthven Horne or PC 2113 Peter Icke, Neighbourhood Officer, Rutland South Beat.

Thank you.

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