



Barnsley Central Neighbourhood Newsletter

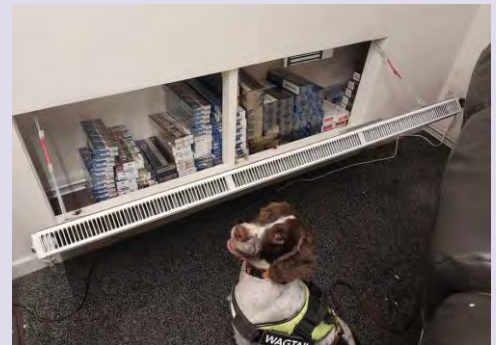
July 2025

Problem Solving and Targeted Activity

Tobacco Licensing Operation

On Monday 7 July, officers from the Barnsley Central Neighbourhood Team took part in a joint operation with colleagues from Barnsley Council, targeting shops selling counterfeit cigarettes and vapes within the Barnsley area.

With the assistance of search dogs Ziggy and Billy, tens of thousands of counterfeit cigarettes were recovered and seized and even those premises with elaborate hiding places were no match for the doggy duo.



Drugs Dog Operation

On Wednesday 16 July, officers from the NPT took part in a drugs operation across the town centre alongside Elsa, who is a trained drugs detection dog.

During the operation, a number of people were searched, with various quantities of drugs and drug paraphernalia located. Those in possession were dealt with for drug-related offences and any safeguarding referrals completed.

Taxi Licensing

On Saturday 12 July, our officers worked alongside officers from Barnsley Council's Regulatory Services to conduct checks on taxis in the town centre. A total of 17 vehicles were stopped and subjected to examination to ensure vehicle safety and compliance with regulations. 13 of the 17 vehicles stopped were licensed outside of the Barnsley area and have all received a written warning.

This initiative forms part of the Police response to violence against women and girls and helps make Barnsley a safer and more enjoyable place for everyone to visit.

Community Engagement



Officers from the Barnsley Central Neighbourhood Team held engagement stalls at Barnsley Interchange, Barnsley Library, Alhambra and Morrisons throughout the month.

Officers were on hand to answer general queries from members of our local community as well as offer specialist crime prevention advice and support. Thank you to everyone who stopped and spoke to us, we're always happy to speak with members of our community.

On the weekend of Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 July, Barnsley held a number of exciting events including the 'Brassed On' event and 'What's Your Move' sporting activities in the Glass Works Square, as well as the Barnsley Pride event in Mandela Gardens.

Our officers were on hand throughout the weekend to provide advice and reassurance to attendees and judging by all the smiling faces a great time was had by all.



On Thursday 24 July 2025, some of our officers visited the Sea and Marine Cadets on Racecommon Road.

Officers were keen to look round 'TS Diomedé' and the facilities available, and in return the Sea and Marine Cadets had the opportunity to see the police equipment including the cage in the back of the police van. Officers held a question-and-answer session with the Cadets who all seemed to enjoy the experience.

Crime Prevention Advice

Heading away to enjoy some holiday sun?

If you're planning on going on holiday this summer, it may be worrying leaving your home empty for a period of time. We are sharing some simple top tips to help become less of a target to burglars:

- Ensure all doors and windows are securely locked
- Get a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property
- Consider using a light timer switch, set to turn lights on at pre-set times

A checklist for securing your home when you leave it can be found on our website.



All front doors and windows are closed and locked if I'm enjoying the sun in the back garden



All house, shed, garage and car keys are hidden



My garage and shed doors are locked securely



My side gates are closed and locked, if possible

HOW CAN I SECURE MY HOME?

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Elsewhere in South Yorkshire

A dedicated operation has been launched across South Yorkshire, as part of our ongoing commitment to combat rural and wildlife crime in the region.

Operation Hawthorne launched on Friday 25 July, with the first of this dedicated operation being held across Barnsley.

The operation specially focuses on engaging with communities in the more rural areas across the region, including landowners and farmers, and tackling crimes which affect them most including the use of off-road vehicles, theft of agricultural equipment livestock and plants, illegal hunting and poaching, and fly tipping.

Read more on our website.



Keeping in Touch

Pop-Up Police Stations and engagement Stalls:

Throughout each month, we hold several engagement events at different locations across the town centre and surrounding area. Events and stalls will take place on the following dates:

- 1 August - Engagement stand, Morrisons, 10am-12pm
- 8 August - Engagement stand, Interchange, 3:30pm-5:30pm
- 15 August - Engagement stand, Glassworks, 11:00-13:00pm
- 20 August - Engagement stand, Library, 16:00-18:00pm
- 29 August - Engagement stand, Morrisons, 10:00-12:00pm
- 3 September - Engagement stand, Interchange, 15:00-17:00pm
- 10 September - Engagement stand, Morrisons, 10:00-12:00pm
- 17 September - Engagement stand, Library, 16:00-18:00pm

We will be on hand to answer any questions you may have around crime and anti-social behaviour, provide crime reduction advice, or just for people to have a chat with local officers.

PACT Meetings

- 20 August - Central Ward, King Street Flats, 5pm
- 28 August - Town Centre, Library at the Lightbox, 2:30pm
- 3 October - Central Ward, King Street Flats, 5pm
- 9 October - Town Centre, Library at the Lightbox, 2:30pm
- 20 November - Central Ward, King Street Flats, 5pm
- 27 November - Town Centre, Library at the Lightbox, 2:30pm
- 16 December - Central Ward, King Street Flats, 5pm