



## **ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES REPORT 2025**

### **POLICE LIAISON OFFICER**

My role as the Ashton Parish Council (APC) (APC) Police Liaison Representative (PLR) is to:

- Establish contact with the relevant members of the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT)
- Attend an annual meeting of PLRs
- Promote awareness of 101 and Crime Stoppers
- Understand the role and impact on councils of the Crime and Disorder Act
- Monitor crime statistics for the area and report to the council on any significant trends
- Where there is a council-sponsored Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), communicate as appropriate with the council's Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for the PCSO
- Act as the point of contact between the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and the council and help promote the Neighbourhood Watch
- Receive news and information from the NPT (general and related to specific local incidents) and disseminate it in the council's area as appropriate
- Liaise with other groups/persons in the council's area on the broader community safety agenda, including fire prevention and emergency planning and bring items of interest to the attention of the council
- Liaise and engage with the Northamptonshire Independent Advisory Group.

Most of my work currently involves attending, along with PLRs from across the county, regular meetings with Danielle Stone, the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire and representatives of the Police Service, and Fire and Rescue Service and sharing with the parish any items of relevance. I also liaise with our NPT but am not involved in operational policing and therefore not an appropriate person to receive reports of incidents or crimes from members of the parish, who should use 101 or 999 as appropriate. That said, I am more than willing to escalate matters to the NPT where I can help support concerned residents and/or victims of crime within the scope of my PLR remit.

I am pleased to say that as a parish we suffer very little crime relative to elsewhere in the county, but we should remain vigilant at all times and continue report any incidents or suspicious activity immediately to the Police.

Since the last AGM, I have secured covert CCTV in the village to deter fly tipping, and the parish is now part of the West Northamptonshire Council rota when camera become available. I am currently investigating the value of siting permanent CCTV in the village subject to legal considerations, cost, and parish consultation. I am also currently liaising with the Northamptonshire Police Safer Roads Enforcement Team to see what support they can provide to reduce speeding in and around the village.

Should you have anything you would like me to raise on your behalf, please let me know by emailing me at [cllrbullock@ashtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cllrbullock@ashtonparishcouncil.gov.uk).

### **INTERNAL CONTROLS OFFICER**

Responsible for undertaking scheduled and ad-hoc checks on, and oversight of, all APC financial activity to ensure compliance and good practice.

### **DATA PROTECTION OFFICER**

Responsible for ensuring the APC meet our duties and obligations regarding data protection and specifically the General Data Protection Regulation.

Peter Bullock  
15/05/2025