



## Ashton Parish Council Report 2025-26

### Responsibilities

#### Police Liaison Representative

My role as the Ashton Parish Council (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 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 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 relevant information via our Facebook page and website. 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 support concerned residents and/or victims of crime within the scope of my PLR remit, and have done so when alerted to crime within the parish.

Whilst any crime is awful for those who experience it, I'm pleased to say that, as a parish, we suffer very little crime relative to elsewhere in the county, but I would ask that we remain vigilant at all times and continue to report any incidents or suspicious activity immediately to the Police.

Since the last AGM, I've worked to build a relationship with our NPT and PCSO Chris Dudley has recently attended an APC meeting to discuss rural crime prevention. On behalf of the parish council, I investigated the feasibility of siting permanent CCTV in the village but was considered too complex and costly for the benefit it could deliver.

**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.

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