

Safer Neighbourhoods Matlock & Tansley.

December 2025

An Update from November...

What has the team been up to?

-Abandoned 'Dog' rescued! We have had several reports regarding an abandoned dog at top of Slack Hill along Chesterfield Road. Officers received a description of a small, bully type dog that was tied near the junction for the entire day. A local SNT Officer attended and, to their surprise didn't find a dog, but instead found one of Santa's reindeer resting after a test flight over the Dales area. After being given some stern words about being seen in the middle of November, Officers left the fella to his break.



-Joint working! The team have been working alongside the Bakewell and Ashbourne SNT groups to conduct burglary patrols through the Darley Dale, Bakewell and the surrounding areas. Throughout the December period we will be conducting multiple joint work together to target vulnerable areas, and to combat the priorities of the area. Results of these will be posted at the end of January's newsletter.

-School Visits! Your local PCSO has visited a couple Schools throughout the month to discuss a variety of issues at the School's request. To raise awareness around knives and to help educate kids around safety with knives, being responsible if they were to ever use them in a controlled environment, and what to do if they ever found one in public. We would like to thank Castle View for allowing the chance to help raise awareness. Further to this, we also had the privilege to visit All Saint Infant School to discuss Bullying.

Street meet dates

1st- 16:00-17:00 Firs parade business walk about

6th- 11:00-12:00 Hazel Grove Community Centre

7th- 10:00-11:00 Church in the Peak, Lime tree road, Matlock

10th- 10:00-11:00 Matlock Market Day, Hall Leys Park.

17th- 13:00-14:00 Matlock Market Day

18th- 13:00-14:00 Hazel Grove Community Centre

25th- Making sure Santa picks up all his reindeer droppings!

29th- 13:00-14:00 Tansley Town Hall

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-**Op Sceptre!** This month we had OP Sceptre running all over Derbyshire! This Operation is a month where the team focusses on raising Knife Crime awareness throughout our beat areas, and host Knife Amnesty bins through the month to give people the opportunity to safely dispose of any knives they no longer wish to have. This, as usual, had a really good reception from the public and our local schools, with good turnouts to our street meets and plenty of knives safely disposed of.

What are we doing this month?

- Op CLAUD will be in full swing this month, which is an operation that will see the team targeting retail crime throughout the Dales, raising awareness with the public of the issues and provide advice to local businesses as well as big chains. The team will also be visiting several schools in the area to educate kids about being safe around roads as the nights get darker faster. Lastly, the team would like to wish everyone in our communities to have a very merry holiday season!

Scams and Spams

During the festive period, there will be an increase in scam and spam calls from people attempting to get personal details. A common scam that will pop up around this time of year are delivery scams, claiming that you missed a parcel. If you receive any phone calls you may suspect to be scams or fraudsters, simply hang up the phone and report them to Ofcom.



The Little Book of Big Scams is an amazing **FREE** recourse you can grab and view online, full of advice, tips and tricks to help stay safe from scammers. If you, or anyone you know has been a victim of a scammer, or you believe someone could benefit from this, you can find this online by simply typing "[The Little Book of Big Scams – 5th Edition](#)" into your internet browser.

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TAKE FIVE

Take Five is a national campaign that offers straight-forward and impartial advice to help everyone protect themselves from preventable financial fraud. Led by UK Finance, the campaign is being delivered with and through a range of partners in the UK payments industry, financial services firms, law enforcement agencies, telecommunication providers, commercial, public and third sector organisations.



Criminals are experts at impersonating people, organisations and the police.

They spend hours researching you for their scams, hoping you'll let your guard down for just a moment.

Stop: Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.

Challenge: Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

Protect: Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud.

My money? My info? I don't think so!

Find out more at takefive-stopfraud.org.uk



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Lastly, from everyone here in the Safer Neighbourhoods team, we would like to wish everyone in the community a very merry Christmas, and a happy New Year!



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