

Neighbourhood Wardens & Park Rangers Direct Services

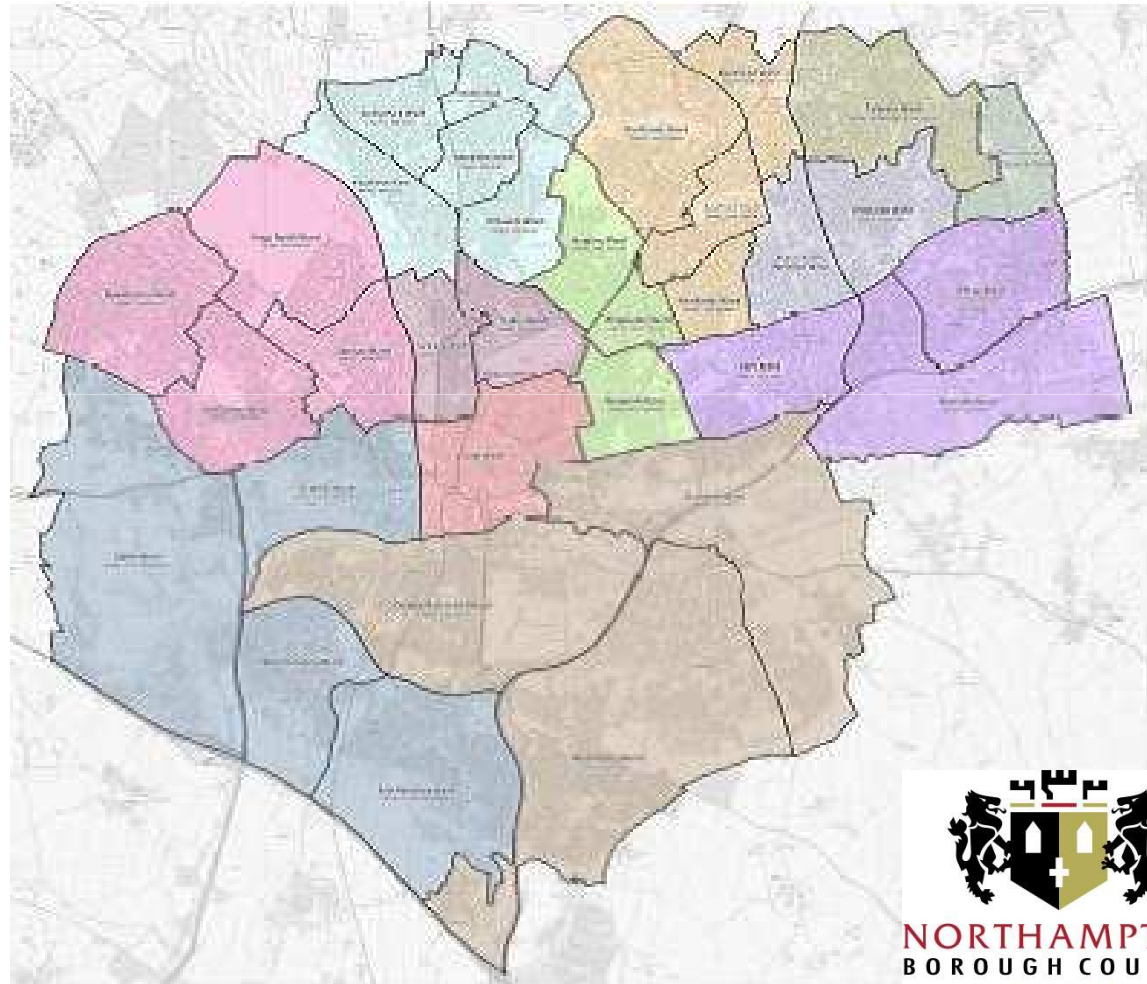
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The Neighbourhood Wardens



There are 14 Neighbourhood Wardens who carry out regular foot patrols around their designated Wards for at least 80% of their working day. Their duties also include out of hours working in the evenings and at weekends.



The Neighbourhood Warden is required to undergo training in order to become an “Accredited Person” for the purposes of the Police Reform Act 2002.

An enhanced security/DBS check is undertaken, through the Police, for this purpose. A high standard of personal honesty and integrity is required of The Wardens in order to maintain the status as an Accredited Person.

When they pass the security checks they are given a card that outlines the powers conferred on them.

DBS – Disclosure & Barring Service, previously the CRB Check



ACCREDITED PERSON

This document outlines the powers conferred on KEVIN SKERRY, as an Accredited Person (AP), by Northamptonshire Police, in the relevant police area until the expiry date of 06/03/18.

Powers exercisable by APs under Schedule 5 of Police Reform Act 2002.

Powers for:

- Issue of Fixed Penalty Notices in respect of littering and dog fouling
- Confiscation of alcohol in designated public places
- Surrender of alcohol from young persons
- Confiscation of tobacco from young persons
- Removal of abandoned vehicles
- Issue of Fixed Penalty Notices for riding a bicycle on a footpath
- To allow cyclists to issue a notice
- Issue Fixed Penalty Notices in respect of offences under dog control orders
- Issue Fixed Penalty Notices for fly-tipping and graffiti
- Control traffic for purposes other than escorting a load of exceptional dimensions

Power to require name and address

APs may require a persons name and address in the following circumstances:-

- Fixed Penalty Notices as above mentioned
- When surrender of alcohol from a person aged under 18
- Offences involving injury/damage to any other persons
- Offences involving loss of/damage to any other persons property
- Reasonable belief a person is acting in an anti-social manner
- Begging
- Road traffic and control of traffic offences

Offences against Accredited Persons

It is an offence to:

- Assault an Accredited Person, or a person assisting an Accredited Person, in the execution of their duty
- Resist or willfully obstruct an Accredited Person, or a person assisting an Accredited Person, in the execution of their duty
- Impersonate an Accredited Person

The Chief Constable of Northamptonshire Police accepts the following uniform for APs employed by Northampton Borough Council.

- Neighbourhood Wardens will wear
 - Black work wear trousers
 - Dark Grey polo shirt
 - Light Grey sweatshirt
 - High visibility coat or vest marked "Environmental Wardens"

Parking Attendants will wear:

- Black Trousers or skirt
- White shirt
- Maroon tie or cravat
- Black hat or bowler with maroon band and cap badge
- High visibility coat or vest

All outer uniform must display markings indicating the employing authority, Northampton Borough Council, and identification of the individual. The Community Safety Scheme Accredited Home Office badge and the In partnership with Northamptonshire Police badge must be placed in the chest area of the uniform. The conferred powers shall only be exercisable when the Community Safety Scheme Accredited badge is worn.

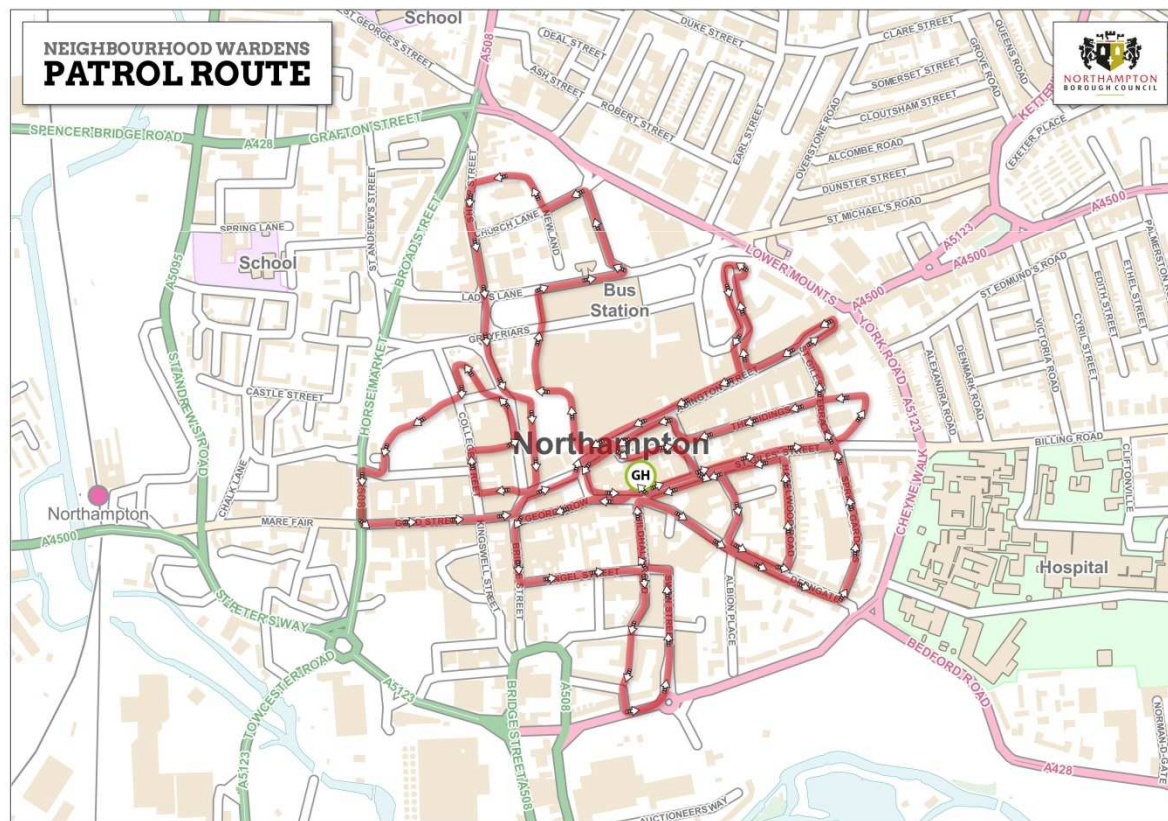
Adrian Lee

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Chief Constable, Northamptonshire Police



The Wardens provide a uniformed, high profile presence, by patrolling their Wards and acting as a point of contact for local businesses, local residents and the wider community.

The Town Centre now has a designated route, which is patrolled twice a day by a Neighbourhood Warden



The Neighbourhood Wardens acts as an ambassador for the local area.

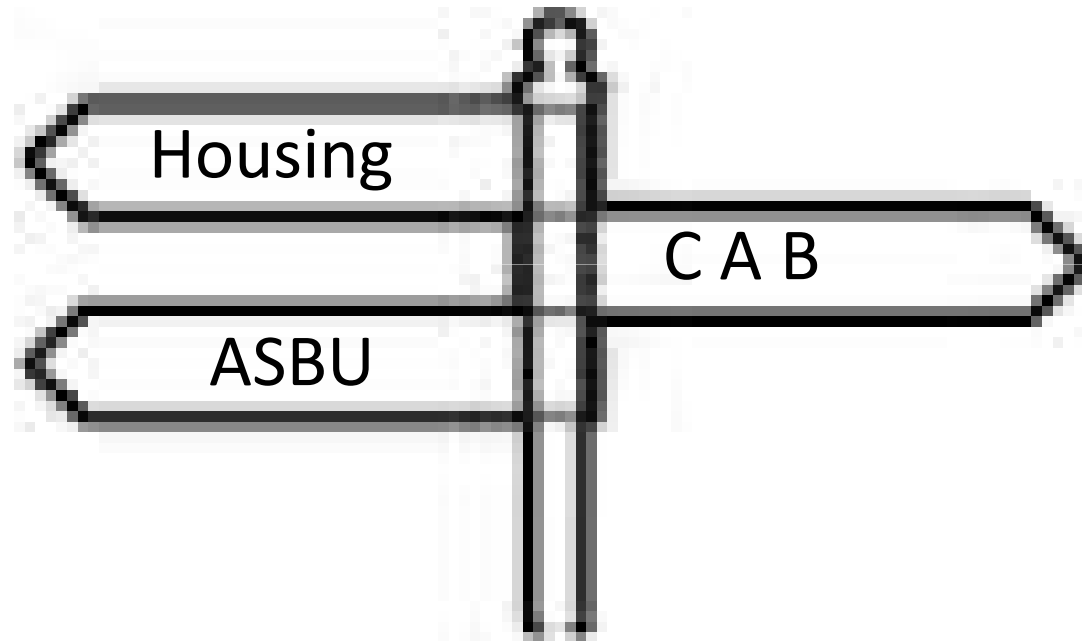
They are dedicated to improving the quality of life of communities by forging community links and getting the community involved in being responsible for the environment that they live in.

They encourage the community to participate in litter picking events, reporting fly-tipping, abandoned vehicles and anti-social behaviour.

The Neighbourhood Wardens will also assist volunteers or even carry out their own minor maintenance work within the community they serve. This can have an immediate impact on the aesthetics in which the residents live.



They provide advice and support to local residents and where necessary direct them to other public bodies or agencies that may be able to assist.



The Wardens will arrange for the Probation Services - Community Payback Teams, to work with them on areas that need tidying up, such as hedge cutting, litter picking and painting, etc.



The Wardens educate communities on environmental issues and explain the impact on others if waste isn't disposed of correctly, such as waste out early, side waste, littering and fly-tipping.



The Wardens liaise with local schools to educate and raise awareness about environmental issues. They also promote the Junior Wardens Scheme, which is very popular with the children.



The Wardens deal with enquiries/complaints/correspondence from members of the public, assessing the nature and priority of the query and initiating any remedial action. This can involve liaison with the Police, other agencies and our own internal services to inform of, or investigate, offences.

They will also take enforcement action under the appropriate legislation, including the issuing of Section 46 notices and fixed penalty notices in respect of incidents of environmental defacement including dropping of litter, failing to pick up after their dog and fly-tipping/side waste.



The Neighbourhood Wardens will arrange for the removal of untaxed or uninsured cars off the Highway or Housing land working in partnership with ELVIS (End of Life Vehicle Impound Scheme).

ELVIS is a countywide joint operation with Northamptonshire's Arson Task Force, Northamptonshire Police, County Council and the seven District & Boroughs Councils.



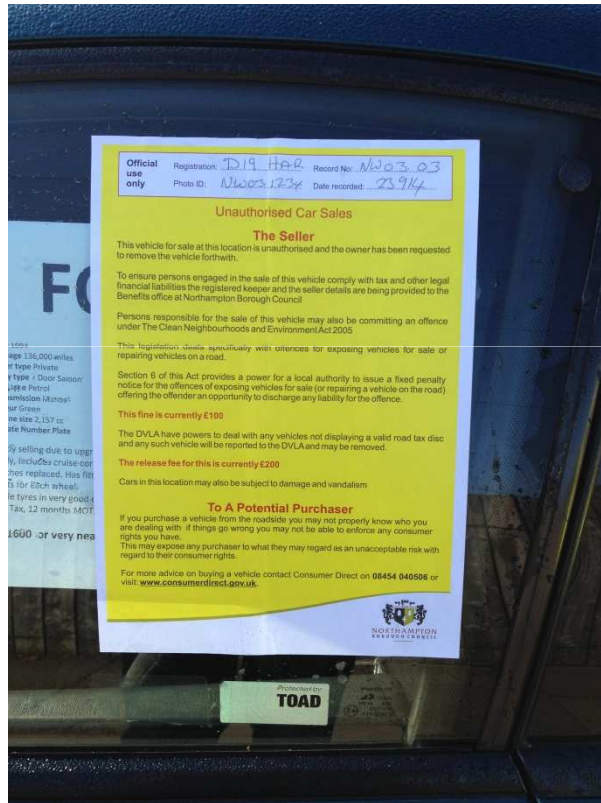
How do you report an abandoned vehicle?

Email elvis.recovery@northants.police.uk

Call 08456 121 999



Cars that are being sold commercially on the highway and not from a car forecourt, will also be ticketed advising the seller that the vehicle should not be advertised on the highway.



In the Town Centre they will attempt to move-on rough sleepers. The Wardens will also try to move on drinkers acting in an antisocial manner.



The Park Rangers



There are five Park Rangers: Two are full time and three are part-time.

The Park Ranger is an “Accredited Person” and has the same powers and responsibilities as the Neighbourhood Wardens, but they concentrate most of their time in the Premiere Parks and other large open spaces as required.

They provide a uniformed high profile presence in the Parks by patrolling them on foot or in the Warden & Ranger Vehicle. They also act as point of contact in the Parks.

They will also participate in fetes organised by the “Friends Of” groups, etc.



The Park Rangers take a proactive approach to improving the parks. They get involved in dog fouling campaigns, Community Payback works and other Park maintenance.



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Thank you