

POLICE REPORT for WARD PANEL MEETING 30/09/2026

Northwood SNT Quarterly Update

The last three months have been a busy period for Northwood SNT. The team, consisting of Sgt Blackburn, PC Riaz, PC Hamilton, PCSO Humphries and PCSO Usher, has continued to tackle crime, support victims and provide reassurance across the ward.

♦ Tackling Shoplifting and Protecting Local Businesses

Northwood SNT has been working hard to tackle a recent rise in shoplifting across the ward, particularly at Waitrose and other local stores. Through CCTV enquiries, facial recognition technology and good local policing, officers identified a group linked to a number of thefts and robberies where violence had been used.

The team identified Chirag Patel, Jaison Harden and another prolific offender responsible for targeting Northwood businesses. While Chirag Patel remains wanted for theft offences, positive action has already been taken against a number of offenders.

Antonine Ettienne was arrested and charged for theft offences and breaching a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO), while Charanpreet Virdi was arrested for three shoplifting offences at Tesco and breaching his CBO.

Results: ☒ 7 shoplifting suspects identified

☒ 4 arrests made

☒ 3 suspects outstanding

☒ Offenders charged for theft, robbery and CBO breaches

By working closely with local retailers and gathering key intelligence, Northwood SNT has disrupted prolific offenders, protected local businesses and made it clear that criminal activity will not be tolerated in the ward.

♦ Neighbour Dispute Brought Under Control

Working alongside the council, Northwood SNT stepped in to resolve a neighbour dispute that had been causing ongoing issues within the community. Following intervention from officers and a verbal warning being issued, reports relating to the matter have significantly reduced, improving the quality of life for local residents.

♦ Supporting the Jewish Community

During the High Holy Days, Northwood SNT carried out extra patrols around the synagogue and attended a number of community events to provide reassurance and support. It has been a privilege for the team to be involved in such an important time for the local Jewish community, helping to build trust, confidence and stronger relationships while sharing in the celebrations.

During these patrols, officers became aware of stickers placed on the Ark building that had caused concern. Following CCTV enquiries and local investigations, officers identified a suspect who has now been circulated for a criminal damage offence.

Through a visible presence and regular engagement, Northwood SNT has continued to strengthen community ties and ensure residents felt safe and supported throughout the festive period.

♦ Working Together with Local Businesses

The team also attended the Business Watch meeting at the Three Wishes Public House, bringing local businesses together to discuss emerging issues, share information and strengthen partnerships. These meetings play an important role in helping businesses and police work side by side to keep Northwood a safe and welcoming place to live, work and visit.

🌀 Overall, it has been another busy few months for Northwood SNT, delivering results against offenders, supporting local communities, and working with partners to make Northwood an even safer place for everyone.