



HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about rising and repetitive house and vehicle crime in Brixworth. I completely understand how concerned the community is about this.

As you may be aware the responsibility for determining the deployment of resources to manage and respond to crimes and local community priorities rests with Chief Constables, Police and Crime Commissioners, operational leaders and local representatives.

The Government understands that police demand is changing and becoming increasingly complex and the Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Service spoke to every force in the country before reaching a comprehensive funding settlement. This settlement includes an increase in total investment in the police system by over £460 million in 2018/19 and includes £280 million from increases in Council Tax precept income. I understand that PCCs are using this precept flexibility and have presented plans to protect or improve frontline policing. In Northamptonshire the precept was raised this year to give the Chief Constable £8 million to invest in priority areas, which included funding 50 additional frontline staff to provide a direct service to the public.

Last week I contacted the Northamptonshire Police regarding Brixworth in particular. I have been informed that they are very aware of the recent incidents and whilst they do not yet have specific intelligence to indicate who the offenders may be, on the 8th November a local male was arrested in relation to local rural crime. I have also been informed that Local Officers are engaged in specific operations to tackle this issue, which sadly is not confined only to Brixworth.

The Police are actively ensuring that additional local messaging is circulated, advising the community to be extra vigilant and to contact the Northamptonshire Police with any information.



I have also written to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northampton and I will publish any response I receive on social media.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me and please know that I will follow this with close interest.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR DAVENTRY