

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF...

DANNY SMITH, POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

Danny Smith (20) is from Clay Cross but can be seen patrolling the streets of Denby Village, Denby, Kilburn, Horsley Woodhouse, Horsley, Smalley, Holbrook and Coxbench. His role is to provide a high visibility police presence within the communities in which he serves and to deal with low level crimes such as nuisance behaviour, criminal damage, graffiti etc.

Danny's childhood dream was to join the Police Force and following a two year full time college course, Danny achieved a National Diploma in Public Services. This course was pivotal to Danny's role as it taught him many aspects of policing, which helped him to gain his position within the Force twelve months ago.

Danny, a Tottenham Hotspur supporter has been instrumental in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Kilburn and is looking to set up similar schemes in other areas on his patrol.

Danny explains "No two days are the same in this role, which is what makes it so interesting. I get great job satisfaction from meeting members of the community and helping to sort out any crime-related problems".

The basic structure to Danny's working day remains the same; at the start of his shift he is briefed on any incidents that have occurred – he will then visit the victims of an incident to offer support and advice. If no incidents have taken place Danny starts to patrol the area on foot, talking to members of the public.



Don't be surprised if you see him kicking a football around with the local children as building a trusting rapport with all members of the community is vitally important to the success of his role. Danny is heavily involved in community events, Parish Council meetings and Neighbourhood Watch meetings. He has set up youth groups, crime prevention schemes and is totally focused on dealing with the needs of the community.

Danny can pride himself on the fact that crime in Kilburn has reduced substantially as a result of his community presence.

One of Danny's relatives is a retired Chief Superintendent in The Derbyshire Constabulary – this has inspired him to progress within the Force. Danny's ideal car is a Bugatti Veyron – priced at approximately \$1 million he is an ambitious young man indeed!

Danny is a friendly and approachable character so if you see him when you're out and about, go and have a chat with him and let him know if there are any issues concerning you.

Danny Smith can be contacted on 07870 390155

Danny will be regularly contributing to All Things Local. He will advise on methods of crime prevention and provide information on how you can help to reduce crime within your community.



BUGATTI VEYRON.....DANNY'S IDEAL CAR