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Police target kerb crawlers

Police have checked the details of more than 1,500 vehicles during the past six months as part of a crackdown on kerb crawling in Northampton.



Police say letters to offenders are effective at reducing kerb crawling

They have sent 81 warning letters to the owners of cars suspected of being used in solicitation of prostitutes - in addition to those they have dealt with through the courts.

Sergeant Mark McDonnell, Manager of the CASPAR Project in the town, said several people had received letters addressed to someone else at their workplace after "cruising" in company cars.

He said: "People need to know that if a car is seen in this area in suspicious circumstances, the owner will receive a letter - and that could put the driver in a very uncomfortable position."

Under Operation Uncanny, a team of officers observe and run full checks on cars which are seen circling the area a number of times.

Police hope that all officers who work in the Spring Boroughs and Semilong area of the town will be trained so that checks can be carried out daily.

Officers said one-third of the cars visiting those areas during the operation came from outside the county, and another third came from locations outside Northampton.

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