

This is a Community information message from Northamptonshire West Police.

Police in Northamptonshire, in partnership with Crimestoppers, are undertaking a drugs campaign, which got underway this week.

Crimestoppers is an independent charity that takes in information on an anonymous basis from those unwilling to speak to police officers and staff directly.

The campaign will run for several weeks, encouraging members of the public to provide information about suspected drug dealers. Crimestoppers literature is also being distributed across the county.

In dealing with suppliers and users, it is equally important that the long-term problem is dealt with and to offer them the treatment to deal with the associated issues.

The vicious circle of committing crime to fund a drug habit also needs to be broken.

This year, to the end of August, more than £11 million worth of drugs has been recovered nationwide as a result of information given to Crimestoppers and since starting 20 years ago, drugs with a street value of £159.2 million have been recovered.

Police will be promoting the new textline that enables people to send information to the police, simply by texting Drugs (space) and your message to 88010.

Anyone with information on suspected suppliers and users of drugs can text the Police on the dedicated number above or Crimestoppers and the Police Switchboard, using the numbers below, quoting ref WB/CM/086.

Call the Northamptonshire Police switchboard on 08453 700700 or dial 999 in an emergency. Alternatively you can call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.