



Welcome to your Lutterworth and Broughton Astley police e-newsletter. Here you will find the latest news and crime prevention advice to help keep yourself safe.

## National Neighbourhood Policing Week

Monday 17 January 2022 through until Sunday 23 January 2022 was National Neighbourhood Policing Week and we joined with other forces up and down the country to highlight the work of neighbourhood officers.

The week threw a spotlight on the police service across the UK and the work neighbourhood officers carry out every single day to prevent crime and keep our communities safe. Neighbourhood teams work with councils, schools, charities and numerous other organisations to prevent harm, while responding to incidents as and when they happen.

A number of initiatives were highlighted across the Lutterworth and Broughton Astley area during the week including school patrols, partner meetings, anti-social behaviour patrols, neighbourhood active campaigns and speed checks.

If you wish to speak in person with your local neighbourhood officers you can do so at any of our beat surgeries. The dates for these can be found on the Leicestershire Police website by searching 'What's happening in your area' and they are also detailed at the bottom of this newsletter.



## Beat Surgeries

### February Beat Surgeries – Lutterworth

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 11.00 am – 12.00pm Wycliffe Rooms, Lutterworth

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 6.00pm – 7.00pm Waitrose, Lutterworth

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 11.00am – 12.00pm Morrisons, Lutterworth

### February Beat Surgery – Broughton Astley

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2.00pm – 3.00pm Peatling Parva Village Hall, Peatling Parva

## Neighbourhood priorities – anti-social behaviour

### Lutterworth Town Football Club

Sadly on Friday 31 December 2021 a substantial amount of damage was caused to Lutterworth Town Football Club.

Local residents alerted the police to the noise coming from the location and officers attended. On close inspection a number of seats in the stand had been destroyed.

As part of Neighbourhood Policing Week, Rupert Matthews, Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland visited Lutterworth Town Football Club along with Sergeant Iain Wakelam. Officers are actively patrolling the area and also surrounding areas where anti-social behaviour has been reported and we continue to task this as one of our



Should you witness or be the victim of anti-social behaviour please report it to us immediately by calling 101 or by using our online reporting facility at <https://www.leics.police.uk/>

## Neighbourhood priorities – vehicle crime

In recent weeks we have received reports of a number vehicle and residential break-ins within the Frolesworth Road area of Ullesthorpe.

The vehicle breaks involved theft of tools so please ensure that valuables of any nature are not left in the vehicle. For those using expensive tools for work purposes these form an integral part of your livelihood and therefore should be protected wherever possible.

Some key points to protecting your valuables are as follows:

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| Lock van and close windows                | Park your van in a bright, well-lit area     |
| Remove tools overnight                    | Keep receipts and an inventory of your tools |
| Mark tools with a UV pen/forensic marking | Consider fitting advanced locks              |

If you see any suspicious behaviour in the area, no matter how minor it may seem, please report it via 101 or online at [leics.police.uk](https://www.leics.police.uk/).

## Hate crime competition

The week commencing Thursday 11 October 2021 was Hate Crime Awareness Week. We held a competition 'Say No To Hate Crime' amongst the schools covering Harborough and Wigston. After some amazing entries, we are pleased to announce that Bethany B, Indy G and Eve A from Thomas Estley Community College in Broughton Astley have won out of five winners. Inspector Jim Purdie attended the school to present the award to the students and even got in the photos!

Well done to all involved in the competition and of course, to the winners!



## Crime-busting initiative expanded in Lutterworth

A successful crime-busting initiative, which invites residents to improve safety and security at their homes, is being expanded in Lutterworth.

Last year, the 'Safer Streets' scheme was launched in Lutterworth with more than 250 homes in the town centre taking advantage of a free security assessment, professional security advice and free security upgrades.

Now, the scheme is being widened to cover more of Lutterworth, with letters being sent out to residents this January asking if they would like to benefit.

The Home Office funded scheme is run by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner in partnership with local authorities, including Harborough District Council, and 24-7 Locks Ltd.

Work is also ongoing to install five new CCTV cameras in Lutterworth over the coming months.

Cllr Simon Whelband, Harborough District Council's Cabinet Lead for Community Safety, said: "We've had a really positive response to this scheme already, so it is great that it is being expanded to cover more homes in Lutterworth. It is completely free, and improving security at your home means you're less likely to become a victim of burglary, so I strongly urge people to take advantage of this opportunity while they can."



## Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 is Safer Internet Day, a day to raise awareness about the safety aspects of using the internet.

Over the last two years, throughout the Covid 19 Pandemic, we have all had to rely on the internet to complete shopping, school, work, entertainment and to build relationships with real people. Our reliance on the internet has enabled us to carry on with these activities but not without concerns about scams, fraud and inappropriate relationships in a virtual world. So, this year's theme is 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'.

From gaming and chat, to streaming and video, young people are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of. Safer Internet Day 2022 celebrates young people's role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers.

Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, more details about Safer Internet Day can be found at <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022>

If you are concerned about your own safety whilst using the internet you can find out information at [Dos and Don'ts | Staying safe from cyber-crime and scams | Harborough District Council](#)