



## Latest news updates

It was a busy start to 2021 with an unusually high number of vehicle related incidents occurring in Broughton Astley, Lutterworth and the surrounding villages. As well as vehicles being stolen, there were a number of thefts of registration plates and catalytic converters. Thieves simply cut the catalytic converter from the exhaust pipe of a parked car and sell them on to scrap metal dealers.

We are doing all we can to find those responsible for these offences and have increased visibility through additional patrols. You can help us by reporting any suspicious behaviour. Please be assured that we will take your call seriously and what you see may be invaluable and help us prevent and detect crime.

We are advising drivers to follow the following crime prevention advice to help protect their vehicles from theft of catalytic converter.

- Keep your vehicle parked in a garage if possible.
- Park close to fences, walls or a kerb with the exhaust being closest to these.
- Consider CCTV/ PIR security systems or lighting where you park your vehicle.
- If your catalytic converter is bolted on, consider having the bolts welded.
- Fit protective coverings on catalytic converters, such as the Toyota CATLOC.
- Have your catalytic converter etched or forensically marked and put stickers in the
- windscreen to say this has been done.
- Car parks with a Secured Car Park sign have recognised levels of security.
- Noisy gravel on your drive can help deter a would-be thief.

**For more crime prevention advice, please visit the website at [www.leics.police.uk](http://www.leics.police.uk)**

Throughout January, officers have recovered several vehicles in Lutterworth and Broughton Astley for not having insurance, tax or a valid MOT. We have also recovered vehicles that were on cloned plates.



### Beat Surgeries

In line with government advice around Covid-19, we have postponed our community consultations and beat meetings. Our officers will continue to be active in your community. We will re-arrange events as soon as we can. Remember you can always report crime :

online via [www.leics.police.uk/report-online](http://www.leics.police.uk/report-online)

Calling 101

### Neighbourhood Link

A great way of keeping in touch with us is through Neighbourhood Link where you will receive updates from the Lutterworth and Broughton Astley Beat Team. For more information or to sign up, please visit [www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk).

## Speed Camera Vans

To help with our beat priorities, we are supported by the Road Safety Partnership. The Road Safety Partnership give local teams a summary of their activities. The sites visited in December were as following and including offences reported:

- A4304 High Street, Husbands Bosworth :Total Offences: 0
- A4304 Kilworth Road, Husbands Bosworth : Total Offences: 0
- A4304 Lubbenham Hill, Market Harborough: Total Offences: 7
- A4304 Lubenham Village (2 visits) : 24
- B581 Broughton Way, Broughton Astley : Total Offences: 7
- B581 Station Road, Broughton Astley : Total Offences: 10



You can report speeding concerns on the Road Safety Partnerships website: <https://www.speedersafety.com/>

Lutterworth officers were called to investigate a burglary and the theft of a car. Due to the beat team’s excellent community relations, we were able to be in the right place at the right time.

Unfortunately, the suspect didn’t want to stop for police. He rammed into the police vehicle. Fortunately no one was hurt.

He was caught a short time later and arrested. During the investigation, the male was charged with driving whilst disqualified, driving over the limit and a taking without consent (TWOC) offence. The male has faced the courts and has been remanded into custody.



Picture; the abandoned and damaged vehicle after ramming a marked police car.

In December 2020, PCSO 6569 Peter Wilson retired having worked for 24 years since 1996. He started his career working as a traffic warden and then went on to be a Police Community Support Officer. His contribution and dedication will always be a prime example for others and we will miss him.

