



## Latest news updates

The freezing and snowy weather in February provided us with some interesting challenges. Blocked roads and dangerous driving conditions resulted in an increased number of road traffic collisions to deal with. It did not deter us from doing speed checks around Lutterworth, Broughton Astley and the surrounding villages. In response to concerns from local villagers about speeding and vehicles exceeding the weight limit, we carried out speed checks in Claybrooke Magna and Claybrooke Parva. We will be dropping in regularly to do random checks.

We also recorded vehicles doing over 35mph on Frolesworth Road in Broughton Astley and whilst we only recorded one exceeding the speed limit in Ashby Parva, we did notice a few drivers rapidly reducing their speed when they saw us! We will be back at all times of the day so please cut your speed and adhere to the limits. We want our towns and villages to be safe environments for all road users.

We have been doing foot patrols in and around anti-social behaviour hotspots in Lutterworth and Broughton Astley where we have received complaints. Our officers have also been out doing rural patrols in the villages and quieter areas of the beats to deter crime. We are still stopping a significant number of vehicles because they have no MOT, no road tax, are uninsured or not road worthy. In the first 7 days of February we stopped/seized 6 vehicles just in this area of the county. Some of the people we stop are second and third time offenders for the same crime. We recovered an uninsured vehicle in Lutterworth after the disqualified driver abandoned it. He had already been stopped twice in January for driving whilst disqualified!

In collaboration with our Northamptonshire colleagues, we recovered a stolen caravan from their patch which was found near to Shawell.

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## Dog theft

We are aware of a number of incidents in recent weeks, across Leicestershire, where dogs have been stolen – or attempts have been made to take a dog from its owner.

We understand the concern that these incidents cause in our neighbourhoods and ask that people remain vigilant and work with us to identify those responsible.

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- Keep an ID tag on your dog at all times
- Make sure your dog is micro-chipped and their details are updated so that they can be returned if they are stolen and subsequently found. Ask your vet to check your dog's microchip every year to ensure your details are accurate and up-to-date.
- Keep all documentation relating to your dog (s) in a safe place. Take lots of photographs of your dog from different angles, paying particular attention to any distinguishing markings on your dog. This is to prove ownership if it's stolen,
- Never leave your dog in the garden unattended and make sure fences and gates are secure and in good repair
- Avoid leaving dogs in an outside kennel if possible. If not possible then make sure the kennels are alarmed.
- Never leave a dog tied-up and unattended such as outside a shop and avoid leaving your dog unattended in a car.
- When out, always know where your dog is. Remain vigilant and be mindful of anyone who may be trying to distract your attention from your dog or to attract your dog's attention away from you.

See website <https://www.bluecross.org.uk/pet-advice/protect-your-dog-against-theft> for more advice.

Please remain vigilant and please continue to report any incidents to us as well as anyone you see acting in an unusual manner. We will continue to act on this information received. Please also inform us of any adverts you see regarding dogs for sale where information is limited.

## Catalytic thefts on the rise

The process of stealing a catalytic converter can be carried out in as little as 60 seconds with high power tools. Whilst all vehicles are targeted, Honda Jazz and all types of Toyota seem to be popular. If you own any of those vehicles, try to park in a garage where possible or ask a local garage to install a cage around the catalytic convertor.

This won't stop the theft but will make it harder for the criminal to remove which could deter them. Another option is to consider fitting a digital tilt & shock sensor/alarm. The tilt sensor detects when the vehicle is being raised to remove the wheels or tow the vehicle and shock sensor detects the knock on the parked vehicle.

## Sign up to Neighbourhood Link

A great way of keeping in touch with us is through Neighbourhood Link where you will receive updates from the Market Harborough Beat Teams.

For more information or to sign up, please visit

[www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk).