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Lutterworth and Broughton Astley

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Latest news updates

Vehicle crime and burglaries kept us busy throughout October, we dealt with numerous stolen vehicles and a number of incidents where fuel has been stolen or removed from vehicles. These incidents have affected cars as well as commercial vans and lorries when they have been parked up in laybys.

Over the past month we have seen an increase in burglaries across Lutterworth, Broughton Astley and the surrounding villages. With the clocks going back and the nights drawing in earlier, it's not uncommon to see a rise in burglaries at this time of year. However, there are a few simple things you can do to help keep your home safe:

- Make sure you leave your home looking occupied by using timer switches on lights and lamps
- Keep doors and windows locked at all times and don't leave keys cash or valuables on show
- If you're going away, ask a neighbour or friend to open and close your curtains and pick up any post
- If you have a house alarm, make sure you set it before leaving the house
- Check security lighting is in full working order



Beat surgeries

Due to the latest lockdown measures November's beat surgeries have been cancelled but PCSO Laura Bolton will be at the following locations throughout December, please come and say hello.

- Saturday 5th December, 11am-12pm, Walton Village Hall
- Monday 7th December, 7-8pm at Broughton Astley Parish Council Offices
- Tuesday 15th December. 7-8pm, Frolesworth Village Hall
- Wednesday 16th December, 7-8pm Peatling Parva Village Hall

PCSO Jay Bellamy will be running the following beat surgery:

- Saturday 12th December at Wycliffe Rooms, George St, Lutterworth

Local policing priorities

Each month we have been keeping you updated on what we're doing about the issues you have told us are a priority for you in the Lutterworth and Broughton Astley areas. These are:

- Speeding
- Vehicle crime
- Anti-social behaviour

In response to your concerns, we have been doing the following:

Speeding:

Throughout October we have carried out a number of speeding operations in Dunton Bassett, Broughton Astley and Lutterworth and tickets were issued to those drivers caught speeding. We will continue to carry out these speeding operations across the towns and villages in the area.

We have also recently carried out a Fatal 4 Operation, this is where we target drivers who are committing driving offences such as using a mobile phone behind the wheel, not wearing a seatbelt, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and speeding.

Did you know driving without a seatbelt can result in a £100 fine? And texting or using your phone while driving can attract a £200 fine and six penalty points. You could also lose your licence if you passed your test in the last two years.

We have dealt with a number of road traffic collision over the past month. The autumn weather can often lead to wet and slippery roads, please take care of the roads and reduce your speed. We all have a part to play in making our roads safer.

Vehicle Crime:

In October, we carried out lots of proactive work to help keep the roads safe. We seized the vehicles of uninsured drivers on Leicester Road, Rugby Road and Central Avenue in Lutterworth, and Frolesworth. We also stopped a number of unsafe vehicles which were found not to be roadworthy and prevented two uninsured drivers, one of which was driving while disqualified, continuing on their journey. An MOT test ensures that your vehicles meets road safety and environmental standards, please make sure your MOT certificate is up to date.

Anti-social behaviour:

We have received reports of drug taking in Devitt Way, Broughton Astley and Leire Recreation Ground. We have been told young adults have been seen hanging around in cars, smoking cannabis, being rowdy and behaving in an intimidating manner. We have also been made aware of issues in Frolesworth Road where youths have been seen fighting.

To combat these issues, we will continue to patrol these areas and action will be taken against offenders. Being in possession of cannabis and driving while under the influence of drugs are both criminal offences. We want to make sure that our public spaces are safe for everyone. If you do witness any anti-social behaviour, please do call us on 101 or speak to a member of our beat team. In addition to this, some of our partner agencies are going to help tackle the issues by speaking with youths to try and reduce the number of incidents.

Arson Alert in the Welland Valley

Our colleagues on the North Harborough beat have been dealing with a spree of arson attacks where hay-stacks are being targeted and set alight. The incidents have mainly occurred in the Welland Valley area of Market Harborough but there have also been similar instances over the border in Northamptonshire.

There is no indication that these incidents will take place in Lutterworth but we're still encouraging people to be extra vigilant. If you see anything suspicious or notice any unexpected vehicles parked in entrances to fields, please call us on 101.

