



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

Hundreds sign up for free security in Lutterworth

More than 200 residents in Lutterworth have already taken advantage of a new safety project delivering free home security improvements to protect their homes.

The scheme, being led by Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Police and Crime Commissioner Rupert Matthews as part of the Safer Streets project, has received huge support from residents since launching in August.

Security partners 24-7 Locks Ltd have already completed 160 upgrades and are urging further eligible residents to contact them as soon as possible to avoid disappointment as the scheme is only available for a limited period.

Mr Matthews, working in partnership with officers from the local authorities, secured funding worth £432k from the Home Office's Safer Streets Fund to increase safety in the town centres of Castle Donington, Hinckley, Lutterworth and Melton Mowbray - areas identified as having a disproportionately higher risk of street crime.



He is now working with a team of partners including Harborough District Council, Leicestershire Police, North West Leicestershire District Council, Melton Borough Council and Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council to boost security in key areas to reduce the fear of crime.

The project is offering up to 460 eligible households in Lutterworth a free security assessment to determine their risk. Those deemed to be vulnerable could receive measures such as high security door locks, window locks, door alarms and window alert alarms.

Mr Matthews said: "We are really pleased at the response to this project so far. Residents have been positive and appreciative of the Safer Streets scheme and have welcomed the opportunity to boost their home security and reduce their risk of being targeted.

"Feeling safe and confident in our homes is vital for mental wellbeing and it is rewarding for all partners to be taking this positive action to reassure our communities. We will soon be moving on to the second phase of project and I urge anyone who has been told they might be eligible for free security improvements in Lutterworth to get in touch before it is too late."

Cllr Simon Whelband, Harborough District Council's Cabinet Member for Communities, Wellbeing and Housing, added: "It is great to see people already taking advantage of this opportunity to make their homes more secure. This funding is directly improving the wellbeing and safety of residents in Lutterworth town centre and I hope more people come forward to benefit."

Overall, Safer Streets will offer up to 1,104 households free security upgrades worth a total of £186k across the four towns while funding will also be dedicated to removing graffiti in Hinckley and increasing engagement with residents.

Communities will benefit from the installation of new police automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras and additional CCTV as well as enhanced street lighting in two key streets, and additional radios to expand the radio link scheme in the Melton and Hinckley areas.

Neighbourhood Active in Lutterworth

Neighbourhood Active is a new initiative whereby local communities work in partnership with the local police to increase community cohesion and empowerment. Working with the police, vetted members of the community take part in engagement walks, (otherwise known as a 'patrol') with other team members to consult and engage with the local community.

Neighbourhood Active volunteers will patrol identified areas providing visible reassurance, and assist with targeted engagement. Volunteers will be Neighbourhood Active recruited, and will be local people of all ages and backgrounds who have the best possible chance to engage with and tackle issues for the whole community.

Neighbourhood Active volunteers will:

- Be supported by local co-ordinators. The co-ordinator is the link between the members and the police
- Have an initial training package and ongoing training i.e. First Aid, County Lines, and receive ongoing training
- Be responsible and accountable for their actions. Their actions should be lawful, appropriate and justified
- Be an ordinary citizen who have no police powers
- Patrols are on foot or horse back. Members can be accompanied by their dogs
- Be aged 18+
- Be a volunteer within our Volunteers in Policing department and therefore supported via the ViP team and the Local Neighbourhood Sergeant.

Our Neighbourhood Active volunteers are now in place in Lutterworth however more volunteers are encouraged to join to help tackle issues across the Lutterworth Community. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sgt Pete Jelbert in the first instance on peter.jelbert@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

Neighbourhood Priorities—vehicle crime

There have been some further catalytic converter thefts within the area. The people targeting these vehicles are extremely efficient and will remove the parts from the vehicle within minutes.

This is also the case with number plate thefts. 'Cloned' plates cause multiple issues for those who are victims of this crime. Anti-theft screws are available to prevent this and if you haven't already done so you can pick these up at one of our up-coming beat surgeries.

If you see any suspicious activity happening concerning these thefts then please call 999 immediately.

Mobile Speed Camera Van Enforcement Summary – September 2021

Road	Area	Summary	
		Visits	Offences
A4304 High Street	Husbands Bosworth	1	8
A4304 Kilworth Road	Husbands Bosworth	2	2
A4304 Station Road	North Kilworth	1	5
B581 Broughton Way	Broughton Astley	2	5
B581 Station Road	Broughton Astley	1	6

Beat Surgeries

Friday 15th October 10am – 11am Location in Broughton Astley to be confirmed.

Friday 15th October 2pm – 3pm Waitrose, Lutterworth

If you haven't already done so you can sign up to Neighbourhood Link at [Neighbourhood Link](#)

Charity cycle events

Officers from Lutterworth were at Lutterworth Athletic FC on Thursday 9th September, 2021 to support the start of the G-Tour Charity Cycle Ride.

Riders completed varying distances of 25, 50 or 75 miles and fortunately the weather held steady.

Officers were there to promote the Bike Register Database. We signed up a number of users on the day and gave out lots of information promoting this free service.

This database allows users to add details of your bike to a national database which can be used in the event that your cycle is lost or stolen. It allows Police to use the system to search for any cycles that may be found or seized and reunite them with their owners.

Users can register at www.bikeregister.com

Crime & fire safety event

On Saturday 25th September 2021 Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service along with Leicestershire Police held a Crime & Fire Safety event at Lutterworth Fire Station.

Thanks to everyone who came down to see us and had their VRM plates secured with anti-theft screws.

We have a number of screw kits available and we will have these with us at our next beat surgeries so please visit us to pick up some up if you want to secure them on your vehicle.



Hate Crime Awareness Week 2021

Within the Harborough District, racial hate incidents are the highest reported type of hate incidents, often targeted towards Gypsy, Roma, Travellers (GRT).

There have also been incidences of prejudices against Asian ethnic minorities, and incidences of graffiti in support of far-right extremism. Harborough District Council is committed to reducing all incidences of hate, and raising awareness of how to report hate across the district, particularly during National Hate Crime Awareness Week (9th - 16th October 2021).

A hate incident is one if the victim or anyone else thinks that something said or done was motivated by hostility or prejudice based on one of the following five characteristics:

- disability
- race
- religion
- transgender identity
- sexual orientation.

This means that if you believe something is a hate incident, whether it's verbal abuse like name calling or offensive jokes, graffiti, online abuse or malicious complaints, it should be recorded as such by the person you are reporting it to. All police forces record hate incidents based on these five personal characteristics.

A Hate Crime, is where a criminal offence is committed and this was carried out because of hostility or prejudice based on one or more of the 5 characteristics above.

Hate Incidents and Hate Crimes should be reported to the Police through the [True Vision website](https://www.report-it.org.uk/home) at <https://www.report-it.org.uk/home> unless it is an emergency or a crime that is happening, in which case phone 999.

If you would like further information, please contact Community Safety on communitysafety@harborough.gov.uk.



There are lots of events to celebrate between now and Christmas so it can be a busy time of year. To make sure everyone can enjoy the celebrations safely while being considerate to others here is some advice;

Halloween/Trick or Treat

Only visit places you know won't mind a visit, respect the "No trick or treaters signs" and be considerate to others whilst wandering between properties.

Make sure young children are always accompanied by an adult.

If older children are going out unaccompanied make sure that they know to:

- ⇒ - Keep to well-lit areas, wear reflective clothing and carry a torch
- ⇒ - Use the green cross code when crossing the street
- ⇒ - Never talk to strangers who approach them

If you don't want trick and treaters at your door then contact Communitysafety@harborough.gov.uk for a poster or visit our website at www.harborough.gov.uk

Fireworks night.

Last year preventing the spread of Covid 19 ensured that public fire work events were cancelled, however this year we would always encourage you to attend one of these events over having your own display. This does reduce the disturbance for other people and animals and ensures there are less firework night incidents and accidents.

If you do intend on holding your own though, some considerations.

- ⇒ Talk to your neighbours and inform them so they have plenty of time to prepare for your evening. Only buy fireworks from a legitimate retailer.
- ⇒ Check the fireworks you buy are suitable for the size of garden and conform to British Standard (BS 7114).
- ⇒ Always store fireworks in a metal box, kept closed between use - never put fireworks in your pocket!
- ⇒ Never hold a lit firework and always wear gloves when holding a sparkler.

Remember it is illegal if you

- ⇒ possess a firework and you're under 18 years old.
- ⇒ set off fireworks after midnight on 5 November.
- ⇒ set off fireworks (including sparklers) in the street or public place.

Breaking these laws can result in an on the spot fine of £90.00