



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

## Neighbourhood Priorities – ASB

### ASB Broughton Astley

Signs have been placed and additional patrols added to ASB areas around Broughton Astley. These include the shops on Devitt Way and the Aldi Store on Buxton Crescent. If you experience ASB in these locations or any others within the area please report them to us either online or by calling 101.

### Closure Order Broughton Astley

As a result of a high number of Anti-Social Behaviour issues a closure order was placed on an address in Broughton Astley. Anti-Social Behaviour causes anxiety and distress throughout the community and this behaviour will not be tolerated. Closure Orders allow the courts to impose conditions on premises that have done or are likely to cause nuisance or disorder. Breach of a Closure Order is a criminal offence. This is significant progress in tackling a specific ASB issue and we rely on members of the public highlighting them to us so we can have the reports and evidence needed to be successful in requests such as closure orders.

### Neighbourhood Priorities – Vehicle Crime

There have been a number of reports in recent weeks concerning thefts of and from motor vehicles within the Lutterworth area.

Please be vigilant when arriving home – make sure your vehicle is fully locked and keys stored safely inside your property. Ensure that valuables are not left in the vehicle. This is very easy to do (especially at Christmas when you may be trying to keep presents away from prying eyes) however these items are easy pickings for thieves.

Finally, please report any suspicious behaviour so we can act on any potential criminality as soon as it happens.

If you are worried about these issues in your area please come and speak to us a Beat Surgery and we'd be happy to discuss these with you further.

## Beat Surgeries

### January Beat Surgeries – Lutterworth

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 11.00am – 12.00pm, Palmers Garden Centre, Ullesthorpe

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 11.00 – 12.00pm, Garden Barn, Cottesbach

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2.30pm – 3.30pm, Lutterworth Library, Lutterworth

### January Beat Surgery – Broughton Astley

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 4.00pm – 5.00pm Spar, Devitt Way Shops, Broughton Astley

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 11.00am – 12.00pm Leire Village Hall, Leire

## Vehicle keyless thefts

### Vehicle Keyless Thefts

Keyless theft, also known as 'relay theft' occurs when a device is used to fool the car into thinking the key is close by; this unlocks the car and allows the ignition to be started.

#### ***Is my car keyless entry?***

If you have to press a button on your car keys to enter your car and turn the ignition with your key, then you are not 'keyless'.

Keyless entry cars allow the driver to unlock and start the car with the key fob still in their pocket. Once in the car, the driver can press a button to start the engine.

Cars with a keyless entry system can be stolen using the 'relay' theft method.

#### ***How does a relay attack work?***

A relay attack usually involves two people working together. One stands by the targeted vehicle, while the other stands near the house with a device that can pick up a signal from the key fob. What's more, some devices can pick up a signal from over 100 meters away.

The device then relays the key fob's signal directly to the car, allowing the thieves to get in and drive away immediately.

#### ***How can I protect my vehicle?***

- Put your keys in a blocking pouch  
(these are being handed out for free during our Beat Surgeries)
- Turn off keyless entry on your fob
- Install steering wheel lock or alarm
- Consider outdoor motion detectors/CCTV
- Store keys away from entry points
- Position your car securely / in a garage / blocked in via a further vehicle

## Rural Crime Event

Are you a farmer, landowner or other business owner in the rural communities of Harborough District?

We are hosting our 4th annual rural crime event on the 7th February 2022 at Kilworth Springs Golf Course, between 6:30 – 8.30pm.

The Event chaired and hosted by the Harborough Community Safety Partnership brings together the local Council, Police, Fire service, NFU and Crimestoppers to both hear about your experiences of crime and to give you the latest updates on new initiatives to reduce crime in the rural community.

As with previous years there will also be a networking session whereby crime reduction agencies and businesses will be on hand to talk to you about security concerns or solutions such as Datatag, the Environmental Crime team, What3 words.

Booking is essential and if you would like to attend please contact us at [Communitysafety@harborough.gov.uk](mailto:Communitysafety@harborough.gov.uk) by 21st January 2022.