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Crime updates and prevention advice

In last month's newsletter we appealed to people to be kind and considerate to others and to think of their neighbours when outside enjoying themselves in their gardens with friends.

In spite of this, we are still receiving numerous complaints about anti-social behaviour (ASB). There have been reports of loud music being played in gardens, cannabis being smoked in gardens, rowdy and noisy behaviour as well as neighbour disputes. Local officers have been working with the different housing associations to deal with the issues and offenders have been sent warning letters. This is the first stage of the incremental process that agencies carry out to deal with the issue of problem occupants. Please be considerate to each other if you are outside in the garden during the hot weather, especially your neighbours who may have their windows and doors open. Be kind and be considerate with parking arrangements if friends are visiting you at home and try to avoid disputes. Please keep your house secure when you are outside in the garden enjoying the warm weather, we have experienced a number of burglaries in the area where ipads, laptops and phones have been stolen.

Vehicle crime is still prevalent. In June there were two vehicles stolen from outside homes, one of which was a keyless vehicle. Criminals use key fob skimming tools to copy or mimic your key fob's unique signal code remotely to gain access to your vehicle. Don't forget you can buy a Faraday pouch or a shielded wallet to store your key fob which blocks the signal. As well as car thefts, vans are still being broken into and tools stolen. Please try and remove your tool overnight if you don't have a garage.

We continue to stop lots of vehicles for not having the necessary insurance, road tax and MOT. We stopped one vehicle with drugs in it and one vehicle we seized had no MOT or tax and was owned by an individual who was due to be doing gardening services. Consequently, they were unable to fulfil the job, leaving trees that someone had paid for and were due to be planted wasting in the front garden. Make sure that you always use reputable tradesmen and never take on someone who casually knocks on your doorstep.

New inspector takes over

Inspector Jim Purdie has taken over the role of Neighbourhood Policing Area Commander for Harborough and Wigston which includes **Lutterworth and Broughton Astley**.

Insp. Purdie joined Leicestershire Police back in 2002 and has worked in a number of areas across the force including frontline response, armed policing, training, in the force's control room, custody and neighbourhood policing. His most recent role has been as a Tactical Dogs and Firearms Unit Commander.

He is now looking forward to bringing his experience to this new role and working within the local community to address the issues and concerns being raised.

New PCSO joins the team

We are also delighted to welcome PCSO Caroline Charlesworth (6147) who is new to Leicestershire Police, having worked in publishing for the last 30 years. Caroline joined the neighbourhood team on 11th June and is looking forward to the new challenge.



Celebrate Safely

The European football competition that is on at the moment has resulted in issues in some of the pubs in Broughton Astley. We have received reports of drunken behaviour and assaults on bar staff as well as other drinkers. Please behave and drink sensibly, the football tournament is supposed to be an opportunity for everyone to enjoy. Our officers are working with pub landlords to discuss how we can work better together, extra patrols have been put on during the competition.

Dogs in hot cars awareness

As the weather heats up and after a year of lockdowns and restrictions, it's inevitable that many of us will be wanting to explore the great outdoors and seeking the perfect staycations with our four-legged friends.

Dogs are not welcomed everywhere therefore it is important that dog owners carefully plan outings to safeguard their dogs' from heatstroke this summer.

Never leave your dog alone in a car on a warm day. If you see a dog in distress in a hot car, dial 999.

Many people still believe that it's ok to leave a dog in a car on a warm day if the windows are left open or they're parked in the shade, but the truth is, it's still a very dangerous situation for the dog. In June we broke into a vehicle to rescue a dog in distress.

We have also seen a lot of messages on social media about dogs in cars. A car can become as hot as an oven very quickly, even when it doesn't feel that warm. When it's 22 degrees, in a car it can reach an unbearable 47 degrees within an hour.



Speeding Offences – June 2021, Lutterworth & Broughton Astley Beats

B581 Broughton Way, Broughton Astley

Summary (1 visit) Total offences: 5: Total time 115 mins, average offences per hour– 2.6

B581 Station Road, Broughton Astley

Summary (1 visit) Total offences: 4: Total time 110 mins, average offences per hour– 2.2

A4304 Station Road, North Kilworth

Summary (2 visits) Total offences:4: Total time 223 mins, average offences per hour– 1.1

In June, we have carried out speed monitoring in Frolesworth Road and Cosby Road in Broughton Astley as well as on Coopers Lane in Dunton Bassett. There were a significant number of offenders. We will be continuing these sessions throughout July targeting hotspots around Lutterworth and the villages as well as in Broughton Astley.

Beat surgeries for July

We have set up the following beat surgeries for July. We are hoping to increase these, follow us on Facebook and Twitter @LPHarborough for additional surgeries:

Thursday 8th July 10.00-11.00pm– Lutterworth Wycliffe Rooms Café

Thursday 8th July 2pm –3pm, Cupa Lou's Coffee Shop, Broughton Astley