



Cops On Parks (COPS)

Over the past month the neighbourhood officers have been deployed in topical locations that we know have suffered anti-social behaviour historically and currently. Most of these deployments have been within Market Harborough and Kibworth and we have worked under the banner of 'Cops On Parks' (COPS).

The idea of this is that the event is advertised on social media prior to the event to allow those who are affected by the issues to attend and speak to both the Police and the Council who attend.

On the whole this has been well received and has provided an important link to the services that can look to fix and resolve the issues. It has also resulted in ASB in the locations being low and all concerned have taken the opportunity to speak to the youths and understand their view point, but also stress the biggest issues which is smashing of glass, litter and noise – which they understand.

Harborough District Council community safety partnership have also provided some funding to allow the Policing team to focus social media videos at target audiences to look to educate and reduce the problems.



Concerns over playing on railway lines

Last week we had a concerning report made to us where teenage girls had been witnessed on the railway line playing 'chicken' with the train. These trains are moving at great speed and roughly every 20 minutes.

The issue was highlighted on social media as it was felt this was our best response to address the issue. This was well received and resulted in some of the girls being identified and British Transport Police have ensured the girls have been visited and educated.

If you take one thing away from reading this newsletter, please speak to your children about the dangers of playing on a railway line and the very genuine threat to life.

Working at a police station with the mainline railway operating nearby we have all sadly seen deaths linked to trains—something we would not wish on anybody.



Summer holiday season

The summer holiday season is upon us and it's fair to say most of us are ready for a break! Here are a few basic safety tips to ensure you have a memorable holiday for the right reasons...

Before you go:

- Make sure your home is fully secure including any sheds, garages and outbuildings
- Don't forget to turn off dangerous electrical items such as the iron, hair straighteners, phone chargers etc.
- If possible, set lights on timers for different times and different rooms in the house to give the impression the house is not empty

Travelling to and from your destination:

- If you are driving make sure your car is roadworthy. That includes some basic checks of tyres, lights, oil and water
- Traffic jams are back. Pack some drinks and snacks just in case the journey is longer than expected
- If it is a long journey and you feel tired, stop at the nearest service area and take a break

When you are there:

- If you are out in the sun make sure you wear sun cream and a hat...sunstroke is no fun!
- When on the beach make sure you know the tide times and understand the flags that are flying
- Don't get complacent with your belongings... thieves still operate by the seaside

Leicestershire & Rutland Rural Policing Team

The Rural Crime Team have been out with PC Amy Stokes who is part of the team responsible for the 'Harborough North' area.

We have spoken to farmers in Houghton on the Hill about DataTag (which is a forensic marking system to protect assets) and fly tipping and patrolled some of the isolated ASB hotspots.

We also focused on some of the more remote areas from Owston and Medbourne right across to Billesdon and Glooston.

Visible policing is something the community ask us for more of, as well as improved communication from us.

If you would like to hear more about crime in your area - please send an email with your details on to: Leicsruralcrime@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

You can also report crime anonymously to CrimeStoppers



Busy Beat Officers



Three different modes of transport for Harborough Beat Team in a day.

The shift started with foot patrols in Harborough Town, then progressed to a blue light run in our Skoda and ended with bike patrols back in the town.

It was great to speak to so many of you!

If you didn't see us then be sure to flag us down for a chat next time.

Keep in touch and updated with 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

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