



## News update

Harborough Neighbourhood Priority Team were on proactive patrols when they noted a vehicle being driven by a man without a licence.

The vehicle initially failed to stop for police but was safely stopped a short time after. The vehicle was searched, and a bladed article was found. As part of this investigation a large quantity of cannabis was also seized. The driver was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class B cannabis; possession of a bladed article; driving otherwise in accordance with a licence; failing to stop for police and driving with no insurance. The investigation continues and a court date to follow.



**OP-BEHAVE**, is running until late September. Its primary aims are to attend and proactively deal with reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB) and case manage them on our police system called Sentinel—a shared information system with Harborough District Council.

As an NPA— Neighbourhood Policing Area - we currently have a number of locations where we were receiving a high number of calls due to large gatherings of young people causing issues mainly due to alcohol/drug consumption. These locations are currently split between Harborough North, Harborough Town and the Bowden's.

Since the start of Op-Behave, there has been a significant reduction in the number of ASB calls from both Harborough North, Harborough Town and the Bowden's. Along with this, we held joint police and council beat surgeries at key locations, advertised on social media with times and dates for local residents to come and air their views. An internet 'Teams' meeting was also set up with the senior representatives from both the council and the police, again to gauge and take on board the general feelings of the local residents and jointly come up with resolutions.

On the whole, these beat surgeries proved to be effective, with many positives coming out of it. Especially, with residents commenting on the continual visual presence of the police at these locations.

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## Purse Thefts

Officers from Market Harborough are warning shoppers – particularly those of an older age – to remain vigilant following two separate reports of purse thefts in the town.

Both happened between 10.30am and 11.30am on Wednesday 11 August in St Mary's Place-the Square area. The victims were two elderly ladies. Both had kept their purse in their bag but later noticed they had been taken.

PS Jelbert, from Harborough police station, said: "I am urging people in our community to remain vigilant and, in particular, speak to and remind elderly relatives, friends and neighbours to keep items such as purses in a safe place. I would also ask shoppers to keep an eye out for one another and if you see anyone acting in a manner that seems unusual or suspicious, to report matters to us.

"If you have information about either incident, then please get in touch."

You can pass on information by visiting <https://www.leics.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/> and quoting reference 21\*450810 (St Mary's Place) or 21\*451165 (The Square) or call 101.

## Harborough North

We have recently carried out speed checks across the area. This is because we have more vehicles on the roads as lockdown eases and the holiday season is upon us. We were pleased to see that the majority of vehicles are keeping to the speed limit, although some seem to think the old 10% plus 2 is written in stone. Sadly though, some are still seemingly oblivious to the speed limits with 2 up to 39mph in a 30mph limit. Both vehicles stopped voluntarily and were spoken to and advice given.

Speeding and mobile phones are two large contributors to road traffic collisions (RTCs). RTCs occur no matter what time of the year it is, however the Harborough North beat have recently attended a few that have raised concerns around the use of mobile phones at the wheel. Whilst it was unable to be determined that the use of mobile phones were the root cause of a few recent collisions, it is important that all road users are aware of the dangers of using them whilst driving. Replying to a text or making a phone call is not worth your life or anyone else's and should only be done when parked in a safe place, with the engine switched off. If you see anyone who you suspect may be driving whilst on their phone, please report it by calling 101 in a non-emergency or 999 in an emergency (only when it is safe to do so!!!)

Just a reminder that dog theft is still ongoing across the country, so please look at pet chipping.

We know some people are still not having pets, usually dogs chipped, but more importantly maybe some are moving home and not updating the chipping company. If you have any doubts about how to make contact or even who the chipping company is for your animal, I am sure your local vet will be able to help. Social media has many heart breaking stories of lost pets. Chipping gives all the chance to get yours back.

## Mobile Speed Camera Van Enforcement Summary – August 2021

Road	Area	Summary	
		Visits	Offences
A4304 Lubbenham Hill	Market Harborough	1	8
B6047 Leicester Road	Tilton on the Hill	1	1
B6047 Shangton Road	Tur Langton	2	4
A6003 Rockingham Road	Great Easton	3	2