

Harborough

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News Update

June was a very busy month for us. As the restrictions imposed due to Coronavirus are gradually being eased, people are getting out and about more. We have seen an increase in reports of drunken, anti-social behaviour, particularly in the areas of Little Bowden Recreation Ground and Symington's Recreation Ground in Market Harborough. Officers are using powers which allows them to confiscate alcohol from adults, but say underage drinking is also happening and a quantity of alcohol has already been seized. Those individuals causing constant problems will have warning letters sent to them, or their parents, explaining that if the bad behaviour continues, they could be issued with a Criminal Behaviour Order, which could include being banned from certain areas.



Sgt Jelbert out on his bike patrolling the main parks: Welland Park, Symington's and Little Bowden for any anti -social behaviour.



Above: Checking the Little Bowden Rec. Please call us with any reports of ASB.



Beat Surgeries

In line with government guidance around Covid-19, we have postponed our community consultations and beat meetings. Our officers will continue to be active in your community. We will re-arrange events as soon as we can. Remember you can always report crime by:

- Reporting online via leics.police.uk/report-online
- Calling 101
- Contact the neighbourhood team email:

harborough and wigst on.npa @leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

Neighbourhood Link

We'll be restarting our beat surgeries as soon as we're able to. In the meantime, Neighbourhood Link is another great way to keep in touch with your local Neighbourhood Policing Team. Signing up with Neighourhood Link is easy, free and convenient, once registered you will receive email alerts from the Harborough Town and Harborough North Beat Team who will send you policing news relevant to your local area as well as crime prevention advice.

It's also a great opportunity to provide feedback by completing the 'Your Views' survey which gives you the chance to tell us what you want us to prioritise. Neighbourhood Link is free to sign up to, it's a confidential and secure service and you can unsubscribe from it at any time. For more information or to sign up, please visit <u>www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk</u>.



June update & advice from Action Fraud in relation to Covid-19

Sadly, 2,378 victims have lost a combined total of over £7m to coronavirus-related scams - as of Friday, 12 June, 2020. A total of £7,099,441 has been reported lost by 2,378 victims of coronavirus-related scams.

Action Fraud reports that it received 12,323 reports of coronavirus-related phishing emails.

Unfortunately, criminals are continuing to exploit the coronavirus pandemic to defraud innocent members of the public. Currently, coronavirus-related frauds make up less than 2% of all fraud reports received. To keep this number as low as possible, it's important that people are aware of the very simple steps they can take to protect themselves from handing over their money, or personal details, to criminals.

Please visit the Action Fraud website for information on the latest scams we are seeing and advice on how to protect yourself: <u>actionfraud.police.uk/</u>

