



News Update

It's business as usual for Market Harborough Police.

A prolific shoplifter has been arrested and charged, he was remanded and sentenced to 10 weeks in prison. We hope this reassures local businesses that we will, and we are, continuing to deal with persistent offenders.

This month has also seen Harborough & Lutterworth officers safely detain and arrest a wanted man from Bristol. Hidden in his waistband was what could be described as a 'Crocodile Dundee style hunting knife'. The man was later charged and remanded.

Chief Constable Simon Cole visited Harborough Police Station and joined one of our morning briefings. Social distancing is being observed in all meetings and PPE is available for officers to use as the team continue to work hard, dealing with day to day local issues as well as supporting the ongoing #StayHomeSaveLives message.



Domestic abuse - where to get help during the COVID-19 pandemic

Domestic violence – Please do not suffer in silence. We are continuing to deal robustly with those committing domestic violence. Please call us and let us try to help. If you don't want to call us please see the other numbers or organisations that will listen and help you.

We know that COVID-19 will have a serious impact on the lives of women, children and men who are experiencing domestic abuse. Fears over jobs, financial pressures, schools closures, working from home and all the other current changes to our day to day lives are likely to result in an increase in domestic violence incidents.

Current restrictions may mean you are unable to see friends and family who usually support you and some of the places you go for help or treatment may be closed or offering a reduced service. Please remember that you can still call **999** if you or someone else is in danger. While some services may not be able to offer face to face meetings, there is still help and advice available locally and nationally online and over the phone.

United Against Violence and Abuse (UAVA). A domestic abuse service in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland: 0808 802 0028. www.uava.org.uk

If you're a child or young person and domestic abuse is happening in your home or relationship, then call Childline on 0800 1111

Covid-19 Update

Leicestershire Police continue their positive approach to policing, utilising the new powers we have received to help keep people safe during these difficult times.

Chief Constable Simon Cole has thanked residents of Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland for their continued support as officers go that extra mile to protect communities.

We will continue to exercise 'our duty', as we have always done. We will protect you. We will engage positively. We will explain. We will be there when you need help - and we will take action to protect you and others from harm.

In support of this, help us to help you. Stay at home and together we will save lives.



Outstanding work

Across the force, officers are going above and beyond in their duties every day. This includes Beat Officer, PC Maciej (Mack) Sokolowski, who, despite being on the frontline is also producing face straps for healthcare staff using his 3D printing company. Some 350 have already been delivered to the Leicester Royal Infirmary, while others have gone elsewhere across the country.

The straps are designed to help alleviate discomfort around the ears that can be caused by the elastic on the masks.

In addition, police volunteers have also delivered hundreds of pharmacy packages to vulnerable people across Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland and continue to do so.

