

CSP e-newsletter



Safer communities

Community Safety Partnership E-newsletter spring 2022 edition

Welcome

We are pleased to present the latest edition of the Blaby and Hinckley & Bosworth Community Safety Partnership (CSP) e-newsletter, which will keep you up to date with the work of the partnership and how it is helping to keep individuals and neighbourhoods safer as we move on from the pandemic.

The CSP brings together a collection of people and organisations that have a real commitment to do everything in their power to have a positive impact on reducing crime, the fear of crime and to work closely alongside local communities in bringing about a sense of safety for all.

The CSP has published a three-year Community Safety Strategy which is available for download at <http://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk> and www.blaby.gov.uk

If you have your own community networks or magazines, please feel free to pass on this newsletter or print articles from it.

Joint Chairs of the Community Safety Partnership



Cllr Les Phillimore



Cllr Michael Mullaney

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Blaby and Hinckley & Bosworth Community Safety Partnership Support White Ribbon Campaign

The Community Safety Partnership supported the latest White Ribbon Campaign through a series of initiatives and social media posts. The campaign was launched at Blaby Council in November where Council members signed up to support the campaign. This was followed by 16 days of action that included the launch of a new video, social media posts, the sharing of information with local schools, staff awareness and an awareness stand at Fosse Park.

The campaign raised awareness of the core message of White Ribbon which is to encourage all men to wear a White Ribbon, and make the pledge to never commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women. The pledge was aimed at men but anybody over the age of 14 could sign.

The new video was filmed at the Blaby Council meeting and included messages of support from both Cllr Les Phillimore, portfolio holder for Housing, Community and Environmental Services, and Cllr Michael Mullaney, Executive Member for Housing and Community Safety at Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council. The video can be viewed at [Blaby District Council supports White Ribbon Day - Bing video](#)



As well as promoting White Ribbon, the social media campaign looked at wider domestic abuse issues including how to access Blaby District Council's Domestic Abuse Outreach service, coercive and controlling behaviour and gaslighting. Cllr Phillimore said: "The White Ribbon campaign is such an important initiative to promote, and we are very pleased with our work to support it.

All year round we should be working to encourage all men to be aware of domestic abuse and all forms of violence against women and be prepared to call out sexist and abusive behaviour when they see it."

Safety in the Night-time Economy

This year the partnership will be working hard to raise awareness of domestic abuse across the area including raising awareness with residents, businesses, schools, young people and the voluntary sector.

The focus will be on ensuring that anyone affected by domestic abuse knows how to access support and that we promote healthy relationships amongst young people.

Councillor Michael Mullaney, Executive Member for Housing and Community Safety at Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council said “It is important we stand together against all forms of domestic abuse and that we ensure that anyone experiencing domestic abuse knows how to access help and feels able to approach services for support. We also want to ensure that young people in our area know what healthy relationships should look like so that they can have healthy and safe relationships.

We as a partnership, continue to provide support for adult victims of domestic abuse via our dedicated outreach service and also provide therapeutic support for children who have been affected by domestic abuse in our borough”

Blaby and Hinckley & Bosworth worked closely with licensees to promote support services within pubs and restaurants and to continue to promote the already successful ‘Ask For Angela’ Scheme which gives anyone who feels unsafe on a night out the opportunity to alert staff discretely and for staff to provide appropriate support to ensure safety of the individual. Hinckley & Bosworth were able to hand out ‘spikekeys’ to the public and licensees. Spikekeys deter individuals from spiking drinks with drugs.

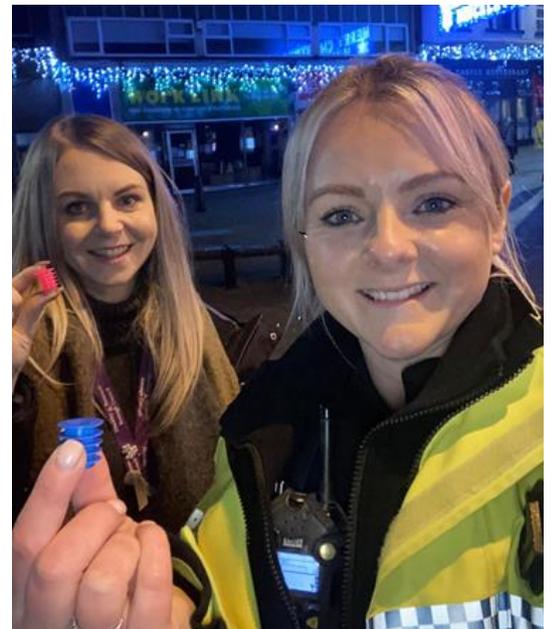
Local Policing Commander Inspector Jamie Osborne said, “I am delighted to work alongside our partners to tackle domestic abuse. We will continue to tackle domestic abuse by taking positive action against the perpetrators.

We will also be working with our partners during the campaign to share safety awareness during the night time economy period.

All victims of domestic abuse should have access to the support they need, and the partnership works hard throughout the year to ensure that all victims, both female and male, get the help and support they need”

For more information about support available for female and male victims of domestic abuse visit www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk and www.blaby.gov.uk/domesticabuse

For more information on Ask for Angela and the establishments signed up to the scheme visit www.leicestershire.gov.uk/askforangela



Jodine Legg, Children’s worker at HBBC & PC Jenny Morris with drink ‘spikekeys’

Burglaries and anti-social behaviour spark call for vigilance

Villagers are being urged to keep their property secure and safe after a spate of rural burglaries and thefts in the area.

The NH29 policing beat, which covers 52 villages including Market Bosworth, Markfield, Ratby & Groby, has reported a surge in burglaries and thefts, as well as rural crimes and hare coursing. There was also an increase in thefts of motor vehicles in villages covered by the NH28 beat, which includes areas such as Burbage.

However, officers have been able to reduce the thefts, thanks to extra patrols, stop checks and crime prevention work. Meanwhile, the NH27 beat, which includes Earl Shilton and Barwell, is seeing an increase in antisocial behaviour. They have been working alongside Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council to identify those responsible for the behaviour and have acted as needed.

Shaun Wilson, from the Dedicated Neighbourhood Team at Hinckley Police, said: "If you are experiencing any Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), then please report it. Whilst not necessarily criminal, ASB affects the quality of life of the community and is taken seriously by us. In addition to the great work around burglaries and theft, the team have been completing road safety and speed awareness operations, enforcing where necessary."

Executive Member for Community Safety, Cllr Michael Mullaney said: "Our ASB team is available if you need advice or support, do not suffer in silence. Reiterating what the police have said ASB is taken very seriously."



The NH 29 Beat Team

What can you do about anti-social behaviour (ASB)

Blaby District Council's Community Safety Team and the Endeavour Team at Hinckley & Bosworth work closely with the police to resolve emerging issues and tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB).

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council have put together a short video on anti-social behaviour (ASB), which explains:

- What ASB is
- What you can do about ASB
- Who you can contact
- What happens after you have reported an ASB case

Before taking any action, it is advised to think about the following:

- Do the people committing the ASB realise they are causing a nuisance?
- Youths congregating in large groups may be doing nothing wrong but they can look intimidating to some people
- Neighbours may not be aware their behaviour is causing concern

If you decide to talk to the person responsible for ASB it may help to consider the following:

- Explain clearly what the problem is and how it is affecting you and your family
- Stay calm and be as polite as possible
- Don't use abusive language
- Leave the situation if it becomes too heated

The video can be found at: <https://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/info/200336/report-anti-social-behaviour/291/about-anti-social-behaviour-asb/4>

To report ASB

If you live in the Hinckley & Bosworth area:

- Ring Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council on 01455 238141 or complete the online incident reporting form
- Contact the Police on 101

If you live in the Blaby District area:

- Ring Blaby District Council on 0116 272 7725
- Complete a form online at www.blaby.gov.uk/ASB
- Contact the Police on 101

If you are at risk or need immediate assistance ring the Police on 999

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively.

This year Safer Internet Day was on the 8th of February and had the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. Blaby District Council Community Services Team promoted the sharing of information relating to the day with local schools and with staff. Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council also raised awareness through social media.



From gaming and chat, to streaming and video, young people are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of, and Safer Internet Day celebrated young people's role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers.

One of the key themes promoted was the need to hold conversations with young people. Speaking with young people is key to exploring their experiences on platforms where they can play games, interact with their peers and others, and take part in 'live' experiences such as video streaming.

These platforms play such an important and positive role, providing young people with the means to interact with friends and as a great pastime, particularly during lockdowns.

However, there are some emerging safety issues in these spaces as well as issues young people have been navigating for some time; particularly the lack of respect individuals display towards each other, groups 'ganging up' against other groups, and the sense that it is easy to 'get away' with negative behaviour such as meanness, bullying and swearing.

For further information on how best to support children and young people with internet safety please visit [Safer Internet Day 2022 - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Blaby and Hinckley & Bosworth Police Social Media Campaign

Towards the end of 2021, Hinckley and Blaby police took part in a force wide campaign, trialing the use of social media, namely Snapchat and Instagram, to capture a wider audience during key events.

This followed the success of other social media channels such as Facebook and Twitter, which now form a key part of neighbourhood policing.

With funding secured by the local Community Safety Partnership, areas throughout Blaby District and Hinckley and Bosworth were targeted with video messages from local police via these social media platforms in an attempt to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the localities.

The key events of Halloween and Bonfire Night were utilized to deploy these online tactics.

During these dates, an online reach of 78,443 was achieved with 5,553 video completions being recorded.

From the results populated, we also know that these videos were further shared online, so the true magnitude of reach is likely to be much greater.



Furthermore, during the Bonfire Night period, incidents of anti-social behaviour declined, based on previous years data.

Early indications suggest targeted social media, such as the above, is a great method to engage with otherwise potentially hard to reach communities. Further use of this method of communication will continue to be utilized moving forwards, with the continued support of the CSP.

Success on a plate for 'Mr Chef' stars

A MEN'S cookery group from Burbage recently enjoyed a star turn at the BBC, featuring on both radio and in a national magazine.

The cooking group, based at the village's newly relaunched Meadows Community Centre, is designed to offer mental health support for men. It has proven to be such a success that members soon caught the attention of BBC Radio Leicester, who came out to interview the group. BBC Good Food then featured them in their magazine.

Some of the men were interviewed for the magazine's wellness article, telling the reporter how the group has benefited them. One said: "The group has been life changing for me - it has boosted my self-esteem so much and given me confidence to try new things, it's also nice to get together and have a chat and laugh."

Community Development Co-ordinator Rachel Duncan who helps to arrange the community groups, told BBC Good Food: "The men's group started after we were awarded some funding to set up community kitchens, to encourage people to waste less, prepare healthy meals, learn how to store food, and try new recipes. We were working with Leicestershire Adult Learning who were running a back-to-basics cooking course. Three men on the course were interested in continuing after the six weeks had finished, so they launched a men's cooking group with two volunteers. The first thing they made was cornflake cakes. They overcooked the chocolate, so decided to mix it with the cornflakes and put it all in the oven instead – lumps of coal would have been easier to eat! They were asked to cook a Sunday roast, learning how to cook each element separately, and each week they would learn a new skill. By Christmas, they made a roast dinner, which they sat and enjoyed together – they all looked so proud."

Rachel added that they had been surprised to see how many people do not have basic cooking knowledge - and that they had attracted lots of new members following the pandemic. She stated in the magazine: "They've formed new friendships – some meet socially outside of the group to laugh and share worries between themselves. One of the things we've noticed from all the activities we run is that the friendships are sometimes more important than the activity itself."

The group meet fortnightly on a Monday from 11am – 1pm, at the Meadows Community Centre, The Meadows, Burbage LE10 2BU.

For more information contact Rachel or Shirley on (01455) 255941/255942

Email: earlshiltoncommunityhouse@hinckleybosworth.gov.uk



Fosse Park Community Safety Event

Blaby District Council's Community Safety & Prevention Team Leader, Carol Parker, joined the Enderby Beat Team and Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service on a rather fresh Saturday morning before Christmas to assist with a Community Safety Event at Fosse Shopping Park.

Members of the public were very pleased to see them all there and spent some time chatting about home safety and any community concerns they currently had. Several members signed up to the police Neighbourhood Link, which keeps residents informed of crime and community safety issues in the specific area in which they live.

Goody bags were also on offer, which all the partners contributed towards, with items such as light timers, purse bells and home security information. Blaby District Council's Community Safety Team provided reusable anti-spiking devices in the form of silicone drink covers with straws. Drink spiking has seen a significant rise in recent months, so it was positive to help the residents of Blaby District feel safer during nights out.



Cllr Les Phillimore, portfolio holder for Housing, Community and Environmental Services said: "We are always looking for ways to interact with the community and take on board any concerns they may have. Hosting community safety events in the district ensures we are providing support to those who need it and helps us promote all the services we offer to residents."

To find out more about Neighbourhood Link and sign up, visit www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk

The number of school workshops delivered across Hinckley & Bosworth exceed previous target

Following an uncertain and unprecedented time, Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council's community safety team along with its partners are back working with pupils, delivering workshops, assemblies and events and so far have worked with more than 3000 children and young people in the past 6 months!

Working in more than 17 primary and secondary schools already, there are many more schools booked in for the next term and staff are hopeful of exceeding targets set in previous years.



Pupils at St Margarets Primary School in Stoke Golding taking part in a Diversity workshop

Workshops that have been delivered in primary schools consist of ASB Busters, an interactive workshop about anti-social behaviour looking at how services tackle issues such as littering, graffiti and dog fouling and the actions taken against those offending, a diversity workshop exploring how everyone is different and unique and fire safety assemblies delivered by Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service.

A new workshop is also being offered this year which focuses on wellbeing and help pupils to deal with their emotions and identify what might positively and negatively affect their wellbeing.

Working in partnership with Hinckley & Bosworth Police, Leicestershire Police and Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service, safer driving events have been delivered to sixth formers at Hinckley Academy & John Cleveland Sixth Form College and Brookvale Groby Learning Campus.

Students took part in a varied and interactive programme which focused on what not to do when driving, using demonstrations, presentations and interactive displays such as wearing virtual reality headsets, making mocktails, taking part in an alcohol & drug quiz.

They watched the fire service demonstrate how to remove an injured person from a vehicle that has been involved in a crash using the 'Jaws of Life' to safely cut open and remove the doors, boot and roof of a car.



Demonstrations and activities for sixth formers at Brookvale Groby Learning Campus

A range of assemblies and talks have been delivered to secondary schools on healthy relationships & substance misuse and anti-social behaviour.

Cllr Mullaney, Portfolio holder for Community Safety said: "We are thrilled to be able to go back into schools and work with pupils in an interactive way to get across vital messages that will ensure that young people are provided with the information to make invaluable choices and decisions which affect them. Delivering workshops face to face enables the pupils to interact and ask questions and talk with members of staff and take part in exercises and group activities".

For further information about the school workshops available, please contact the community safety team at Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council on 01455 255746.

Last Orders – A production by Solomon Theatre Company

Following the success of the production commissioned in 2018, Blaby District Council were pleased to be able to bring 'Last Orders' to Blaby District schools once again. The production is an Alcohol & Sexual Health Educational Show for KS3 & KS4 Students.

Last Orders tells the story of two young girls as they embark on a night of binge-drinking at home with disastrous outcomes. An older boy takes advantage of the intoxicated under-age girls with serious and long-term consequences.

Following the performances at Countesthorpe Leysland Community College and Winstanley Community College, there was a question and answer workshop with the characters of the production, which was thought provoking and impactful for the audience. At the end, it was revealed the play was based on a true story where one of the drunken teens died.

Feedback from some of the students was that they had changed their views of the impact of underage drinking and also consensual sex. Teacher feedback was around the fact that the sessions were commissioned by Blaby District Council, and it was so positive to have a live show in the colleges after the pandemic when even teaching was virtual at times!



Cllr Phillimore, portfolio holder for Housing, Community and Environmental Services said: "This workshop was a great opportunity for young people to be taught in a new, interactive way as opposed to typical classroom lessons, bringing awareness to real issues young people don't always recognise. After the success of these performances, we will be working to bring this opportunity to more schools across the area."

Solomon is a touring theatre in education company, offering impactful performances and workshops that focus on hard hitting issues that influence young people, such as drugs, alcohol, law, crime, gangs, relationships and sexual exploitation.

For more information on Solomon, visit their website www.solomontheatre.co.uk

£10,000 fund to help combat speeding drivers in Hinckley

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council has set aside £10,000 in a bid to tackle speeding motorists in areas of Hinckley.

The funds will pay for a digital sign (a MVAS box) to inform motorists of the speed they are driving at and record vehicle speed as well as the posts needed to put the sign in place. The funding will also support Neighbourhood Watch who take an active role in tackling speeding in the area.

The money was pledged at the Council's Hinckley Area Committee meeting, after considering the request from the police, Neighbourhood Watch (NHW), ward councillors and the community safety team. The Hinckley Area Committee gives consideration to budget and spending matters relating to the Hinckley special expenses area which all Hinckley residents contribute to.

Before the meeting, residents across Hinckley had been voicing concerns about speeding in various areas of the town.

Once purchased, the new sign will be portable and can be used in various locations. It will be monitored by Neighbourhood Watch teams who will progress action with other partners such as the police, community safety and the county council.

Councillor Michael Mullaney, Executive Member for Community Safety, said: "We have had one MVAS box for a number of years. However, having just one box means we can't cover as many locations as we would like to since the box has to be up for a few weeks and then taken down. Results then need to be assessed before it's placed in another location. This funding will help to cover more areas that have been highlighted as areas of concern by residents. This means that data can be collected on a regular basis and if further action is needed, we can liaise with the county council to tackle the speeding issues in that area."



Above L-R: PC Barry Miller, Cllr Michael Mullaney, Deputy Leader of the Council, Cllr David Bill and Jackie Saunt, volunteer, representing Hinckley Neighbourhood Watch.

Deputy Leader of the Council, Cllr David Bill said: "These devices will soon be installed all over Hinckley and coincides with another breakthrough, the long anticipated 40 mph signs have been uncovered on the northern perimeter road. The lowering of the speed limit between Roston Drive and Stoke Road was one of the measures we were able to impose on the back of the Bloors development which is rapidly taking shape alongside the road. These two schemes should make a real contribution to making our roads safer for all of us."

Safer streets funding helps step up security

Work has been completed on eight state-of-the-art CCTV cameras which were installed at the end of March to enhance coverage of Hinckley town centre. Nearly 300 householders have also benefitted from free security upgrades.



Hinckley town centre benefited from £108,000 to reduce crime, create safer neighbourhoods and improve security. The funds were secured from the Home Office's Safer Streets 2 Fund. Initiatives also included additional radios for the radio link scheme managed via the Business Improvement District (BID) which will link up businesses, Police and CCTV to ensure timely responses to incidences and increase the chances of evidence gathering and prosecution and funding to remove graffiti. Communities will also benefit from the installation of new police automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras.

Cllr Mullaney observing graffiti being removed from Church Walk, near Argents Mead

Further funding, secured from the Safer Streets 3 project, has seen four new cameras installed at Clarendon Park to help reassure park users and increase their safety – two at the basketball court and two at the other end of the park.

The move is part of a wider project which is aimed at reducing violence against women and girls and reducing the fear of crime.

Cllr Michael Mullaney, Executive member for Housing and Community said: "Securing this funding is a welcome boost to tackling anti-social behaviour and crime in Hinckley town centre and will make a difference to our residents and wider communities. It reinforces the council's investment to improve community safety".

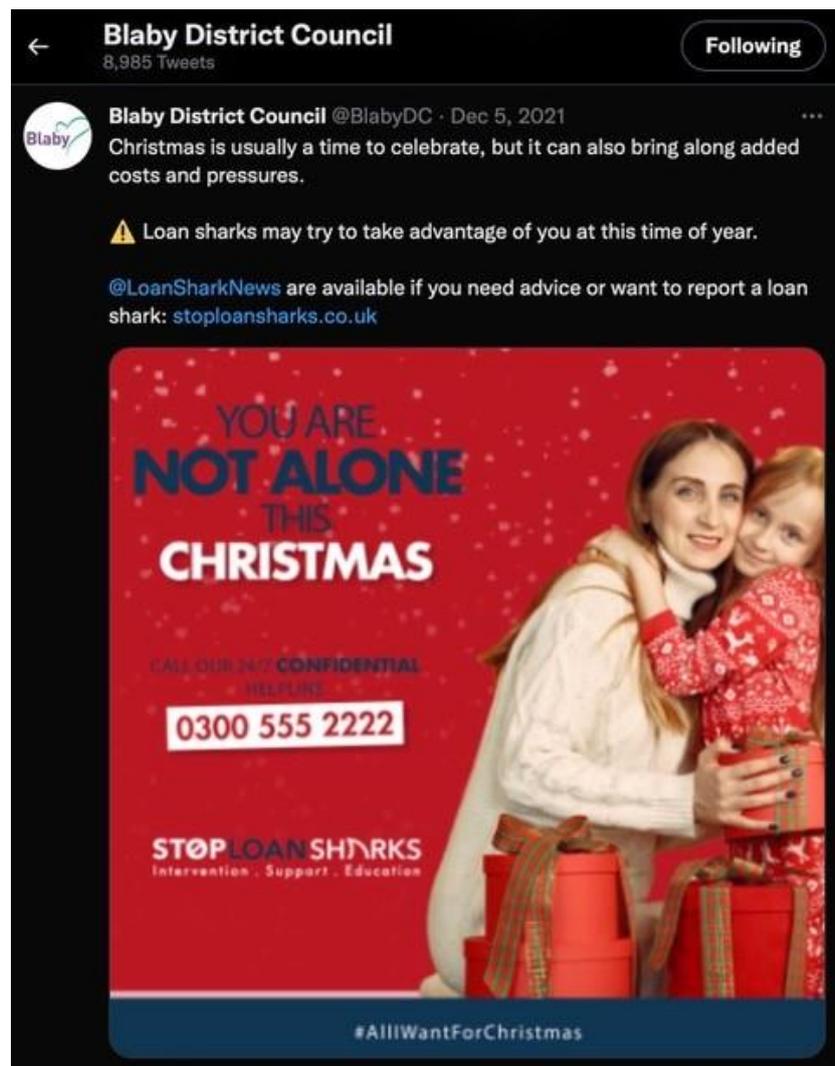


Commissioner Matthews and Cllr Michael Mullaney in Clarendon Park

Stop Loan Sharks

Blaby District Council residents were encouraged to protect themselves and their loved ones from loan sharks on the lead up to Christmas as part of the #AllIWantForChristmas campaign

The campaign was led by The England Illegal Money Lending Team (ILMT), a national body supported by the government. The ILMT has helped the Resident Support Team at Blaby District Council on several occasions in recent years when clients that Resident Support have been supporting have been embroiled with loan sharks.



Tony Quigley, Head of the England IMLT said: "Illegal money lending is a horrific crime that affects many individuals, their families and entire communities. Borrowing from a loan shark might feel like your only option when you are in a pinch and need cash fast this festive season, but it's important to remember that these lenders operate illegally and can turn quite nasty when demanding payments from victims.

For more information on IMLT visit: www.stoploansharks.co.uk

POP-UP Police shop in shopping centre

Hinckley police launched a pop-up shop from the 1st of February, initially for 3 months, in a vacant retail unit at the Britannia Centre, in Hinckley town centre. The pop-up shop has been a great opportunity for our local police beat team to re-connect with the community and for residents to speak with the beat team, raise concerns and get crime prevention advice.

Police Sergeant James Cross added: “We have been really pleased with the interest that the shop has caused locally and hope that with everyone talking about it, that we continue to see the great number of people popping in to see us. Having a presence in the shop has enabled us to receive reports of crimes quickly and we believe that our presence has contributed to a reduction of crime in the Britannia Centre and hopefully has made people feel safer when they are out and about. Due to the success of the pop-up shop, further surgeries will be held in May and June. Officers from the local beat team will be present to assist with any queries and volunteers will be on hand with crime prevention products to purchase. Over 600 members of the community visited between February and April and now it is to be extended until June, I would encourage anyone that hasn't visited yet to pop in and say hello”.

To clarify the realistic mannequins in the window are two hard working officers! PC Darren Measures & PCSO Phil Wane



A range of different agencies are also getting involved to give advice and give out crime reduction resources including Victim First, Neighbourhood Watch and Hinckley & Bosworth's Community Safety Team.

Youngsters win kicks challenge

Well done to the Hinckley Kicks team, a group of budding footballers who have won a football challenge competition run by Leicester City in the Community.

In total more than 70 local youngsters have taken part in a free football coaching programme at Green Towers, Hinckley, where the sessions create healthy competition while helping to improve skills, as well as wellbeing and confidence.

Cory Holas, Community Education Coach for Leicester City in the Community, said: “We wanted to add something new, engaging and competitive to our regular premier League Kicks sessions, so we started the Kicks Challenge in Leicester & Leicestershire. The winners of the first ever challenge was the group from Hinckley, who won a trip to Leicester’s Ninja Warrior assault course. They also got a new Europa League Football to take home.”

Nick, one of the youngsters who took part, said: “I think the Kicks Challenge is good because it has given me and others something to do. I enjoyed taking part with my friends. It felt good to win because we got a reward out of it.”



The winning Hinckley Kicks Team at Ninja Warrior in Leicester

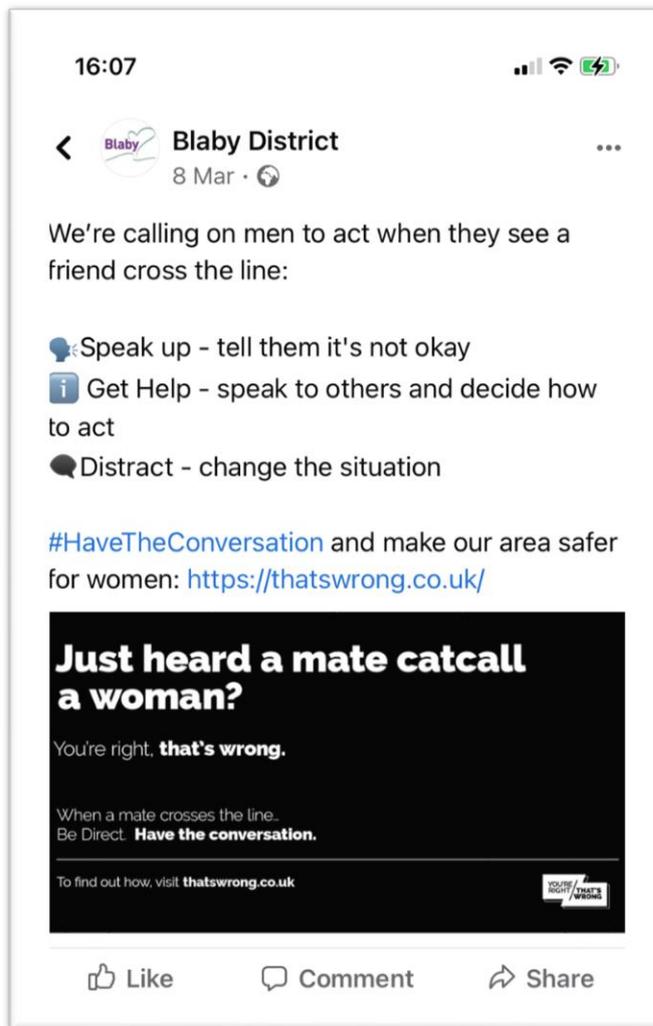
The sessions are held Mondays, 4pm-5:30pm (term time only), at Green Towers, Richmond Road, Hinckley, LE10 0DZ

To get involved email: luke.dixon@lfc.co.uk or complete the online form on: <https://www.participant.co.uk/lfc/event/354374/B5C50B7A05B4985B2F5A8FE23803B890#init>

You're Right That's Wrong

Blaby District Council and Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council are supporting the You're Right, That's Wrong campaign through a series of social media posts and an article in Blaby's general newsletter.

The campaign is aimed at challenging unacceptable misogynistic behaviour against women and encouraging men to become active bystanders by calling out negative attitudes and intolerable behaviour among their peers when they witness this type of conduct.



The campaign encourages active bystanders to take one of three actions:

Be Direct – if it's safe to do so, speak up, tell the perpetrator their behaviour isn't ok.

Get Help – from other friends, the police, security guards, bar staff etc. This can be before or after the incident.

Distract – do something to change the situation to get the perpetrator and victim away from each other. When it's safe to do so, follow up with a conversation.



Hinckley police target drug activity



On Wednesday 9th March, acting on intelligence received from the local community, Hinckley Beat Team executed a drugs warrant at a factory unit on Flemming Road, Hinckley.

On gaining entry to the premises, they found that the building was being used to cultivate cannabis at an industrial scale. An Albanian male was arrested from the location and later charged with production of cannabis and is now held on remand awaiting his appearance at Crown Court.

It took 2 days for police to clear the entire building, with around 1500 cannabis plants being recovered at an estimated value of over 2 million pounds!

Sgt James Cross said “Results such as this come about thanks to our community being our eyes and ears and getting in touch with us when they see or hear something suspicious. The dealing and use of drugs in the Hinckley area is highlighted as a priority by our community on a recent survey that took place on Neighbourhood Link and we continue to look at every opportunity to disrupt and arrest those involved in this type of crime. Why not sign up to Neighbourhood Link and complete our survey on what you think are the crime issues in your area”.



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Hinckley & Bosworth hosts annual Rural Conference

The annual Rural Conference provides delegates with an opportunity to keep up to date on work being delivered and future plans that aim to address the most important issues faced by communities in rural areas of the Borough. We were delighted to return to our regular venue at Twycross Zoo, but there was also an option to attend online, enabling greater access to the event.

The event, organised by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, attracted 90 delegates representing the rural parishes of the borough, along with key partners including Leicestershire Police, the Rural Communities Council, Midlands Rural Housing and Leicestershire, Leicester & Rutland Resilience Partnership, as well as voluntary & community sector and business representatives. This year's event focused on celebrating some of the great work that has been delivered in our rural communities over the last year.

Inspector Jamie Osborne, the Local Police Unit Commander, Sgt Shaun Wilson and Rachel Burgess, Community Safety & Performance manager at HBBC reported on rural policing within Hinckley & Bosworth and answered questions posed by Cllr Martin Cartwright about the key challenges, successes and priorities for rural policing and community safety.

Some of the topics covered included police visibility, crimes such as hare coursing, trailer thefts, anti-social behaviour, scams and violence against women and girls.



Delegates were also invited to look around the various stalls provided by agencies. HBBC's community safety team, the Police and a police volunteer provided a range of information to raise awareness about the community houses and the groups and projects that are available, crime prevention initiatives and resources available to help keep people safe when out and about or in their homes.

Inconsiderate parking near schools

Parking at schools is increasingly becoming an issue and it can create problems to both the school and nearby residents. The anti-social behaviour team is receiving numerous complaints across Hinckley & Bosworth about vehicle users parking around schools in an inconsiderate and sometimes dangerous manner.

Before you take your child to school, please consider the following:

Walk to school- Is it possible for you and/or your children to walk to school? Not only will this promote a healthy lifestyle, but it will also help the environment

Park your car further away from the school- If it is too far for you to walk the entire journey to school, consider parking a 5-minute walk away from the school and encourage your children to walk for part of the journey, which again promotes a healthier lifestyle.

Be considerate to residents- If you must park close to the school then please be considerate:

- Do not park over driveways.
- Allow other drivers to manoeuvre on and off driveways.
- Do not block pavements. Allow the width of a double buggy to pass your car on the pavement.
- Allow enough room on the road for emergency vehicles to pass.
- Do not park in spaces designated for other drivers.
- Ensure that pedestrians can cross the road and be visible to other road users.

When you have parked your car, please consider whether you could be causing an issue for another road user or a nearby resident. Most importantly, please ensure that you have parked safely.

Can an emergency vehicle get through?

A partnership approach between Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council's community safety team, the refuse and recycling team, Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service and Hinckley Police has resulted in vehicles being ticketed for obstructing access for emergency vehicles and refuse lorries who were unable to empty bins. The agencies came together to raise awareness of the problems in Manor Street, the junction on Clarence Road and Princess Road and Bunneys Meadow in Hinckley. 'Mock tickets' were put onto vehicles which has resulted in a much-improved outcome for all agencies concerned.



CHECK WHERE YOU PARK

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COULD A FIRE ENGINE GET BY?



PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU:

- Leave extra room near tight corners
- Don't park on double yellow lines
- Check there is enough space for a fire engine to pass
- Park as close to the kerb as possible



**SAFER
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SAFER
PLACES**

We need to get through at ALL times