

Leicestershire **Police**

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Your Local Policing Newsletter

Market Bosworth & Surrounding Villages

News

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Focus on: Wildlife Crime Officers (WCOs)...

Wildlife Crime Officers (WCOs) are police officers who are designated by their forces to deal with wildlife crime issues. The majority of forces now have at least one WCO, at Market Bosworth Station we have three in total, this is due the vast area we cover, the majority of which is rural landscape.

Wildlife crime includes offences such as poaching, killing or disturbing protected species or damaging their breeding and resting places, and illegally trading in endangered species. It is one of the pressures that can push animal and plant species closer to extinction. Some wildlife crimes, such as badger-baiting and the illegal use of poisons and traps, can cause animals unnecessary pain and suffering.

This time of year we get quite a few calls about tree or hedge work and the effect it may be having on nesting birds. If there is evidence that a bird, its nest or its eggs have been disturbed, damaged or destroyed, then we will endeavour to deal with the offender. But if there is no evidence of that and the call is just to say that nesting birds are possibly being affected, then it's likely that there are no offences.

How to Report Wildlife Crime: Call 999 in an emergency, 101 or online by searching for Wildlife Crime at www.leics.police.uk

If you live, work or visit rural communities, you are our eyes and ears. Join our Police Officers and a network of people who share information about crimes in rural areas.

Yet another month has passed and amazingly we are now over a quarter of the way through 2021.

The great thing about this is that we are now getting to the point where restrictions are being lifted and life is starting to return to something more normal. If only the weather were a bit warmer!

Although there is a feeling of optimism due to the fact that we are potentially coming out of the pandemic it is important to remember that there are still restrictions in place which are all designed to prevent the spread of Covid as we'd all like to avoid another wave.

Sadly things are also getting back to normal for criminals who are now able to enjoy the same freedoms as the rest of us. We have noticed an increase in domestic burglary as people leave their homes unattended and we have also noticed an increase across the beat in the number of catalytic converter thefts as the price of the precious metals within them increases.

The beat team are working hard to combat the above issues and we would urge everyone to be vigilant. What would really help is for people to sign up to Neighbourhood Link so that we can pass alerts and appeal for help from the subscribers with aid such as sightings and CCTV.







#YouSaidWeDid

You Said: Burglaries in Groby Area.

We Did: We identified an increase in burglary offences in Groby so at the relevant times local officers and response colleagues were deployed to disrupt offenders and detect crime. Officers have made direct contact with 320 residents. We encouraged the installation of CCTV which is an excellent deterrent. We are also working with the local authority to review street lighting in the area.

Beat Priorities

Rural Crime

Catalytic Converter thefts. Extra vigilance requested following thefts in Market Bosworth area. Occupants of a dark blue hatchback were disturbed but not before removing the unit from victims vehicle. Local garages have been asked to participate in 'cat marking schemes' which may help identify recovered units.

Thieves are targeting valuable metals under your car



Road Safety

Areas covered this month – Main Rd & Twycross Rd Sheepy on the A444, B4116 Sheepy Magna, B582 Desford Rd Newbold Verdon, B582 Manor Rd Desford, Desford Rd Newtown Unthank, Leicester Rd Groby, Main Street Stapleton, Newbold Rd Barlestone, Peckleton Lane Desford and Station Rd Market Bosworth. The offences per hour figures are avialable on our Facebook page.

ASB

Increase in Anti-Social Behaviour on park areas, and students from various schools setting fire to playground equipment. Contact made with all senior schools on the beat, and workshops to take place over the following months, ASB Busters with HBBC, Fire Awareness with LF&R Service, and Market Bosworth Police ASB Prevention Team. Regular patrols of the areas and contact made with Parish Cllr's to work together to prevent.

Crime

If you would like to view the most up to date crime figures and much more for your local area please go to **Police.uk** to find out more.

https://www.police.uk/leicestershire/NH29/

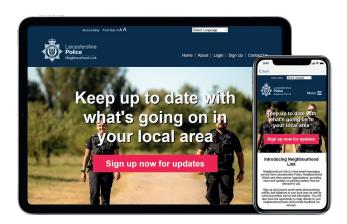
If you have any information which might help us catch who are responsible for committing crime or Anti-social behaviour in your area please let us know by calling 101 or Crimestoppers which is anonymous on 0800 555 111. You can be part of your local text alert system by emailing your name and number to **leicsruralcrime@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk**

Contact us directly at Market Bosworth Police: mbpolice@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

Your Beat Team



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Scan to join the Neighbourhood Link

We are trying hard to promote Neighbourhood Link and it is pleasing to say that of the 17,480 Households across the beat we now have 1,430 signed up (8.2% of the beat). But we need more!

