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Market Bosworth & Villages Newsletter



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MARKET BOSWORTH BEAT NEWS. PLEASE SHARE WITH FRIENDS, NEIGHBOURS AND FAMILY TO HELP EACH OTHER PREVENT CRIME AND SHARE INFORMATION.

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Welcome to the Market Bosworth Beat Beat

Welcome to 'The Beat'! The Beat is a regular publication sent by your local policing team to provide you with updates on crime, investigation results and activities & events that your local policing teams have or are involved in.

The local policing team for Market Bosworth are: Sgt James Cross. PC Phil Hale. PC Rob Cross and PCSO Allan Charles.



News:

Early February we found ourselves posting on Facebook about young people walking on Thornton Reservoir.

We had been called to the area and upon officer's arrival - 5 youngsters were a significant way from the shore on top of the ice. Described as being between 10 and 15 years of age they saw police and Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service and ran away across the ice - one young person fell through the ice up to their chest. He managed to climb out and continued to run off. This was an exceptionally dangerous situation to all of the young people involved and we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and guardians of the importance of knowing where your children are and what they are doing and remind them that locations such as lakes, train lines or fast roads are not safe places to play or 'hang out'.





New to the Team:

Hi, I am Police Sergeant James Cross and am new to the beat having replaced Sergeant Mike Francis-Lang who has now left the beat. I am thrilled to be returning to the area where I started my career in policing in 2004.

A little bit about me:

'I joined Leicestershire Police in May 2004 and in 2009 was promoted to Sergeant. Initially covering the response teams at Wigston and over time managing teams covering most areas of Leicester including returning to the Hinckley and Blaby area for about a year.

In 2014 I managed Leicestershire Police's Missing Person Team working closely with partners including social care to locate and bring about the safe return of vulnerable adults and children. Then in December 2016 I moved to the role as Custody Officer working in the various cell blocks throughout the city and county managing the care and detention of people arrested in Leicestershire.

I am now returning back to the Hinckley and Blaby policing area into a neighbourhood policing role, an area of police work that I am very passionate about and I am looking forward to the challenge's this role will bring. I have inherited a small but well-rounded beat team, who between them they have a wealth of knowledge not only in policing but on the local area and issues raised by you as members of the community. I intend on continuing the good work and close links that have been formed with local partners to resolve locally identified issues. I also intend on working closely with the community to identify issues that directly affect the local residents and businesses and addressing them accordingly.'

What I need for you: 'We look after a large area that covers 52 villages and with only 2 PC's and 1 PCSO it can be very challenging to be in the right place all of the time. We have a really strong following on Facebook and I would encourage every resident to 'like' our Facebook page for regular updates and crime prevention advice. With such a large area to police communication is key and we need you to work with us to help us direct our resources effectively. Social media is a fantastic tool, but sometimes can create fear amongst communities through false stories or third hand information, therefore always refer to our website or Facebook page for accurate information on community concerns that have been raised to us. Remember if you don't tell us about it, we don't know about it and therefore can't do anything to stop it from happening. If you have a concern or identify a problem which you feel the police should be dealing with tell us about it. This can be done in a variety of ways, one of the easiest being through the Leicestershire Police website. Only by working together can we continue to keep our communities safe and free from crime.

Contact us.

999 Emergency

101 non-emergency

<https://leics.police.uk/local-policing/bosworth-ratby-groby-markfield-and-stanton>

<https://www.facebook.com/MarketBosworthPolice/>



Action taken as a result of the issues you raised:

The beat team have been liaising with local companies and National haulers over the issue of breaching weight limits within local villages. With three main 'A' roads running through the area it is sometimes tempting for drivers of HGV's to risk breaking the weight limit to save a few miles. Villagers have been providing evidence of these breaches and acting on the evidence we have initially been contacting the companies direct with evidence of times, dates and vehicle details for the offending vehicles. Evidence shows that repeat offending by companies has decreased. It has also been highlighted that people's perception of what a HGV may be misjudged. Certain curtain sided vehicles can look like heavy vehicles, however their payloads determine that the load is less than the 7.5T limit. As the area is heavily populated by farms it regularly sees vehicles legitimately within the area of a weight restriction either collecting crops, milk or delivering to farms. Residents can be assured that if vehicles are seen within the restrictions they will be challenged and dealt with accordingly.

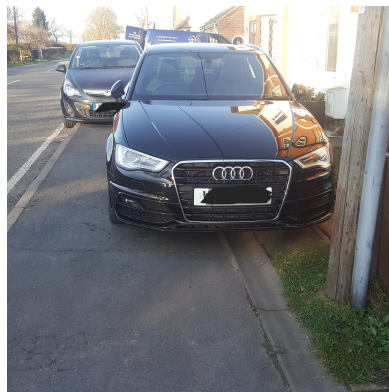


Parking Concerns:

Residents across many of the villages are raising concerns regarding inappropriate, inconsiderate and illegal parking, key locations include Groby, Markfield, Newbold Health and Cadeby. As our communities grow most households are now owners of at least 2 cars, however many of the houses in the villages we patrol were built in the early to mid 1900's when motor cars were few and far between, as a result the availability of both off road and street parking is limited. Please can we take this opportunity to remind you all to consider the following points when parking your car/s.

1. Footpaths are for pedestrians and not additional space for parking, ask yourself could a person with a pram or push chair use the footpath as a result of my parking? If not then find somewhere else to park, do you want to be responsible for a young child or baby being injured or killed as they have had to walk on the road to get round your car?
2. When parking on the road, look at what at the space you are leaving, are you causing an obstruction? Could an emergency vehicle such as a fire engine get past easily? If not whilst it may involve you having a short walk to your front door, move your car, it might just help save a life.

Over the next few weeks the neighbourhood team will be taking action on this issue, we will be issuing warnings and fines to offending vehicles, don't let yourself get caught out with a financial penalty just to save yourself a minute walking to your house.



Events:

We were fortunate to host a 'what matters to you' event on the area attended by Chief Constable Simon Cole and Police & Crime Commissioner Lord Willy Bach. The event was held at Dobbie Garden Centre and was well attended by residents throughout our area and adjoining areas attending to tell us what they felt we were doing well and what their concerns were. Overall people were really positive about the work that is being done in the area and it is great to hear so many good news stories. We managed to capture a couple of pictures during the day.



Dates for your Diary:

Saturday 20th April 2019 – We will be at Desford Library between 12noon and 1pm.

Saturday 18th May 2019 – we will be at Greenacres garden center in Stapleton between 12noon and 1pm.

Both events are a great opportunity to meet your local officers and discuss any local issues or concerns you may have.

All Parish Meeting:

We would like to take this opportunity to invite all parish council members to our next 'All Parish' meeting that will be held **on Monday 15th April 2019 from 7:30pm** at Bosworth Hall, Market Bosworth. Due to the large number of Parish councils on the area we police it is impossible for us to attend every one of the 42 different parish council's meetings and as such we offer 2 opportunities a year for all parish council members to attend this meeting which will be attended by the Hinckley and Blaby Local Policing Commander Inspector Emma Maxwell.

Groby - Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB):

There has recently been an increase in ASB in the Groby area, this has taken the form of groups of young people gathering, being noisy, drinking and using drugs, causing damage to benches and bin, setting fires, throwing things into the road and most recently racial graffiti. We are working with local schools to identify the individuals responsible and will also be working alongside our colleagues from the youth offending service who will be deploying their IMPACT team to the area. Please continue to contact us if you suffer ASB and to parents of children between 12 and 18 please remind them to consider others when they are out with friends and remember that associating with others whilst they are causing issues makes them equally as guilty.



Follow us on Facebook for regular updates on what is happening:

The 'Market Bosworth Police' Facebook page has grown rapidly since it was created last year and now has over 7,500 followers, it is full of crime updates, news stories and other information that is really relevant to our community. Please help us to increase our members by following our page.

