

Harborough Newsletter

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Welcome to your Market Harborough police e-newsletter. Here you will find all of the latest news from a Market Harborough policing perspective and crime prevention advice to help keep yourself safe.

Anti-social Behaviour Awareness Week



PC Steve Winn made use of social media to help defuse long standing ASB in a Kibworth Park. He has also helped to have new CCTV cameras and better lights installed at the park.

The young people were not committing crimes but their behaviour was impacting the community.

"I found the key to making these improvements was open communication and letting the young people know I didn't want to stop their fun in any way but that they needed to remember to consider the community impact and keeping the park nice for everyone's use."

"I wanted to engage their parents, not to get anyone in trouble but by speaking to them directly through social media and Facebook Live I was able to show them in real time what was happening.

"This approach has led to a reduction in issues at the park."

Rural Crime

The team dedicated to rural policing in Leicestershire and Rutland is expanding from three to eight officers to provide extra resources to target, disrupt and address rural crime.

Meet PC Tones who will be working from Market Harborough Station. She is passionate about the countryside and understands the challenges of living and working in the countryside. She has been around animals all her life, not only helping out on a friend's farm with livestock rearing and husbandry but she also owns and rides horses.

For the last three years Kelly has been the dedicated neighbour-hood officer at Market Harborough, putting her knowledge about rural communities and skills to good use leading a complicated investigation, with the RSPCA (England & Wales) and others, into animal cruelty against badgers and dogs that led to the suspect being charged.



Mobile Speed Camera Van — June

Road	Area	Summary	Summary
		Visits	Offences
A4304 Lubbenham Hill	Market Harborough	1	1
A47 Route	Between Skeffington and Tugby	2	19

Drink Driving

The Great British Summer is upon us and we understand that people will want to go out and enjoy yourselves however, we would like to remind you to drink sensibly.

Above all, leave the car at home and do not drink and drive. Just because you live in an outlying village or rural community, this does not mean that you are not going to get caught drinking and driving.

Officers are carrying out proactive stop checks around the county and one person recently found himself in trouble, this person was over the prescribed limit of alcohol and was arrested and charged with drink driving and will be appearing in Court at a later date.



The summer 'drink drive' campaign has been extended from the usual four weeks to six weeks due to the increase in the number of arrests since the pandemic lockdowns. Since the pandemic, some of which included the closure of pubs, bars and restaurants, there has been an increase in the number of people being stopped for being unfit behind the wheel.

There were 1,513 arrests in 2021 and 1,434 arrests in 2020 compared to 1,237 the previous year.

If you see someone who appears to be a drink or drug driver, enter a vehicle to drive away you are being asked to make a note of the registration plate and direction of travel and call police on 101 or make an anonymous call to **CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111**.

Thurnby & Bushby Parish Council Police Beat 'Drop-in' for Residents

Residents of Thurnby & Bushby are invited to come along:

Saturday 20 August, 10-11.30am. Hill Court Community Centre (between the GP surgery and the Rose & Crown pub)

Meet a member of the local police beat team, discuss any local policing related concerns, seek crime reduction & personal safety advice and 'have your say' by completing a police survey. Sign up to the Neighbourhood Link messaging service.

Further drop-ins will be held on:

- Friday 14 October 2022 18.00-19.30pm
- Saturday 10 December 2022 10-11.30am