



News update

In the last couple of weeks a number of sheep have been illegally slaughtered across Northamptonshire and Leicestershire.

Notably, the most recent incident took place in Cotesbach.

Farmers and landowners are encouraged to ensure gates are padlocked and to keep an eye on stock overnight—please ensure you do this safely and call the Police if required.

If you see anyone acting suspiciously around fields of sheep or any other livestock, where applicable please take the number of the vehicle and report it to Leicestershire Police.

If the crime you are reporting is an emergency call 999, quoting Northamptonshire's Operation Stock, if it is not an emergency dial 101.

Appeal regarding stolen meat for sale

Northamptonshire Police in partnership with Trading Standards are warning food outlets and the public about the dangers of selling and eating stolen meat from illegal slaughtering:

- The meat is unlikely to have gone through the normal hygiene and anti-contamination processes followed by slaughterhouses.
- Illnesses and diseases in the animals will not have been detected.
- The meat is unlikely to meet animal welfare or food standards
- If you are concerned about the quality of meat being offered, do not buy it and please report your concerns to the Police.



Beat surgeries – come and talk to us

Beat surgeries will be held throughout August:

Tuesday 6 August: (11am-noon) Garden Barn, Rugby Rd, Cotesbach

Wednesday 14 July: (11am-noon) Manor Farm, Tea Rooms, Catthorpe

Saturday 16 August: (11am-noon) Village Store, Tea Shop, Main St, Gilmorton

Sunday 17 August: (2pm-3pm) Palmers Garden Centre, Ullesthorpe

Friday 23 August: (noon-1pm) The Astley Rooms, Parish Council offices, Station Rd, Broughton Astley.

Please note the following amendments:

Wed 14 July should read Wed 14 August

Sat 16 August should read Sat 17 August

Sun 17 August should read Sun 18 August

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Church Watch

Unfortunately, the roof of St Mary's Church, Bitteswell has been the victim of lead theft.

A roof alarm has now been fitted, if anyone thinks that they may have seen or heard anything in relation to this crime, please get in contact.

Be vigilant at Churches in your own village and if you witness any suspicious activity, call the Police on 101, or report it online at www.leics.police.uk

Vehicle issues

We continue to carry out speed monitoring and vehicle checks in Broughton Astley and the surrounding villages.

Three vehicles have been seized for not having any tax.

Tickets have also been issued for drivers not wearing seat belts, not having MOT's, having illegal number plates and having illegal tint's on their vehicle.



Harborough District Council and Partners launch Safer Summer Campaign

As warmer weather paves the way for parties and outdoor fun, we're asking residents to respect others. At the same time, remember it's a "two way street" and consider what constitutes anti-social behaviour, and when to report it.

Information on anti-social behaviour is available in more detail at www.harborough.gov.uk.

We have received reports from residents of anti-social behaviour. Consequently, we will be increasing patrols around Lutterworth and Broughton Astley parks as well as the surrounding villages at all hours - those causing problems will be dealt with accordingly.

Please don't use BBQs in parks, unless it's an official event with local council approval.

As the weather improves, don't forget:

- *Keep ground floor windows shut overnight
- *Ensure that gardening tools are locked away
- *Please don't leave dogs in cars in warm weather



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