



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

## News

A number of imitation firearms have been recovered by officers in Market Harborough after they stopped a suspicious looking vehicle that caught their attention.

The officers were carrying out routine proactive patrols and saw that the vehicle was in poor condition with tape on the number plate.

A search of the vehicle uncovered two imitation firearms as well as knives. Three occupants were immediately arrested and the weapons seized. An investigation is now underway and further enquiries are taking place.

Detective Inspector Charles Edwards, from Market Harborough CID, said: "While our investigation is progressing, I hope the public can take some reassurance from the fact that the weapons have been recovered and taken off our streets thanks to some eagle eyed officers who were proactively patrolling and using their initiative.

"I would continue to encourage anyone with concerns or information about criminal activity in the area to report matters to us directly or call 101. Reports can also be made online via [www.leics.police.uk](http://www.leics.police.uk). Always call 999 in an emergency."



## Speed monitoring

Speed checks were recently carried out in Great Glen to check compliance with speed limits in the area. Despite some road markings being worn and branches covering speed limit signs, it is important to know that the speed limit is 30mph if there are street lights and no signs. Several road users stated that they believed London Road was a 40mph zone, despite it being a 30mph zone.

The A6 from Great Glen to Kibworth is still an issue with certain individuals using the dual carriageway as their own race track. The highest speed we recorded was 108mph, nearly 40mph above the speed limit. We are now at that time of the year where we may see snow and icy roads, so speeding to that extent is a huge worry. We would urge drivers to be responsible, stay within the speed limit and drive according to the conditions.

Please be aware that there have been a number of reported burglaries in Great Glen between late October and mid November whereby it appears suspects have targeted addresses knowing occupants were away. There have also been some recent break-ins to unoccupied new build houses around the Great Glen and Fleckney areas. We would ask residents to be extra vigilant and report any suspicious activity to police.

## Keeping you safe this festive season

As the festive season of 2021 begins, Harborough Community Safety Partnership's, 'Christmas Presence' campaign is here to help remind you to keep safe throughout the season.

Following a very different Christmas last year, all the Christmas adverts tell us this will be an extra celebratory period of festivities with long overdue catch ups with friends and families. Late-night shopping is back, Christmas lights switch-ons, maybe an office party or a New Year's eve celebration with friends.

If you're heading out to enjoy the festive atmosphere then we would ask that you think ahead:

- Park in well-lit car parks with CCTV
- Do not leave presents on view in your vehicle
- Make sure that handbags are zipped shut and that pocketed wallets/phones and keys are all out of easy reach.

**If you're planning a night out on the town or the office party, then remember to:**

- Plan ahead and make provision for getting home safely
- Look after friends and don't let them walk home alone
- Use the Ask for Angela scheme in pubs should you be getting unwanted attention

**Beware of fraudsters and loan sharks:**

- Do not transfer money directly to people or companies you don't know. The safest way to pay for anything is by credit card.
- Stay safe, borrow responsibly and start saving for next Christmas. Loan sharks should be avoided because they will make a difficult financial situation much worse. If you need to borrow money, check the lender is authorised and regulated by the Financial Code.

Home should be a safe place, but if you are suffering from domestic abuse remember you are not alone. Contact UAVA Leicestershire' support service for domestic abuse or sexual violence 0808 8020028 [www.uava.org.uk](http://www.uava.org.uk)

More information and advice can be found on our website [www.harborough.gov.uk/communitysafety](http://www.harborough.gov.uk/communitysafety)



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