

Harborough Newsletter

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Market Harborough Town

Travelling criminality

The team has been busy in February looking at some of the issues in the town.

We carried out the second part of our operation targeting criminals who travel into Market Harborough. With assistance from the Neighbourhood Proactive Team, officers in plain clothes patrolled the major train routes into the town and uniformed officers patrolled road routes in and out of Harborough.

A man initially failed to stop for a police vehicle but was arrested a short time later for a number of theft and motor vehicle offences. We will continue to target travelling offenders and will look at all the routes used to get into Market Harborough.

On the morning of Monday 25 February a white Mercedes Sprinter van was reported as having been stolen overnight.

Based upon information we received, by 9:30am the vehicle had been located and was then successfully recovered by PCSO Tim Harwood





Our regular interview on Harborough FM had a more international feel this week as police volunteer Marzena Ellis appeared on the show with PC Kelly Tones.

Marzena speaks fluent Polish and was able to talk to and answer questions from the growing Polish community in Market Harborough.

Marzena didn't find the show as scary as she was led to believe it would be (thanks Insp Gorman!) and hopefully she will take part again sometime in the future.

Anti social behaviour (ASB)

We have recently been in contact with the residents of Western Avenue due to a number of issues and an increase in reports of anti social behaviour. We understand these concerns and have decided that extra patrols will continue in the area for the time being, we also hope to install a CCTV camera to monitor the issues within the next 2 weeks. This camera has been used successfully in the past as part of a patrol strategy.

We would like to thank local businesses and residents in the area for their support.

Market Harborough North

Speeding

Speeding vehicles is a topical issue that has been raised in the feedback to us from our community consultations.

We have used both our volunteers and PCSO's in the villages of Thurnby and Lubbenham to analyse and evidence where, and if, we have issues to look to host enforcement events in the future.



Houghton on the Hill

The local policing team went to a public meeting at Houghton on the Hill where around 80 concerned residents attended to discuss the issues affecting the area.

It was a constructive meeting where some good points were made and both the police and local councillor took away actions to look to improve the situation.

We have already had positive results from this, the street lighting application has been supported and one of the main offenders for the crime and anti social behaviour has been moved out of the area by Leicester City social services.

Scraptoft

Residents of Scraptoft have been having the doors and windows of their house's knocked in an aggressive manner and are also being verbally abused by youths.

We are managing the issue and have increased our presence in the area. Names of some of the young people have been obtained and we will be following up on these.

This is a timely reminder to ask all parents as the weather improves and the lighter nights develop....do you know where your children are and what they are doing as they play out??

Kibworth

PC Steve Winn and Insp Siobhan Gorman went on a site visit to Kibworth Park following concerns raised by community leaders regarding anti social behaviour (ASB) and low level criminality. The purpose of the visit was to identify the issues and the causes of the ASB and equally what can be done to work towards finding a solution to the issues.

We are talking to partner agencies and community leaders in the area to look for a resolution and to design out future problems.

