



## Local Policing

The first big test on the Covid lockdown relaxation roadmap occurred on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April without too much incident. That day saw people able to go to pubs and restaurants to eat and drink, in groups of six or no more than two households, but in outside areas of the licenced premise's. The Monday date went without too much incident, and the first weekend after this date was even more, surprisingly quiet. On the Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April, police officers and officers from Harborough District Council Licencing and Environmental Health conducted joint visits to numerous licenced premises across the district. They also conducted joint follow up visits. Officers are pleased to report that almost all premises were adhering to the new legislation and were supportive of our visits



### Anti-social Behaviour (ASB)

OP BEHAVE, has now been running since mid-March and is planned to run till late September. Its primary aims are to attend and proactively deal with reported incidents of ASB and case manage them on our police system, Sentinel, a shared information system with Harborough District Council.

As an NPA, we currently have a number of locations from where we are receiving a high number of calls due to large gatherings of youths causing issues mainly due to alcohol/drug consumption, these locations are currently split between the Harborough Town and The Bowdens beat, and the Harborough North beat. It is important to consider that groups of 6 are allowed in outdoor settings under current Covid legislation, and it is only when the behaviour becomes anti-social that the police are able to take action. This may be due to the time of the night the gathering is taking place, along with excessive noise.

There have been a number of calls regarding Little Bowden Rec, Symingtons Rec and more recently Welland Park, coming to the fore due to a recent incident of play equipment being damaged.

Waymarkers have been created in hotspot locations which allows us to monitor officer activity and time spent in these locations, which can allow us to reduce, deter and detect any potential ASB. Further to this PS Ryan Coleman, has also written a letter to the high schools reminding students and parents about the current covid legislation and how ASB can be perceived and prevented. A letter has also been sent to off-licenced premises to be extra vigilant as to who they are selling alcohol to.

## County lines

Harborough officers have teamed up with British Transport Police to target those using trains to get drugs into the town, and protect those being exploited to transport them.

'County Lines' is where illegal drugs are transported from larger town and cities, usually by children or vulnerable people, coerced into it by gangs.

A flat in Market Harborough, taken over by a drugs gang earlier this year, has also been shut down by Police, which removed one such 'county line'.

## Rural communities

Rural communities across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland will now benefit from a number of new wildlife crime officers within their areas.

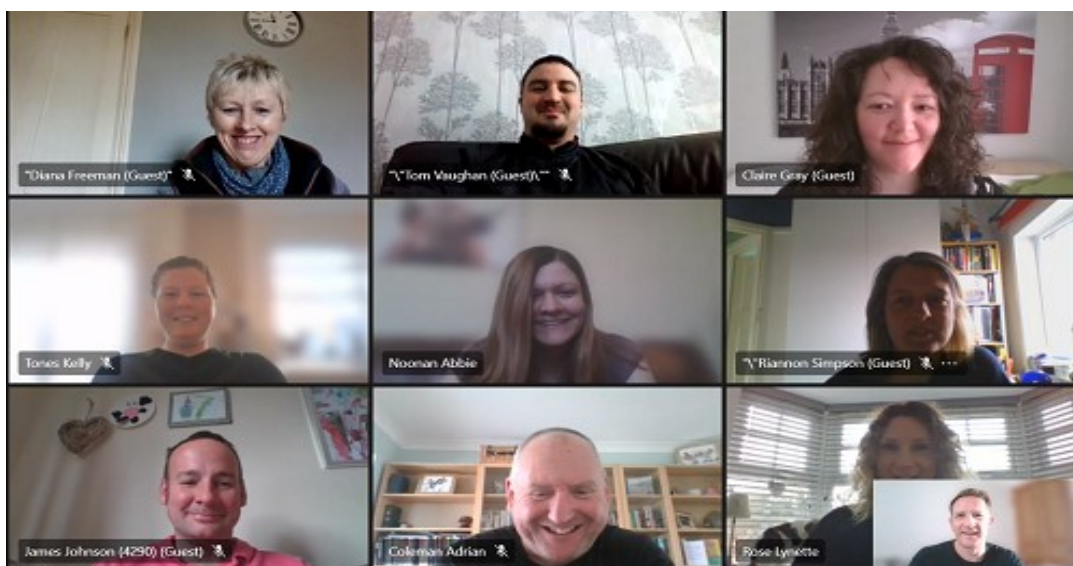
Eighteen officers have recently undertaken a five-day wildlife training course to gain a better understanding of rural issues and laws.

Wildlife crime includes hare coursing, poaching and interfering with protected species such as badgers.

With the introduction of 18 specially trained officers, it will encourage better working relationships between the communities and the police, as well as helping other neighbourhood officers understand rural crime issues. **Six officers from Market Harborough Police Station are included in those officers trained.**

Sergeant Peter Jelbert, said: "Leicestershire and Rutland are very rural counties, so to be able to learn and refresh our knowledge of legislation which has an effect on our rural communities, will be a real bonus.

"The greatest positive will be to our rural communities and to other partnerships such as the RSCPA."



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