



## Latest News Updates

As lockdown restrictions continue to ease in the area, we have seen an increase in calls being received in regards to crime reports, and about ASB in particular. Here's what we have been doing to combat the issue as well as a few highlights from the past month:

- Due to ongoing ASB issues around the area of Little Bowden Recreational Ground, a CCTV camera has been installed, this along with other measures has helped deter anti social behaviour in the area.
- A 32-year-old man was arrested in connection with the theft of a car in Market Harborough. On 16 July, a report was received to say that a car had been stolen from a business address in Market Harborough. A short time later the car was seen being driven in Bath St but failed to stop for police when requested. It then collided with a number of stationary vehicles in a car park on Northampton Road. Enquiries are ongoing.
- A prolific Harborough shoplifter has been sentenced to 10 weeks in prison.



We ask that everyone continues to comply with the restrictions and social distancing rules that remain in place. They are they to keep you all safe and to protect the NHS. Our officers will continue to engage with you, explain and encourage our communities to continue following government guidelines, with enforcement measures only being used as a last resort.

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During the warmer months it can be tempting to leave windows and doors open or unlocked and burglars are often opportunistic. Take these simple steps to improve your home security:

- Keep windows and doors locked and secure when you go out or when you're in the garden
- Keep valuables out of sight
- Don't leave keys near windows and doors
- Check for potential access points, could someone use bins, ladders or garden furniture to reach windows? If so, store these elsewhere
- If you have a house alarm, make sure you set it when you go out or before you go to bed

The past month has seen a number of real challenges to how we Police our communities.

We have had the ongoing issues and complications of COVID challenging us to keep ourselves, our colleagues, the community and our families safe while we conduct our business as normal in the roles we do.

This has led to deploying in PPE that is normally reserved for rare incidents which in turn heightens the concerns of those around us. Please be assured our choice of clothing is only to ensure everybody is as safe as they can be.

We have also seen the pubs, restaurants, take away venues and retail outlets open. This would have been a challenge in itself but with the added issue of the local lockdown in Leicester City this caused a number of concerns within our local areas. As a result we worked tirelessly with our partner agencies to ensure all that could be done was done to make this process as efficient as it could be. Each weekend, evening and morning we would brief and deploy to react to all issues and reports. The commitment of every team, agency and department has been clear to see and the public as a whole has benefitted.



Recently Saddington reservoir became an issue due to the volume of people gathering there, the knock on traffic issue and the threat to life for those looking to swim in the water.

We called a meeting with all interested partner agencies which resulted in prevention measures being put in place and the local police obtaining a number of throw lines to provide the best chance of saving people should they get into difficulty. Work is ongoing to look to reduce the impact on the local community and prevent the build up of vehicles that has been previously witnessed.



You may also have noticed our own PC Steve Winn getting himself on several local media outlet following his encounter with a sheep. Again this is a true reflection of the diverse nature of what we police—from full PPE deployment, to ASB and risk to life at a reservoir, to policing the night time economy, to catching the odd farm animal!

### Beat Surgeries:

In line with government guidance around Covid-19, we have postponed our community consultations and beat meetings. Our officers will continue to be active in your community. We will re-arrange events as soon as we can. Remember you can always report crime by:

- Reporting online via [leics.police.uk/report-online](https://leics.police.uk/report-online)
- Calling 101