



Vehicle Crime

There have been a number of vehicle crimes in the areas of Lutterworth, Broughton Astley and the surrounding villages within the last month. This is an increasing problem across the country and is not just targeted in your area, however, we appreciate that this is little consolation to victims of vehicle crime. Our local officers have attempted to visit all victims of vehicle crime to offer reassurance and crime prevention advice as well as completing house to house enquiries.

What can you do to prevent becoming a victim?

Do NOT leave tools in vans. All tools that you have should be marked with a unique identifier.

Do not leave valuables in your vehicle especially on show.

Make sure your vehicle is locked and secure, think about where and how you park your vehicle.

For further advice talk to your local officers or attend one of the beat surgeries in your area.



Anti social behaviour

In our last newsletter we highlighted reports of antisocial behaviour (ASB) in and around the Swannington Road Industrial Estate in Broughton Astley regarding the inappropriate use of motor vehicles.

This type of ASB is one of our ongoing priorities due to the number of local reports we have received across the area. During February, officers have continued to complete high visibility targeted patrols, issued warnings to potential offenders and visiting those of you affected.

Beat surgeries – come and talk to us

We will be holding beat surgeries throughout March at the following locations, you are welcome to come along on the following dates to talk to your local officers.

If you feel your area would benefit from a beat surgery or feel a different time would be more suited talk to your local officers and they will do what they can to accommodate your specific requirements

Tuesday 5 March 11am to 12:00pm - Village Store Gilmorton

Tuesday 5 March 1pm to 2pm - Palmers Garden Centre Ullesthorpe

Friday 8 March 3pm to 4pm – The Garden Barn Cotesbach

Tuesday 12 March 11am to 12pm - Broughton Astley Library

Friday 15 March 11am – 12pm – Manor Farm Shop Catthorpe

Monday 18 March 11 am – 12pm — Broughton Astley Carls Chill out Café

Friday 22 March 4.30pm to 5.30pm – Church Lane Shearsby Street beat surgery

Thursday 28 March 11am to 12pm - Broughton Astley Parish Council office

Consultation

On Friday 8 February Leicestershire's Police Crime Commissioner (PCC) Lord Willy Bach and Chief Constable Simon Cole together with local officers attended Morrisons supermarket on Bitteswell Road in Lutterworth.

They were able to answer many questions from the public regarding police buildings, staffing levels, crime in the area and many other topics; the local beat team handed out car crime prevention items and provided advice.

Due to its success it is hoped to book another public meeting at Morrison's later in the Spring



Trading Standards

Local officers have been working with Trading Standards in Lutterworth clamping down on the sale and distribution of illegal tobacco.

They have recently visited an address where 50 packets of non-compliant cigarettes were discovered. The cigarettes were in non-standardised packaging and were seized by Trading Standards. It is important to be aware that in May 2016, the law changed. From this date, all tobacco will have to be sold in drab, standardised packaging, instead of the previous colourful, branded packs. This law includes not just cigarettes, but rolling tobacco too.

If you suspect someone of selling counterfeit or illegal tobacco please report it to the Citizens Advice Bureau consumer helpline and tell them you want to report a trader to Trading Standards. The consumer helpline will assess your problem and pass it on to Trading Standards if it's appropriate. Telephone: 03454 04 05 06 or check on www.citizensadvice.org.uk for alternative methods of communication.

Information

Seizure of vehicles

We have seized and recovered a number of vehicles from the Broughton Astley and Lutterworth areas which were untaxed or uninsured and without an MOT.

So be aware and make sure your vehicles are in order. If your vehicle isn't taxed, please don't leave it on the road!

Action Fraud/Cyber Security

The internet and social media is part of our daily lives and we need to protect ourselves against new types of online crime. The Action Fraud website is a great source of information for informing the public about new cases of online crime and how to protect yourself against them.

For access to Action Fraud or to report a fraud go to www.actionfraud.police.uk or for additional online safety advice Get Safe Online at: getsafeonline.org or follow @actionfrauduk on Twitter; or like /actionfraud on Facebook.



Some of the vehicles seized by local officers

The next edition will be out soon!