



Welcome to your Lutterworth and Broughton Astley police e-newsletter. Here you will find all of the latest news and crime prevention advice to help keep yourself safe.

News

National Hate Crime Week

Officers have attended Lutterworth High School and Lutterworth College as part of National Hate Crime Week. Both secondary schools along with the police are collaborating on a range of tools to raise awareness of online and offline hateful attitudes and to support anyone who has been a victim or has seen hate crimes happen.

Whilst engaging with the schools, County Lines is a prominent topic. Youngsters being exploited to carry, export and sell drugs and sometimes having to do this across the county. Criminals will often groom vulnerable children and often use coercion, intimidation, violence and weapons in order for the drugs to be distributed by the drug runners.

The local schools are taking a proactive approach to the signs of youngsters potentially involved in County Lines. Here is some of the signs you can look out for yourself. Please report the signs to the police or phone anonymously to Crime Stoppers.

- An increase in visitors and cars to a house or flat
 - New faces appearing at the house or flat
 - New and regularly changing residents e.g different accents compared to local accent)
 - Change in resident's mood and/or demeanour (e.g. secretive/ withdrawn/ aggressive/ emotional
 - Substance misuse and/or drug paraphernalia
 - Changes in the way young people you might know dress
 - Unexplained, sometimes unaffordable new things (e.g clothes, jewellery, cars etc)
 - Residents or young people you know going missing, maybe for long periods of time
 - Young people seen in different cars/taxis driven by unknown adults
 - Young people seeming unfamiliar with your community or where they are
- Tuancy, exclusion, disengagement from school



Beat Surgeries

Wednesday 10 November: 10-11 am, Morrisons Lutterworth

Wednesday 10 November: 2-3pm, **location in Broughton Astley to be confirmed.**

Neighbourhood Priorities

Vehicle Crime

Market Harborough, Lutterworth and Hinkley officers along with the Drone team located a stolen Motorhome near to Lutterworth.

This vehicle was worth over £40,000 and will now be reunited with its grateful owner. The owner will soon be out enjoying the great outdoors again!



Anti social behaviour

New powers have been introduced to tackle the use of psychoactive substances and 'legal highs', such as nitrous oxide, linked to anti-social behaviour.

In a joint initiative, Harborough District Council and Oadby and Wigston Borough Council have introduced a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) prohibiting the use of psychoactive substances in public places. Breaking the order would be a criminal offence, and could result in a fixed penalty notice of £100 or prosecution.

Street Safe

StreetSafe is a pilot service for anyone to anonymously tell us about public places where you have felt or feel unsafe, because of environmental issues, eg street lighting, abandoned buildings or vandalism and/or because of some behaviours, eg being followed or verbally abused.

Please note: 'StreetSafe' is not for reporting crime or incidents – if something has happened to you or someone you know (including in public spaces online) you can call us on [101](tel:101) or report online.

More information can be found at [StreetSafe | Police.uk](https://www.street-safe.co.uk)



Under The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Part 4, Section 59, a Public Space Protection Order is in place.

The following is **prohibited** in public spaces within Harborough District and Oadby and Wigston Borough:

- Possession of nitrous oxide or other psychoactive substance –Unless for a lawful purpose i.e. catering
- Recreational misuse of nitrous oxide or other psychoactive substance

Breaches of the order will constitute an offence and will be liable to a fine up to £1,000

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Alcohol Awareness Week - 15-21th November 2021.

Alcohol Awareness Week is a chance for the UK to get thinking about drinking. It's a week of awareness-raising, campaigning for change, and more. The theme for Alcohol Awareness Week 2021 is 'Alcohol and relationships'.

Alcohol and relationships are closely linked. Many of us associate alcohol and socialising, and alcohol can become a big part of our connections and interactions with those around us. But when our own or a loved one's drinking starts to negatively affect our relationships, or stands in the way of us taking action on our own drinking, it can have a huge impact on our lives.

On top of this, research shows that many of us have found ourselves drinking more to deal with feelings of loneliness and isolation during the pandemic. As we leave lockdown and return to normal life there will be new pressures too – pressures to drink, 'sober shaming', and pressures we put on ourselves to get back to 'normal' socialising.

Sign up to do something positive or to find help and support if you are concerned about your own/a loved ones alcohol use at <https://alcoholchange.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/alcohol-awareness-week-1> or call our local service providers <https://www.turning-point.co.uk/services/leicestershire>

Centenary War Memorial

Local Officers attended Lutterworth War Memorial Gardens for what was an excellent event held by Lutterworth County Council. After some unfortunate delays due to the pandemic, Lutterworth Officers and the public were able to commemorate 100 years of Lutterworth's War Memorial.



**Celebrate
Safely**

It is already starting to feel like Autumn and with that are a few traditions that are like marmite. By using Respect and Tolerance everyone can have some fun and some peace at the same time.

Fireworks night.

Last year preventing the spread of Covid 19 ensured that public fire work events were cancelled, however this year we would always encourage you to attend one of these events over having your own display. This does reduce the disturbance for other people and animals and ensures there are less firework night incidents and accidents.

If you do intend on holding your own though, some considerations.

Talk to your neighbours and inform them so they have plenty of time to prepare for your evening. Only buy fireworks from a legitimate retailer.

Check the fireworks you buy are suitable for the size of garden and conform to British Standard (BS 7114).

Always store fireworks in a metal box, kept closed between use - never put fireworks in your pocket!

Never hold a lit firework and always wear gloves when holding a sparkler.

Remember it is illegal if you

possess a firework and you're under 18 years old.

set off fireworks after midnight on 5 November.

set off fireworks (including sparklers) in the street or public place.

Breaking these laws can result in an on the spot fine of £90.00

The next edition will be out soon!