



## 2019 Review & Looking Forward to 2020

As we look ahead to 2020 it's a good time to reflect on the last year and think about what we have achieved and where we are looking to make progress.

The Harborough North team have been involved with anti-social behaviour on parks across the district, managing spikes in crime in Houghton-on-the-Hill and Hallaton whilst also working with our partner agencies to resolve neighbour and housing disputes. We have also been committed to proactive operations looking at rural, wildlife and residential crime which has seen positive results and prevented offences from occurring.

As we look towards 2020 we hope that our links, communication and presence increases in our rural communities. We are looking to introduce Whatsapp as a new mode of social media to allow us to reach more people and encourage two way communications with our communities.

Having learnt what works and what isn't so effective in responding to anti-social behaviour, residential, rural and business crime we are looking at how we work and what we can do. More specific crime prevention, better and smarter patrol plans and more relevant news releases are all avenues we have reviewed.

Ongoing engagement with our parish councils has identified that residents of the beat area want to know who their local officers are, and how to contact us.

For this we will be developing posters to be distributed, but in the short term I would signpost you to follow/like our Facebook and Twitter pages where you will see what we do and the results we have. It also opens up lines of communication with us that we can respond to and follow up on.

With Christmas on the horizon and the assumption more valuables will be within the home, please take time to review your home security. Ensure doors and windows are locked and install external lighting.

On a final note, we wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and all the best for 2020.

PC Steve Winn



Leicestershire Police take part in charity 5k or 10k runs every year. All participants are encouraged to dress up to add to the fun.

Eastern Counties Inspector Siobhan Gorman led from the front from the Harborough station last week. She was supported by Sergeant Peter Jelbert, PC Malc Roberts and PC Greg Cook.

Despite running in the rain, the drizzle certainly didn't dampen their spirits.

## Appeal—did you see the firework that was set off on 9th November?

A firework was discharged by a group of teenagers in the front entrance of Sainsburys in St Marys Place on Saturday 9th November. Some minor damage was caused to the shop but thankfully no-one was reported as injured.

There were a number of people in the area at the time including young children. It was an extremely dangerous act and could have resulted in someone being seriously injured.

We would like to speak to anyone who witnessed the incident or knows the identity of those responsible. Please contact PC 4634 Lucy Day on 101 quoting crime number 19\*604172.

## Crime Prevention Advice

**Catalytic Converter Theft** - There continues to be a spate of catalytic converter thefts from vehicles across the Eastern NPA area, we are working hard to establish if reports are connected. We have recovered a car that has been linked to these types of theft and enquiries are ongoing to identify and apprehend the occupants.

Cars which are often targeted are those with higher chassis, such as a 4x4s or SUVs. However, other cars can still be targeted. If you see anyone acting suspiciously near a vehicle, report it to the police. Try to obtain as much information as possible, including any vehicle registrations .

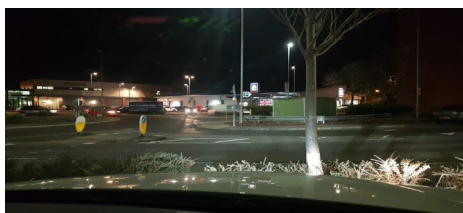


Neighbourhood officers have been patrolling retail car parks to deter thefts and vehicle crime.

Please be careful whilst out shopping. Be vigilant about your bag - make sure it is always fastened or zipped up. Don't leave it unattended on a shopping trolley and don't leave your bag in the car (unlocked) when you go to return your trolley.

Pickpockets operate in shops and department stores, where people are more likely to be standing still, distracted and so paying less attention to their belongings, making them easier targets.

Be aware of your surroundings in busy shops and shopping centres because they're ideal places for purse theft, as it's easier to brush past people, take items and blend into the crowd.



## Beat Surgeries- come and talk to us

### Market Harborough Beat surgeries

**Saturday 14th December** (10-10.30am) Sainsburys, St Marys Place , Market Harborough

**Monday 23rd December** (10.00-10.30am) St Nicholas Church, Little Bowden

### Market Harborough District Beat surgeries

#### **Wednesday 18th December**

10-10.30am–Hallaton Road, Horninghold.

10.45-11.15am– Blaston Hill, Blaston

11.30-12.00pm-Slawston Road, Slawston

12.15-12.45 pm– Cranoe Road, Cranoe



If you would like to hear about what is happening in your area, sign up to Neighbourhood Link via [www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk)

We are always happy to hear from you. Please email us at [easterncountiesnpa@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:easterncountiesnpa@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)