



Summer/Autumn 2017 update

Welcome to my Summer/Autumn 2017 update. As always it has been a busy time when many exciting activities and initiatives have taken place, which I have pleasure in sharing with you.

Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour

We have been working in partnership with NWLDC addressing those that continue to commit ASB making the lives of others miserable, and to deliver the message that Anti-Social behaviour will just not be tolerated.

Judge ‘could not bring himself to jail Ms Neal because of her age and personal circumstances’

Kathleen Neal a 77-year-old woman has been fined £3,500 for continuing her campaign of hate against her neighbours. Mrs Neal was last in court in June 2016, and given a five-year injunction to stop her harassing her neighbours in Park Lane, Castle Donington. She had been killing her neighbours’ plants with weed killer, lighting smoky bonfires and making phone calls. She was back before District Judge David Douce at Derby County Court after breaching the order 14 separate times. He said: “If Ms Neal finds herself before me again, public interest would demand a term of imprisonment.

“Age is not a bar - she should consider herself lucky today.”



We will continue to support the victims and to get the message over that Anti-Social behaviour will **not** be tolerated.

Successful convictions

Josh Billington, of Loughborough was successfully convicted at Leicester Magistrates Court of Criminal Damage at Meredith Road, Ashby. He was fined £870. Carol Anne Ward, of Coalville was successfully convicted on several counts of various crimes including Burglary and breach of community order and sentenced to three years imprisonment.

Specials lead Operation in relation to acquisitive crime

A successful operation was carried out led by specials in the North West Leicestershire area. Staff were briefed in relation to the new DVLA powers to seize vehicles and reminded of their powers, policies and limitations. 16 Specials



volunteered to work the 18.00 – 03.00 hr shift on a Monday evening to support the operation. This resulted in 30 stop checks on vehicles, two arrests for drink drive, one arrest and summons for disqualified driving. TOR's issued for low level vehicle offences and a number of vehicles seized for no insurance. One disqualified driver summonsed admitted that he had been driving whilst disqualified for nearly a year before being caught. A very worthwhile initiative which helped to put a dent in the area's criminality through the use of the road network.

Thank you to our dedicated team of SPC volunteers.

Fatal4-Tamworth Road- Ashby de la Zouch – 28 July 2017

Another operation was carried out at the above site which proved to be busy. We dealt with 22 offences for no seat belts; 2 using mobile phones, 2 no insurance and 1 with no driving licence. Television crews were on hand to capture some good road safety footage which will assist to educate others. Ashby residents were very pleased to see us and positive about the campaign.

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Services – Fire Skills Programme



I had the pleasure of presenting certificates to young people at The Fire & Rescue Skills course last week. The course was funded by NWL Community Safety Partnership.

The course was aimed at 12 – 17 year olds and was a brilliant opportunity for youngsters to find out what it is like to be a Firefighter. The course had a positive effect on the youngsters' self-esteem and confidence, and there was a chance for participants to gain an ASDAN Fire and Rescue Short Course Award. The participants were provided with fire kit and a polo shirt and had the opportunity to use fire appliances and other equipment.



Research shows a link between work and young people ensures they stay on the straight and narrow.



A great time was had by all; they had been warned to bring a spare pair of socks, which proved useful to prevent blisters as there were on the go all day.

Bravery Awards

SPC Insp Lee Bennett & SPC Sergeant Adam Bancroft will be receiving a police constables bravery award from preventing a lady from jumping off a Bridge.



Supporting 'Lives not Knives' Campaign



We carried out a 'Supporting Lives not Knives' campaign in Coalville giving NWL Police Officers an opportunity to engage with local people. The campaign aims to reduce the number of people carrying bladed weapons and the force continues to try and educate young people about the dangers of carrying knives.

Plain clothed officers and a number of teenagers visited 10 shops as part of the campaign, to promote age checks before a sale.



Officers also deployed the 'Knife Arch'. This is a security safety device used in operations to discourage knife carrying. Hopefully we can reduce the number of potential victims, and assure the public that they should not be concerned for their safety as they go about their business. Wrist bands and leaflets giving more information were also distributed.



Thankfully knife related incidents in North West Leicestershire are rare. Wrist bands and leaflets giving more information were also distributed. We all know that alcohol and safe driving don't mix, but do we know whether we are over the legal limit?

Coalville Picnic in the Park



Who would believe the weather back in June when PCSO's Rebecca Hales & Elena Chambers attended the Coalville Picnic in the Park event? They represented Leicestershire Police at the hugely entertaining family friendly event on 25th June. Bands such as Beneath the Lights, The Tin Pigeons and Take This were also singing in the sunshine. There was lots to do for all the families who turned out to enjoy the sunny summer picnic.

A Big Thank You to NWL Community Safety Partnership:

For providing funding for crime prevention advice for allotments including shed alarm locks. Security on allotments has long been a problematic issue, particularly in view of the fact that most are in vulnerable positions. We highlighted security aids such as shed alarm locks, tamper proof screws, property markers. We then visited allotments in Ellistown, Ashby & Whitwick where we undertook property marking and were very well received at these sites.

For more information visit: <https://www.police.uk/crime-prevention-advice/>

Take Five Initiative

We are also engaging in the 'Take Five' initiative to stop fraud which can happen to anyone, from complex scams like offers of investments, to emails claiming you have won a prize. There are simple steps you can take to protect yourself or someone you care about from fraud.

- Never disclose details
- Don't assume Email/phone call is genuine
- Don't be rushed into making decisions
- Listen to your instincts
- Stay in control



If you've taken all these steps and still feel uncomfortable or unsure about what you're being asked, never hesitate to contact your bank or financial service provider on a number you trust, such as the one listed on their website or on the back of your payment card.

Or you can report a fraud or internet crime to Action Fraud at any time on phone number 0300 123 2040 or www.actionfraud.police.uk

Vehicle Crime

Is your vehicle secure? Protect it - don't give thieves an easy ride!!

We have had fantastic support from local Trade Centers sending out security advice on invoices and allowing us to use their car parks for property marking trades peoples' tools. Please be careful if you are considering buying tools second hand. Are you creating a market whereby they will keep stealing?

We know how distressing and inconvenient vehicle crime can be. The more security you put in to your vehicle the less attractive it will be. Protect your vehicle with recommended products and remember 'Leave it on Show – Expect it to go!!' For more help and advice visit our website at <https://leics.police.uk/advice-and-information/crime-prevention/vehicle-crime>

Also report suspicious incidents on 101, if you know who is stealing or selling stolen property call us.

Or you can report anonymously to Crime Stoppers at:
<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/?gclid=CNaVsKCL8tUCFYO77QodjCQLnw>

Rural Watch



Rural Watch is a free scheme set up to support Churches, Equestrians, Rural Businesses, Farmers, Residents, Clubs and Societies in the fight against rural crime.



If you live, work or visit rural communities you are our eyes and ears. Join our police officers and a network of people who share information about crimes in rural areas, and help to reduce opportunities for crime to take place.

Together we can actively take steps to prevent crime, report suspicious incidents and provide education and reassurance on the issues that matter the most to rural communities.

To become a member of the scheme please email your name, address and contact details to rural.watch@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

Face Watch:

Thankyou to **Ashby Retail Radio Members** who have agreed to pilot Facewatch, an on-line crime reporting system that allows the up-loading off CCTV footage directly to the police.

Hot of the Press: Enforcement Operation

Operation Cabriolet was an enforcement operation across the force area which aimed to arrest individuals who were wanted or suspected of committing crime.

Officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT) executed warrants at a number of locations, targeting those who have either failed to appear in court, are suspected of crime in live unsolved investigations, are the subject of recalls to prison or wanted on warrant.

Offences ranged from residential and commercial burglaries to violent crime, drugs and domestic incidents.

North West Leicestershire lead Sergeant Barlow ensured that over two days in August, over 40 addresses were visited and 13 people were arrested. 6 hailed from North West Leicestershire.

And Finally: Coalville Police on the Move??

The new extension being added to LFRS building to accommodate Police Officers is underway, and we hope to be vacating the old police buildings by Christmas, to relocate to new offices within LFRS building. We are looking forward to moving to our new home.



That is all from me for the time being, here's hoping for an Indian Summer
September/October !! And look out for my next update.

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