



Newsletter

Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

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Getting to grips with ASB in Blaby Area

In Blaby as elsewhere, anti-social behaviour (or ASB) has a long-term impact on mental health and can seriously damage quality of life.

A few weeks ago I went on patrol with Blaby PCSO Sarah Eastwood to learn more about the type of issues affecting community life in Blaby as well as the ongoing partnership work to target the perpetrators of these incidents.

Before the summer holidays, residents reported

large groups of youths on motorbikes racing through Northfield Park and Northfield Road in addition to youths disrupting sporting events and being verbally abusive in Cosby Park and causing damage in the Dorothy Avenue area of Glen Parva.

I was pleased to learn that more patrols were put on in the Blaby area over the summer holidays, which provided some much-needed reassurance to residents.

Welcome Inspector Palmer

One of the joys of being your Police and Crime Commissioner is that I have the opportunity to work with the fine police officers that we have and to watching their careers develop. And so I look forward to working with the new inspector who has taken up the reins in the Blaby Neighbourhood Policing Area (NPA).

Steve Palmer has taken over the patch, which stretches from Blaby to Hinckley – including Narborough, Stoney Stanton and Market Bosworth. The role of NPA commander is absolutely key to keeping you safe and is a most important appointment.

Decisions about local patrol patterns and deployments are made by the NPA commander.

I have great confidence in Inspector Palmer – a former deputy NPA commander for East Leicester, where he showed great skill in policing that urban area and dealing with the challenges involved.

Finally, I must thank Inspector Osborne for his time in Blaby and for the dedication he showed to local residents and businesses while here. He has now moved to a new role in local policing and partnerships.



£200k funding package to prevent youth crime

I'm inviting voluntary and community organisations across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to apply for a share of £200k to help prevent young people

from being drawn to crime and anti-social behaviour.

I'm really excited by this joint venture between my own office and the Violence

Reduction Network. The 'Diversion from Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Crime Fund' has been designed to support diversionary activities to encourage young people at risk of crime to engage in positive and purposeful activities.

If you know of a group or project that needs this type of support, please encourage them to get in touch.

Grants of up to £20k are available for applicants who can provide evidence of how their project will support young people aged between 10-24 years old to prevent involvement in ASB and crime. For more information, or to apply, [click here](#).



Ministerial Recognition for violence prevention work

I was delighted to host a visit from Crime and Policing Minister Tom Pursglove last month, where I was joined by staff from the Violence Reduction Network (VRN) for our area and the Temporary Chief Constable, Rob Nixon.

At The Big Local on St Matthews Estate we introduced the Minister to key workers who are helping to steer at-risk young people away from violence and met a young person who is currently taking part in one of the programmes provided by the VRN.

After his visit Tom Pursglove said: "Every life lost to knife crime is one too many. Leicestershire's Violence Reduction Network is meeting the serious violence challenge head-on, to intercept those at-risk and tackle the scourge of knife crime."

A few weeks ago I heard that I had secured a three-year funding settlement for the VRN totalling £3.5 million over the next few years, which will put its work on a more stable footing.



ANYONE FOR SURGERY?

My first open 'Surgery' proved popular with local councillors in Rutland, so I am now planning a series.

I'm well aware that our local community representatives know the problems and issues in their area better than anyone. They probably have a good idea of the solutions too.

I am keen to hear your views, face to face and one to one so that I can either take them to Leicestershire Police or suggest other ways in which solutions may be found.

If you would like me to hold a surgery in your area, please get in touch.

Update



EAST LEICESTER DISTURBANCES

The disturbance in East Leicester has been shocking. I feel for all the law-abiding residents and businesses whose everyday life has been thrown into turmoil.

The police have done a fantastic job and order has been restored.

But these matters cannot be solved purely by law enforcement. Now that the violence appears to be contained, it is time for all our partners to work together to return this area of rich cultural diversity to a cohesive, calm normality.

Join my E-scooter campaign

My postbag (or inbox as it is these days) is full of angry comments about e-scooters. Near misses, actual incidents, concerns about both riders and other road users.

Leicestershire Police has a robust policy toward e-scooters that aims to prevent incidents and accidents. But this is about the safety of all concerned and I want the government to keep e-scooters off public roads before more incidents occur.

I've already asked our local MPs to join me and Leicestershire Police to ensure that the public and retailers know the risks around e-scooters and how to use, buy and rent them safely and legally.



If you agree with me, write to your MP and let them know your views. The louder we can be the more effective our message.

Uniform standards

I was delighted when Leicestershire Police announced that the distinctive domed helmet for male officers and bowler hat for female officers were to be reinstated.

As you may know, I have been calling for greater visibility in our communities. My efforts have been rewarded with a renewed commitment to standards and a force-wide

rollout of the recognisable headwear is underway.

In addition to the new headgear, improvements are also being made to officers' body armour. The improvements will make officers more comfortable and safer as well as improving uniform standards.

Do compliment any officers you see sporting this traditional head gear.



Keep in touch

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