



Newsletter

Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

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Loughborough open for business

I recently had a great day in Loughborough, visiting local businesses. I dropped into a number of different business types, including the local market, McDonalds, Dunelm and The Rushes Shopping Centre, where I also met the security team.

They all mentioned some issues but were very positive about the Police response, the investment in CCTV, regular business meetings/ updates and the very proactive local BID. They

also mentioned working with the local council to obtain banning and exclusion orders.

A visit to the CCTV network hub was very exciting. I had only been in the control room for five mins before we spotted some shoplifting in Poundland. I rushed out to speak to staff and make sure that they reported the crime. It's the best way to combat crime and deploy appropriate resources, but the police can only do that if they know where the demand is.



Bell Foundry to benefit from People Zones

One of the first decisions that I made on taking office was to refresh and reshape the People Zone in Bell Foundry. I am pleased to say that this decision is now bearing fruit.

Keen to enhance their area, the Bell Foundry community is fast at work on a wide number of projects to improve the area. I am pleased to report that the local police are also playing a full role – dealing with a range of criminality and anti social behaviour.



Bell Foundry is a housing estate located in the eastern part of Loughborough which has long suffered from a number of issues. The People Zone concept is based on a small amount of funding and staff time being injected by my office, but most of the work is done by residents, local organisations and businesses that come together and work collaboratively to make their People Zone the best it can be.

The Bell Foundry People Zone can be found in Loughborough (LE11), in the Hastings Ward, with the Marios Tinenti Centre acting as the Community Hub for this People Zone.

Watch this space for future updates.

Hello Inspector Stokes

Charnwood's new Neighbourhood Policing Area Commander, Inspector David Stokes, is committed to increasing community confidence as he takes up the role.

Inspector Stokes takes over from Inspector Matt Oswin, who has held the position for the past 14 months.

I look forward to working with him to deliver my Police and Crime Plan.

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 David Stokes, the new inspector who has taken up the reins in the Charnwood Neighbourhood Policing Area (NPA) – and I am already impressed by the work that he is doing.

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.



Finally, I must thank Inspector Oswin for his time in Charnwood. He was one of the first NPA commanders that I met when I took up the role as PCC, and his warm welcome and helpful guidance helped convince me that neighbourhood police is of prime importance.

Around the area

Amongst other visits, I dropped into Thurmaston, where I had a highly productive meeting with Thurmaston Parish Council discussing local issues and policing. ASB and high visibility policing were top concerns. Thank you for your hospitality Cllr Bryn Bedder, Cllr Mark Lowe and Cllr Brenda Seaton.

In Birstall, I had another great meeting with Councillor Ann Marshall of Birstall Parish Council, discussing local issues and the policing response. Parish Councillors

really do have a wealth of information.

And in Mountsorrel, I met Cllr Leigh Harper to discuss ASB. Cllr Harper-Davies is chair of the local CSP and reaffirmed the commitment to partnership working to deliver results for people locally. We discussed what the police could realistically do to tackle the problem, as a lot of ASB is not actually a crime.



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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