



Newsletter

Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

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Meet Harborough's new Commander

I'm delighted that Insp Liz Perry has been appointed as Harborough's new Commander. I met her first in my early days as PCC and look forward to working with her in the future. 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.

Liz knows the area well, having worked previously as a detective sergeant based

in Market Harborough and also has long-standing family connections in the area.

Having joined the force in 2008, Insp Perry has had a very varied career in policing so far.

She has spent time as both a detective and in uniform roles – working in areas of response, safeguarding, intelligence and investigating crime – the latter as part of a team based in Market Harborough.

Lutterworth will have a new police base

A few weeks ago, I met up with Cllr Rosita Page to see what we could do about the closure of Lutterworth Police Station in my predecessor's term. Lutterworth is getting bigger all the time, and there is clearly a need for a police base in the town. I am determined that monies received from the developments, in the form



of Section 106 funding payments, will be used to Lutterworth's benefit.

So, I have insisted that a new police base must be created, with facilities for local officers, meeting rooms, and

hopefully a big blue lamp! It will undoubtedly increase officer visibility in the area and provide a much-needed base for the increased number of police and support staff that the area will need.

County Show returned with a bang

The long-awaited return of the County Show came with a bang – the first day was nearly a washout with torrential rain and the odd bout of thunder.

The second day, when the sun came out to play, was a great success. Scores of people came onto our stand to talk about funding, grants, commissioned services and to find out what I can do for them.

It was our first big team outing this year, and I have to say I thoroughly enjoyed it. An important part of my job is meeting the public to learn their views, opinions and what they want from the police. Attending events such as the County Show is key. I am looking forward to next year already.



Tackling problems in Broughton Astley

On a recent visit to Broughton Astley, I met up with members of the parish council and with county councillor Neil Bannister to visit some of the trouble spots for vandalism and ASB to try to find a way forward.

I was pretty horrified to find broken glass, litter bins that had been set on fire and general vandalism at several places. However, I was pleased to find that there has been a good response from the Neighbourhood team in respect of increased patrols and talking to young people. I also visited the allotments to

talk to allotment holders about shed break ins – and while there planted a tree as part of Her Late Majesty's "Green Canopy" project.

I discussed diversionary tactics and options with the local Neighbourhood officers as "nothing to do" was the standard response from youths even though sports and other activities are available in the local area. We also talked about reaching out to local sports clubs (boxing,

football, tennis), and we have contacted Leicester City's Community Outreach Team.



RURAL POLICING TEAM IN SITU

People living in the rural parts of Harborough will be pleased to learn that the Rural Policing Team now has eight officers dedicated to supporting and protecting our rural communities.

One of my Police and Crime Plan's key pledges was to ask the Chief Constable to dedicate Rural Crime Teams to our rural areas of

Leicestershire and Rutland. Rural areas require rural policing, so I am delivering on my promise.

Supported by the local neighbourhood and response teams, they are also equipped with vehicles suitable for the rural terrain!

PC Kelly Tones
(Harborough & Wigston

NPA) is passionate about the countryside and understands the challenges of living and working in the countryside. She was really keen to join the force-wide rural policing team and is looking forward to building strong links with those who live and work in rural communities and helping those who are a victim of rural crime.

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.



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