



Newsletter

Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

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People Zone gets going in Thringstone and Whitwick

Launching the new People Zone in Thringstone and Whitwick was exciting. I hope some of my readers managed to attend.

We joined up with the District Council to host a Family Fun Day in August, complete with a bouncy castle and a smoothie bike (I did check, and there is such a thing!).

This latest People Zone will bring communities together with public, private and third-sector organisations to

utilise the talents, skills and strengths of local people to build a safe and positive future.

In the first phase of the project, we will undertake community research in the Zone through surveys and other engagement methods to assess the assets within the area and how these can be best developed to further support local people.

Watch this space for future updates.

Cooperation in Coalville



Local Cllrs Craig Smith and Andrew Woodman met up with me to talk about how we can resolve ASB and drug dealing around the disused colliery railway now turned public footpath, Oliver's Path.

Residents wanted action to deal with this drugs problem and associated criminal activity. The Council has closed the gates at 6 p.m., which has helped but has not stopped criminal behaviour completely. Following the meeting, I got in touch with the local beat commander and examined possible solutions.

Insp Muldoon and his team

installed 'Way Markers' near Oliver's Path, which monitor how frequently dedicated neighbourhood and neighbourhood policing officers patrol an area. 'Way Markers' encourage increased attendance to the site, and Cllrs are kept fully up-to-date about any developments. Police are working with the council to get the path fully re-opened.

Alongside this, it was great to hear that 'Operation Bodyguard' yielded a number of success stories in the area, including drug charges, multiple warrants, and closure orders on addresses in the area.

Meet Commander Nimblette

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 North West Leicestershire Neighbourhood Policing Area (NPA).

Inspector Wayne Nimblette Palmer has taken over the patch, which covers all of the North West Leicestershire District Council area. 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 Nimblette and look forward to working with him to identify local issues.

I've met Wayne pretty often over the past nine months as he was staff officer to the Chief Constable. I know that he is looking forward to engaging and working with the community and helping to make a difference in the area.



Youth engagement officer

If you can't find Lynette Rose in Coalville engaging with young people in her role as a Youth Engagement Officer, you'll find her in her walking boots in the Yorkshire Moors guiding her cadet unit through their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Lynette joined the force five years ago as a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), having previously worked at a boys' boarding school. Now, as the Youth Engagement Officer, she has linked in with all the secondary

schools making sure they know her face and that she is a safe place to go to talk about anything that might be troubling them.

"Part of the role is about teaching youngsters about the consequences of their actions, about nipping and bad or criminal behaviour in the bud; to stop it before it starts," she said.

I really enjoyed my recent visit to the Coalville Cadets. Great stuff!



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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