



Newsletter

Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

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Funding provided for new safety cameras following East Leicester disorder

I was pleased to be able to earmark funding from my commissioning budget to cover the cost of the new CCTV cameras in East Leicester as part of a plan to boost safety and deter crime following recent disorder.

The technology will be placed in strategic locations across the area to target entry and exit routes into East Leicester as well as open areas where there is a history of reported crime and anti-social behaviour.

I am proud to have fronted the cost of these cameras which will help to increase the confidence of those who live and work in this area.

Like most, I was horrified by the unrest and disorder seen in East Leicester. The events left a lasting impact on people's feelings of safety, with many fearful and concerned about the potential for future problems. This is something I am determined to change.

Whether they are at home or out and about in the community, local people deserve to feel protected. These cameras will go a long way to delivering a level of security that is not currently available. I am determined to support Leicestershire Police as they supported East Leicester so brilliantly during these incidents.

A visit to Warning Zone for the launch of their new Personal Safety Zone

The new 'Personal Safety Zone' at Warning Zone showcases a realistic and interactive experience that explores potential dangers that young people and kids may face as they grow up and gain more independence. The new zone deals with peer pressure, coercion, knife crime and county lines and aims to teach children about current risks, what they can do to avoid them and keep themselves and their friends safe.

Speaking about the new zone, CEO Elaine Stephenson said, "Children at a younger age are increasingly being coerced

into drug dealing and being groomed into other criminal activity both offline and online. Warning Zone works with 10 and 11 year-olds, educating them in interactive ways on current risks and keeping themselves and their friends safe. Our new Personal Safety Zone addresses resilience to coercion, county lines, knife crime, unhealthy relationships and what to do if you're in these situations."

For my part I am always hugely impressed whenever I visit Warning Zone but I was particularly impressed at how many issues were covered in such a short space

of time during this new zone. Everyone at Warning Zone and Juice has done a brilliant job, and I thank them for their efforts and dedication. My office and I are proud to provide some funding for Warning Zone's projects.



Police and Crime Panel confirms the appointment of Rob Nixon as Chief Constable of Leicestershire Police

Rob Nixon has been confirmed as Leicestershire Police's new Chief Constable following a meeting of the area's Police and Crime Panel.

Members wholeheartedly supported my choice of leadership following a rigorous assessment and suitability process.

Mr Nixon was announced as the PCC's preferred candidate for the role last month.

He has served with Leicestershire Police for 28 years and began his career in 1993.

Chief Constable Rob Nixon said: "It is very special to lead Leicestershire Police, my home force and the place I have been proud to serve for nearly 30 years. Our latest national inspection showed we are a good force, but there are areas where we can do better.

"My focus as Chief Constable will be our service to the public. I want us to concentrate on the things that really matter to the people we serve – responding to the public, holding high standards, strong investigations and catching



criminals. It's about getting the core service right."

Personally, I am delighted members of the panel share my confidence in Rob Nixon's abilities. He underwent an extremely searching and robust interview process to become the preferred candidate and today he went before the Panel for the Confirmation Hearing. The process is certainly no walk in the park.

Half a million pounds invested to help communities prevent crime

In a bid to help communities fight back against crime, I have invested almost £500k into crime prevention in less than a year.

The funding has targeted key priorities in my Police and Crime Plan including the prevention of anti-social behaviour, violent crime and domestic abuse.

I promised to protect the law-abiding citizen and put their needs at the heart of all my decisions. That's why I have invested almost half

a million pounds this year into community provision which proactively solves local problems.

People have a right to feel safe at home and in our public spaces and it is my responsibility to ensure this happens.

Tackling crime is a joint effort and I really value the work happening in our communities to support my Police and Crime Plan. As Commissioner, it is important to me that any investment I make has a



tangible impact and I will be monitoring closely this year's projects to ensure this funding delivers the desired effect."



PACKING A PCC PUNCH WITH BOXING LEGEND IN OPENING OF NEW GYM

It was rather daunting, but huge fun, to join boxing legend Rendall Munroe, two-time European champion and WBA international champion, at the grand opening of a new community gym and wellbeing centre.

The Health Hub has been developed by Eyres Monsell Club for Young People (EMCYP) thanks to funding from a host of local partners. Based within EMCYP's youth centre, it aims to improve the physical health and mental wellbeing of local residents as well as bring the community closer together. Among the new facilities is a fully-equipped community gym opening seven days a week, wellbeing classes, workshops and a new art hub available for all residents.

LEICESTER STUDENTS URGED TO CALL OUT HARASSMENT

There is no place for misogyny in my world, so I was pleased to see both De Montfort University (DMU) and University of Leicester have been busy promoting the 'You're Right, That's Wrong' campaign, produced by my Office and Rutland together with Leicestershire Police.

The campaign aims to reduce violence towards women by empowering people to call out abuse and harassment they hear or

see among their friendship groups. These behaviours include catcalling, not leaving women alone when they've said no and making disrespectful jokes about women.

Along with promotional videos, the universities have agreed to actively raise the issues the campaign confronts within clubs, sports and societies, backed by engagement with the student unions on each campus.

Leicestershire Police praised for leading performance in rape investigation and neighbourhood crime

Leicestershire Police is outperforming many areas in rape investigation. Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) is a priority in my Police and Crime Plan and the Force is working hard to increase confidence across the counties to encourage greater reporting of rape and sexual assault allegations, especially within diverse communities.

To improve this further, the Force has created a new role to enable a Detective Superintendent to lead exclusively on the VAWG strategy and is working hard to increase the positive outcome rate so that the Force remains in the top quartile of performance nationally.



Police praised for their part in maintaining peace at City by-election

I was full of admiration for the professionalism of Leicestershire's police officers during a proactive operation to maintain the integrity of the ballot, peace and public safety at a city by-election.

Leicestershire officers maintained close watch over the North Evington by-election in Leicester on Thursday October 14, 2022.

The event followed weeks of unrest and violent disorder in the East of the City which resulted in a series of arrests.

I personally toured the polling stations throughout the day to check everything was in order and am pleased to report the voting passed peacefully and without incident.



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