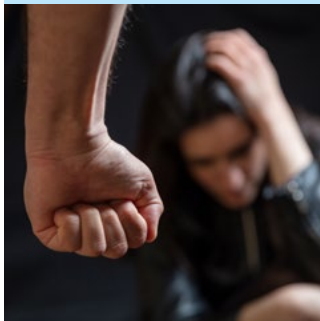




Newsletter

Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

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Keeping us All Safe in Leicester City

We rely on the police to keep us safe. But they cannot do their job properly unless they enjoy the trust, confidence and support of us: the public.

But this trust and confidence has been slipping.

I know that people are disgusted by the dreadful actions of a very few police officers. However, the vast majority are totally committed to keeping us safe. I recognise that many feel that sentencing should be swifter and harsher – but that is not a matter for the police.

My Deputy PCC, Rani Mahal, and I know that the force works long and hard to keep us all safe. They put themselves into the line of danger on a daily basis.

So what are we doing? As my Police and Crime Plan

says, we need to concentrate on the things that make our communities safer:

- Visible policing to deter criminals;
- Neighbourhood policing to support local residents and businesses;
- Tackling anti-social behaviour;
- Putting resources where they will make the most difference;
- Getting the police into the heart of our communities.

I'm pleased to say that these priorities are working. Leicestershire Police is rated as excellent, even outstanding in some areas.

And I know that with your support we will strengthen trust and confidence in the Leicestershire Police.



£740K to reduce domestic abuse

I have secured £741,942 to support the work to stop repeated abuse of victims and vulnerable people. The funding will provide support to victims, but also to work with the perpetrators of domestic violence.

I'm clear that prevention of crime is vital. I'm equally clear that reducing domestic abuse and stalking is an absolute must. This money will help us to reduce the number of victims not just now, but in the future, while providing enhanced support for victims and those at risk.

Deputy PCC Rani Mahal says "Many domestic abusers are repeat offenders, with 83% of male offenders repeating their offences within a six-month period. This makes intervening to stop their pattern of behaviour essential in order to protect victims."

Community groups share almost £60k

The "People Zones" organised from my office bring together robust police action with co-ordinated action by health and welfare services as well as action by local community groups – all to improve security in three of our most deprived areas: Bell Foundry, New Parks and Thringstone & Whitwick.

Over the past few months I have been able to fund projects run by nine voluntary groups to the tune of £60,000 to help prevent crime and anti-social behaviour.

The funding has been awarded to the following organisations or projects delivered in this financial year:

- 10th Loughborough Rainbows and Brownies
- New Parks Men's Shed
- GNR8
- New Parks Adventure Playground
- White House Allotments
- An Nakhlah Academy
- Charles Booth Centre
- Whitwick Scouts Group



OUT & ABOUT

I spend one day each week out in the community. It is an essential part of my job to meet local residents, find out what they want and then translate that into action.



Belgrave Community NHW Indian Bazaar



Visit to Abbey Park



Visit to Team Hub at New Parks



With Cllr Sanjay Modhwadia



Meeting with Parent Forum



Speaking at the Suhradam Career Seminar



Festival of Chariots



Street Doctors at Gurdwara

ASPIRING RAPPERS TAKE CENTRE STAGE TO AVOID CRIME

Diverting youngsters from crime is crucial, so I am funding an urban music project in Leicester. The grant worth £9,910 to EAVA FM, Leicester's multilingual community radio station, will fund the 'We Will: Rise, Strive and Succeed' project.

The initiative aims to provide skills and training in song writing, performance and recording techniques within the genre of Urban Arts for young people aged 16-25 from the Belgrave, Rushey Mead, Spinney Hills, St Matthews and Highfields areas of Leicester.

To view the video on EAVA FM and how the funds they received are being used visit: https://youtu.be/J_NxR7-jdT5



Vijay Umrao

Station Manager

CLAMPDOWN ON ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN SPINNEY HILL PARK

I met Inspector Yakub Ismail, Commander for East Leicester, on a visit to Spinney Hill Park to find out how officers are working with partners to combat issues such as public urination, late night noise and drinking/drug taking. When I was elected, I promised to put the hard-working, law-abiding citizen at the heart of my work. I am delighted that the action taken by police and others is tackling ASB in the park.





Savita Vaid – Go Getta Managing Director

Sports activities to help reduce youth offending

More than 140 youngsters will be supported to stay on the right tracks thanks to free sports and leisure activities that I have funded.

The grant worth £10k was awarded to The Hut Youth Club, run by Go Getta CIC to support young people aged 11-25 in the Loughborough area over the next 12 months.

Engagement workers with a unique mix of therapeutic/trauma-informed knowledge and lived experience working with the young people to work on key issues such as knife crime, county lines, peer-on-peer abuse, bullying and online safety whilst also equipping them with the skills they need to change direction.

To view the video on Go Getta CIC and how the funds they receive are being used visit: <https://youtu.be/OY7MgSXbYow>

Anti-crime scheme in Beaumont Leys

Young people at risk of turning to crime are being supported to learn new skills in a series of creative youth-led projects that I have funded.

I gave a grant of £20k to charity E2 to launch a range of schemes for disadvantaged young people aged 10-16 in the Beaumont Leys area. These comprise:

- F.U.N.K.I Café – a unique café experience that includes chef and barista training.
- Teenfluencers – Using a social media to spread positive messages to peers.
- Live the Game – a football project to develop football and team-building skills.

To view the video on E2 and how the funds they received are being used visit: <https://youtu.be/LpPhUI6GnHc>



Martin Buchanan

CEO

Hi Martin Buchanan here from

Keep in touch

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