



# Newsletter

Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

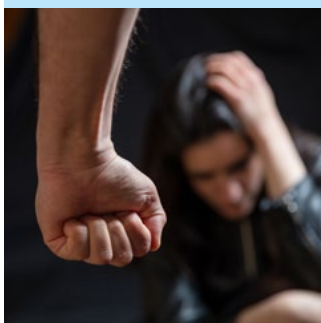
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## Keeping us All Safe in Rutland

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.

As Police and Crime Commissioner, 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.

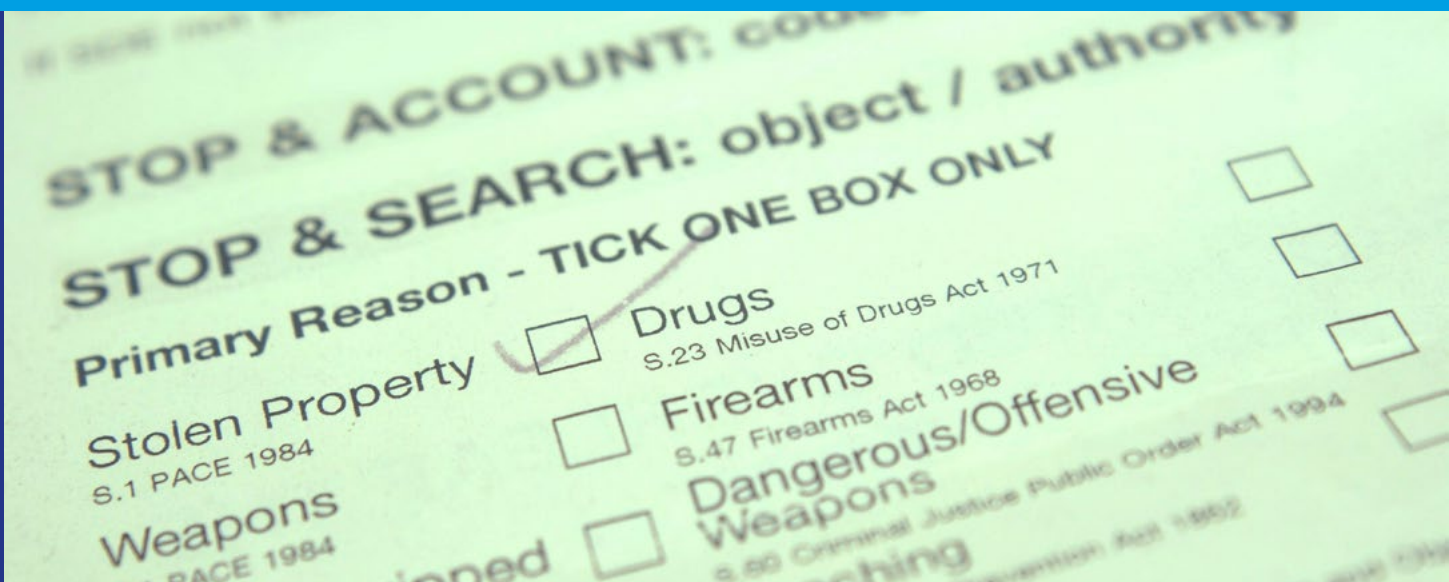
So what are we doing? As my Police and Crime Plan

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.



# New Stop and Search Powers

I am delighted to be able to announce a ramping up of stop and search powers for the police to keep the public safe.

Protecting law-abiding citizens is my top priority. Any action that can help prevent the tragic loss of life and keep our communities safe is to be welcomed.

Stop and search is a highly effective policing tool helping to rid our streets of dangerous weapons and the scourge of drugs in our communities. The public expect to see police officers taking a strong and robust approach to these problems – and so do I.

People across Rutland, especially families with young

children or teenagers, will welcome these measures.

Of course, I have also put in place measures to maintain the highest ethical standards. Independent scrutiny processes ensure officers act with fairness and integrity at all times in the execution of these powers.

# Rural Policing Team recover £1million of stolen property

A specialist team tasked with keeping rural communities across Leicestershire and Rutland safe has hit the £1m mark in stolen property recovery – in just 12 months.

I bolstered the force's Rural Crime Team from three to eight officers last June, allowing the taskforce deliver outstanding results.

When we bolstered the team, we knew they would make a vital difference but to see such

outstanding results in the first year is nothing short of incredible.

Our rural communities deserve robust policing, and that is something I have put into sharp focus since I was elected as Commissioner. As impressive as these results are, there is of course much more to do.

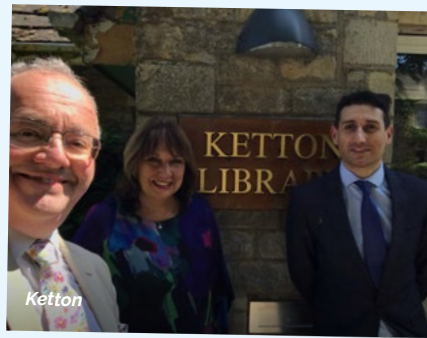
In June, my Deputy PCC, Rani Mahal, and I attended a national Rural Policing Summit



to represent Rutland and to bring back ground-breaking ideas on tackling fly tipping, speeding, farm theft and livestock crime.

# 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.



## WORKING WITH PARISH COUNCILS

On my regular "Community Days" in Rutland I make a point of meeting with our parish councils. The main concern of Ryhall Parish Council was the response times of police to Ryhall. When I got back to the office and looked into this. Cllr Nebel was correct. Response times to 999 calls in Rutland had got slower, but swift action has now put that right and Rutland response times are now back to normal.



## APPOINTMENT IN UPPINGHAM

I recently went to Uppingham to meet with a couple of the local shop owners who wanted to see me. It turned out that they wanted to tell me how much they appreciate the new police office in the town hall. "Everyone really likes it" one lady told me. The office is not a front desk, but locals can make an appointment to meet an officer there if they want to.





## £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.

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.

## Safety for horse and bike riders on our rural roads

I recently joined the Safer Roads Team, Mounted Volunteers and Fire Service to carry out 'close passing' checks on our rural roads.

New changes in the Highway Code require motorists to pass horse and bike riders with at least two metres of space.

During the police operation, any vehicle deemed to pass inappropriately was stopped. The driver was offered the opportunity to be educated by Hazard Express – a virtual reality training tool – as an alternative to prosecution.

Close passing is a persistent issue in our rural communities and this action day was part of the ongoing drive to tackle these concerns.



## Keep in touch

Please do not hesitate to get in touch at any time using these contact details:

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