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Newsletter of CITY & COUNTY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – (LEICESTER & LEICESTERSHIRE)

Working in SUPPORT of LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE.

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SAVE THE DATE! - THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2017 - 7.30PM

CITY & COUNTY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

MEMBERS YEARLY MEETING

ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH HALL

Have you visited City and County Neighbourhood Watch (Leicester & Leicestershire) Website recently?

www.neighbourhoodwatchleicester.net

Keep up to date with the latest news: Number of articles (as at 15 May 2017)

LOCAL NEWS – Blaby District: 125 – Charnwood Borough: 239 – Harborough District: 182 -

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough: 199 - Leicester City: 1009 – Leicestershire County: 213 –

Melton Borough: 86 – North West Leicestershire District: 272 – Oadby & Wigston Borough:

98 – Rutland County: 9

EAST MIDLANDS NEWS – Derbyshire: 2,122 – Lincolnshire: 762 – Northamptonshire: 1,551 –

Nottinghamshire: 770

NATIONAL CRIME AGENCY - 216

FACEBOOK GROUPS

Why not consider joining a Facebook Group for your Area. You will then be able to comment and discuss issues with others in your area, on topics that are of interest to you.

Blaby District: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BlabyNeighbourhoodWatchCCNWA/>

Charnwood Borough: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CharnwoodNeighbourhoodWatchCCNWA/>

Harborough District: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HarboroughNeighbourhoodWatchCCNWA/>

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HinckleyBosworthNeighbourhoodWatch/>

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Leicestershire: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LeicestershireNeighbourhoodWatchCCNWA/>
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North West Leicestershire District:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NorthWestLeicsNeighbourhoodWatch/>
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LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE

Could you fit the bill with Leicestershire Police?



PC recruitment campaign 12 May to 2 June 2017

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Issued on 12/5/17 at 6:00 a.m.

The search is on for 160 new police constables to join the ranks of Leicestershire Police over the next two years, either as new recruits or as transferees.

Recruitment opens at 9.30am today (12 May) and the force is welcoming applicants aged 18-57, particularly women and members of minority ethnic groups, so that it reflects its communities in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

An Open Evening is being held at Force Headquarters, Enderby on Tuesday 23 May from 6-8pm and anybody interested in applying to join Leicestershire Police is encouraged to attend. Details and online registration instructions are published on the website at www.leics.police.uk/join-us/police-officer.

Chief Constable Simon Cole said:

“Protecting our communities in the area we serve is a privilege and demands a wide range of skills and competencies from our officers, staff and volunteers. Policing is a great career that enables anyone joining our organisation to make a positive difference to people’s lives.

“I would encourage anybody who is interested in a career that offers variety, excellent training and a chance to help people to apply to be a PC in our force.”

The new recruits are needed to keep the number of officers at current levels, including filling gaps made through career movements and retirements. Officers currently working with other forces and wishing to transfer to Leicestershire Police are encouraged to apply.

As well as continually developing new skills and knowledge, police officers have opportunities for secondment or attachment to various departments around the force, including CID, the Child Protection Unit, East Midlands Airport and the dogs section.

Criteria that applicants need to meet include:

- being aged between 18 and 57 (on 2 June 2017)
- having a level 3 qualification or equivalent
- being a UK resident (for the past three years)
- holding a full UK/EU valid manual driving licence
- not being a member of any extreme political organisation
- not having any serious convictions or recent cautions

Applicants will go through a five-stage selection process including a competency-based questionnaire, interview and assessment centre. They will need to be successful at each of the first four stages before the final one during which pre-employment checks will be carried out. If they pass all stages they will be allocated a place on one of the training cohorts planned throughout 2018/19.

The starting salary for a new PC with no previous experience is £19,773 and an attractive pension scheme, training and development opportunities are among the benefits available as well as access to a range of staff associations and services.

Recruitment ends at 11.59pm on Friday 2 June and full details of the how to apply, eligibility and the recruitment stages is published on the force website at www.leics.police.uk/join-us/police-officer.

Leicestershire Police currently employs more than 2,000 police officers and covers an area of 2,500 square kilometres.

ACTION FRAUD

Tourists Targeted By Fake Police Officers

There has been a series of recent incidents reported to Action Fraud where a lone fraudster has approached victims whom they believe to be unfamiliar with the local area. They make an excuse to talk to the victims such as enquiring about directions or offering a recommendation for a good hotel.

After this interaction, several other fraudsters will intervene purporting to be police officers in plain clothes and will sometimes present false identification as proof. The fake officers will then give a reason to examine the victims' wallet, purse or personal items. They may also examine the first fraudster's items or try to tell victims that the first fraudster is suspicious in order to gain victim trust and appear more realistic in their guise.

After all the fake police 'checks' are finished, victims have then reported being handed back their personal items only to later realise that a quantity of money or valuables were missing.

How to protect yourself:

- If an individual claims to be a police officer ask for their name and rank, force, and examine any identification presented; this is always good practice but especially important if they are not wearing a uniform.
- The Police will never ask for your passwords or PIN details. Do not give this information to anyone.
- The Police will never request that you withdraw/transfer any money to them or to a 'safe' account.
- If you have been affected by this, or any other fraud, report it to Action Fraud by visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk

LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE

Borderless policing leads to arrests

Issued on 9/5/17 at 5:16 p.m.

Incident number: LEP 17000192399

Four people have been arrested on suspicion of theft from motor vehicle in a police operation that travelled through three counties.

Leicestershire Police received a call from a lorry driver at 4.18am this morning (Tuesday 9 May) reporting that his lorry had been broken into at the services at junction 21a of the M1 in Leicestershire. Officers from the East Midlands Operational Support Service (EMOpSS) responded and followed a transit van and car.

The transit van was stopped in Underwood in Nottinghamshire with the help of Nottinghamshire officers, and a 23 year old man of no fixed address was arrested on suspicion of theft from motor vehicle. Enquiries are ongoing to find another man who was seen running from the van.

The car, a Vauxhall Vectra, was stopped in Chellaston, with the help of officers from Derbyshire Police, and three men were arrested. A 45 and 19 year old from Leeds and a 45 year old man of no fixed address. All four men are in police custody.

Officers have recovered a quantity of televisions.

Inspector Rob Shields from EMOpSS said; "These arrests are a great example of why collaborative working can be so successful. With forces working together, sharing information and resources it means county borders are no longer a barrier to policing."

LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE

Leicestershire Police mark Mental Health Awareness Week



Mental Health Awareness Week 2017

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Issued on 8/5/17 at 10:07 a.m.

Leicestershire Police is marking national Mental Health Awareness Week by offering officers, staff and volunteers a range of activities to help to relieve stress and improve mental wellbeing.

Activities include laughter yoga and bubble meditation. Force employees already have access to support and advice to help them as individuals and as line managers and colleagues.

Officers are also being reminded of support they can use when dealing with offenders who have mental health, learning disabilities or substance misuse issues. These services are provided in partnership with mental health services care experts and providers across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Among the services is the Mental Health Triage Car which provides a mobile service supporting people who are in difficulties or distress due to their mental health and/or learning disability. The force was the first in the UK to offer this kind of support, and involves a wide range of mental health services specialists and support organisations. Since then other forces have introduced similar services and approached Leicestershire Police for advice.

The triage car is crewed by a police officer and a registered mental health/learning disability nurse who are also able to call on additional expert advice if necessary before making recommendations about any action should be taken involving the offender.

Forest

The Forest neighbourhood beat lies in the heart of the National Forest and covers a number of villages including Appleby Parva, Appleby Magna, Chilcote, Measham, Newton Burgoland, Snarestone, Stretton en le Field, Swepstone, Moira, Blackfordby, Albert Village, Spring Cottage, Donisthorpe, Oakthorpe and Acresford.

The beat has a number of retail and industrial premises as well as a large agricultural community.

Each dedicated neighbourhood team is supported by the [Special Constabulary](#).

Your dedicated neighbourhood team



Sgt Jon Sharpe

Collar number: 873

I have worked in several positions throughout Leicestershire police. I started my career in Leicester city centre and the Highfields, before moving to Blaby in 2005. Most recently I have been working in the custody suites around the force. I have joined the Neighbourhood Team at Coalville, which is a great team and I am looking forward to working with all of the experienced officers. I am looking forward to this new opportunity, being able to work with the community and deal with local priorities.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for Sgt Jon Sharpe by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 0873.



PC Steve Harrison

Collar number: 819

I joined Leicestershire Police in 2004. I started my police career at Coalville where I completed my probation period. I then moved to Loughborough for six months where I worked within the CID department and then returned to Coalville where I worked in uniform.

I joined the Forest beat in April 2012 and so far I have found it very challenging yet rewarding. The Forest beat team is very motivated and pro-active. We are all very approachable so if you have any concerns please let us know.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PC Steve Harrison by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 0819.



PCSO Patrick McDonald

Collar number: 6683

I joined the Leicestershire Police as a PSCO "to make a difference" in August 2006 after 20 years working for Caterpillar UK in the manufacturing sector.

I have enjoyed working with people in the communities of Moira, Donisthorpe, Oakthorpe, Blackfordby, Springcottage, Albert Village and Acresford for the past five years. I recently returned to my beat team from a twelve month secondment to the North West Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) team which proved a very rewarding experience tackling some of the North West's ASB "hot spots" and dealing with "key" individuals.

I can often be seen cycling around my beat (weather permitting) and I'm always happy to stop for a chat and cuppa!

I am now part of the newly formed Forest beat team which includes Measham and surrounding villages, I'm here to help so please feel free to get in touch.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Patrick McDonald by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6683.



PCSO Kieran Bennett

Collar number: 6866

I have been in the role as a PCSO since June 2009. I spent a short period of time working at Coalville and since October 2009. I have been based at Ashby and cover Measham and the surrounding villages.

I intend to help the community and be easily approachable and will take the time to listen to issues, queries and questions that the community may have. I also intend to show a high presence on the area to make myself more easily accessible and known amongst the community. I intend to work closely with the beat team and community to reduce ASB, criminal activity and offer reassurance, I am also a tutor officer where I share my experience with new officers who join Leicestershire Police.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Kieran Bennett by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6866.

