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

Working in SUPPORT of LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE.

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The City & County Neighbourhood Watch is here to represent the concerns of members and their families. We operate entirely outside the police chain of command, so we can always promise an independent and confidential service

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### CITY & COUNTY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (LEICESTER & LEICESTERSHIRE)

**SAVE THE DATE! - THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://www.neighbourhoodwatchleicester.net)**

### **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/>**

**Leicester City: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LeicesterNeighbourhoodWatchCCNWA/>**

**Leicestershire: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LeicestershireNeighbourhoodWatchCCNWA/>**

**Melton Borough: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MeltonNeighbourhoodWatchCCNWA/>**

**North West Leicestershire District:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NorthWestLeicsNeighbourhoodWatch/>**

**Oadby & Wigston Borough:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/OadbyWigstonNeighbourhoodWatch/>**

### **LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE**

**High profile patrols by armed officers to continue**



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Issued on 6/6/17 at 3:14 p.m.

Armed officers will continue to conduct highly visible foot patrols in the city centre and at other crowded places and key entertainment venues including the Download festival this weekend.

The decision to maintain the current, enhanced, patrol strategy which was put into place following the London terrorist attacks on Saturday night, was agreed at a meeting at Police Headquarters this morning (Tuesday 6 June).

Armed officers will conduct foot patrols of the city centre and at other key locations in the force area to supplement existing patrols by unarmed officers in a move designed to reassure the public and to keep people safe.

The presence of armed officers at East Midlands Airport will continue to operate at its enhanced level.

And the force's routine patrol strategy has been aligned to ensure both armed and unarmed officers are highly visible at a number of forthcoming public events in the area in the coming fortnight.

Plans have also been put into place to provide visibility and reassurance patrols at polling stations for the General Election on Thursday.

Assistant Chief Constable Rob Nixon, who is leading the Force's operational response to the terrorist attacks in London and Manchester, said that the measures in place were necessary and proportionate to maintain public safety.

He said: "We will continue to deploy armed officers in key locations but I want the public to be clear that this is primarily to provide visible reassurance. It will also enable officers to respond quickly and effectively in the unlikely event of any incident happening in our area.

"I must stress that there is no intelligence to suggest there is a specific threat to Leicester, Leicestershire or Rutland.

"Since we began deploying armed officers on foot patrol on Sunday the reaction from the public and from our partners has been overwhelming positive and supportive, and I am grateful for that.

"We are constantly monitoring the threat level and the latest information and intelligence and I believe the public would expect us to take this level of action to ensure their safety.

"I repeat our messages of a few days ago: we cannot, and will not, let such appalling attacks as those that have happened in London and Manchester in the last three months to cause friction within our communities or stop us living our daily lives.

"The community cohesion that exists in Leicester, in Leicestershire and in Rutland is something we are all rightly proud of and celebrate, and we must rally around one another.

“We must remain vigilant. I ask people to be aware of their surroundings and the individuals around them, and look out for signs that someone may be acting strangely and out of character. These could be signs that they are considering committing a criminal act, and we need to hear from anyone with such concerns.”

If you have information about possible terrorist activity, call the police anti-terrorist hotline: 0800 789 321.

You can also call Leicestershire Police on 101 to report anything that you consider suspicious or connected with terrorism.

## **LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE**

### **Kayleigh’s Love Story shortlisted for fourth major award**



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Issued on 6/6/17 at 9:27 a.m.

A short film produced by Leicestershire Police warning children and parents about the dangers of online grooming has been short-listed for another national award.

A total of 57 films have made the shortlist of the EVCOM Screen Awards, with the winners to be announced at a ceremony being held at BAFTA on 23 June. Made by the Force’s Communications and Engagement Directorate in association with Affixius Films of Loughborough, Kayleigh’s Love Story has already won three awards including Gold awards from The Royal Television Society and from DRUM.

The five-minute film tells the story of Measham schoolgirl 15-year-old Kayleigh Haywood who was groomed online over a period of 13 days in November 2015 by 27-year-old Ibstock resident Luke Harlow, a man she had never met.

She eventually agreed to spend the night at his house, having been persuaded by him to tell her parents she was staying with a school friend. The following evening, they were joined by Harlow’s neighbour Stephen Badman, 28, and the pair held the schoolgirl against her will.

In the early hours of the following morning, as she attempted to escape from Harlow’s house, Kayleigh was raped and murdered by Beadman.

The Force’s Communications Director Matt Tapp: “It’s very humbling that the film has been shortlisted for another award.

“And whilst I believe these awards and nominations acknowledge the skill, expertise and sensitivity brought to its production, what matters most is that the messages the film contains are heard and seen by as many people as possible in order to protect children from online harm”.

Since the original English language version of the film was launched online in January this year, it has been seen by an estimated worldwide audience of 35 million people.

As well as versions which are signed and audio described, there are also versions of the film in Polish, Hindi, Gujarati, Urdu, Punjabi and French.

This week, a Welsh version of the film has also been produced and is currently being publicised in Wales.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD LINK**

### **Wedding Services Fraud**

With the upcoming "Wedding Season", and for those individuals who are considering making plans for next year and beyond, you should be aware of the potential risks of fraud involved.

According to 'bridesmagazine.co.uk', in 2017 the average wedding cost spend is approximately £30,111. This will be paid out to multiple vendors, including; photographers, caterers, reception venues and travel companies, to name a few. Many of these services will require booking at least several months in advance and you may be obliged to pay a deposit or even the full balance at the time.

Being aware of the potential risks and following the below prevention advice could minimise the likelihood of fraud:

Paying by Credit Card will provide you with protection under Section 75 of the Consumer Credit Act, for purchases above £100 and below £30,000. This means that even if a Company goes into liquidation before your big day, you could claim a refund through your Credit Card Company.

Social Media - Some Companies run their businesses entirely via social media sites, offering low cost services. Whilst many are genuine, some may not be insured or may even be fraudulent. There are a few things you can do to protect yourself;

- Ensure you obtain a physical address and contact details for the vendor and verify this information. Should you experience any problems, you will then be able to make a complaint to Trading Standards or consider pursuing via the Small Claims Court.
- Ensure you obtain a contract before paying money for services. Make certain you fully read and understand what you are signing and note the terms of cancellation.

Consider purchasing Wedding Insurance - Policies vary in cover and can be purchased up to two years in advance. They can protect you from events that would not be covered under the Consumer Credit Act.

Complete research on each vendor, ensuring you are dealing with a bona fide person or company. Explore the internet for reviews and ratings and ask the vendor to provide details of past clients you can speak to. You should do this even if using companies recommended by a trustworthy friend or source.

For services such as wedding photographers, beware of websites using fake images. Look for inconsistencies in style; Meet the photographer in person and ask to view sample albums. If you like an image from a wedding, ask to view the photographs taken of the whole event so you can see the overall quality.

Remember, if something appears too good to be true, it probably is!

## **LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE**

### **CRIME PREVENTION**

#### **101**

**101 - the number to call to contact your local police**

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Leicestershire Police is working for you 24 hours a day seven days a week.

We have made it quicker and easier for you to get the service you need from us. The national 101 non-emergency number gives you a single, easy to remember number for you to call to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency police response.

You can call 101 to report a crime that has already happened and any other incidents or concerns that do not require an emergency response. You can also call it to speak to your local Neighbourhood Policing Team, to make a general enquiry or make us aware of any policing issues in your local area.

If you have any hearing difficulties or a speech impairment, a text phone is available on 18001 101.

Calling 101 for situations that do not require an immediate police response helps keep 999 available for when there is an emergency. An emergency is when a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, someone is injured, being threatened or a life is at risk, or there is a traffic incident involving personal injury or danger.

Calls to 101 from landlines and mobiles cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day you call or how long your call lasts.

You can use 101 to contact all police force areas in England and Wales.

## **FAQs**

### **What is 101?**

101 is the only number you need to call when you want to get through to your local police when it's less urgent than 999.

101 replaces our 0116 222 2222 number, and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Calls to 101 from landlines and mobile networks cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day you call or how long you are on the phone.

### **Why is 101 being introduced?**

101 is the number to call to contact your local police. It has been rolled out by the Home Office, across England and Wales in all police force areas.

101 provides the public with one easy way to contact their local police to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency police response.

Since the introduction of 101, people only have one number to remember, whichever county they are in when they need to call the police.

### **When should I call 101?**

You can call 101 to report crime that has already happened and other incidents or concerns that do not require an emergency response.

For example:

- If your car been stolen
- If property has been damaged
- If you suspect drug use or dealing
- To report any other incident that doesn't require an immediate response
- To give us information about crime or criminals in your local area

You can also call 101 if you simply want to talk to your local police officer or a member of police staff – you will be put through to the relevant extension number in the same way as it happens now.

### **Why should I call 101?**

Using 101 (or our online crime reporting service) for situations that do not require an immediate police response, helps keep 999 available for when there is an emergency.

In the past, it may not always been clear to members of the public, especially those who don't live in Leicestershire, how they should contact us in situations that do not require an immediate policing response.

Introducing a simple and easy to remember number - 101 – will make it easier for people to contact us and reduce the number of inappropriate 999 calls received.

If a crime is taking place, or somebody is in immediate danger, people should continue to call 999.

### **How much does a call to 101 cost?**

Calls to 101 from landlines and mobiles cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day you call or how long the call lasts.

### **Are calls to 101 answered by the police?**

Yes, all calls to 101 are answered by police operators. Calls may be recorded for training, development, evidential and public safety reasons.

### **Is 101 going to replace 999?**

No, 101 is the number to use to contact the police in situations that do not require an immediate police response. 999 continues to be the number to dial when you need to report an emergency.

999 should only be used for real emergencies – such as when a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, someone is injured, being threatened or a life is at risk, or there is a traffic incident involving personal injury or danger.

All 999 calls go direct to the control room and are dealt with on a separate priority system, so calls to 999 that are not true emergencies could cause a delay in getting help in some other life-threatening situation.

### **What happens if I call 101 but it is an emergency situation?**

If you call 101 and it is deemed to be an emergency situation, our trained police operators will put you through to 999 for immediate assistance.

### **Always call 999 in an emergency**

Can I call 101 if I'm deaf, hard of hearing, speech impaired, or if English is not my first language?

Yes, If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired you can textphone 18001 101. If you have difficulty speaking English, your local police can access interpreters who can translate your call.

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**POLICE**  
**SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM**

## SOUTH LEICESTER NPA

### **Freeman**

The Freeman neighbourhood includes the residential areas of the Saffron Lane Estate (north of Southfields Drive), Knighton Fields and the northern part of Aylestone. It also includes the commercial areas up to the Walkers Stadium, Freeman's Common and Oakland Road.

To find out more about what's happening in your local area read your local station [Inspector's monthly update](#).

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

#### **Your dedicated neighbourhood team**



**Sgt Joanna Brown**

Collar number: 4454

I joined Leicestershire Police in 2003, and have enjoyed working in a wide range of Neighbourhood and investigation departments. Having joined the team at South Leicester in 2016, in March 2017 I became the Neighbourhood Sergeant for the Freeman ward. I work with a dedicated team of Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers, where our focus is addressing the priorities of the community, dealing with the people who cause harm, and protecting vulnerable people. We will do this by effectively working together with our residents and partner agencies.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for Sgt Joanna Brown by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 4454.



**PC Michael Thomas**

Collar number: 1259

I have worked for Leicestershire Police since June 2008 where I was a Police Community Support Officer covering the Oadby area until September 2009. I then became a Police Officer working as a response officer based at Market Harborough Police Station. I then moved to Oadby as part of the Neighbourhood team.

I have recently moved to the Freeman Neighbourhood Team and look forward to working with such a diverse community.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)

- Leave a voicemail for PC Michael Thomas by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 1259.



**PC Stephen Henderson**

Collar number: 2964

I have been a Police Officer with Leicestershire Police for the past four years, where I have worked from both Wigston and Market Harborough stations as a Response Officer.

I look forward to the new challenges that working on the Safer Neighbourhood Team may bring.

My aim is to provide the residents of Oadby with a positive and approachable service and I am confident in the team that I am working with.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PC Stephen Henderson by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 2964.



**PC Ansjeline Wood**

Collar number: 4560

I am an officer on the Freeman Neighbourhood Ward.

I look forward to working with the local community.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PC Ansjeline Wood by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 4560.



**PCSO Christopher Thornton**

Collar number: 6159

I joined Leicestershire Police as a Police Community Support Officer in 2012 working from Blaby station on the Glenfield beat.

In January 2013 I transferred to Wigston station working in the Oadby Area. In May 2016 I moved beats to the Freeman and I am looking forward to meeting and working with the community.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Christopher Thornton by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6159.



### **PCSO Jackie Moore-Freakley**

Collar number: 6601

I became a Police Community Support Officer in 2005. I enjoy working as a member of the Freeman neighbourhood policing team.

I see my role as a link between the police, partner agencies and the community. My aim is to engage and work closely with the community, to help with any problems that they may have.

I hope to tackle issues such as anti-social behaviour and encourage residents to contact me with their concerns.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Jackie Moore-Freakley by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6601.



### **PCSO Jordon Spencer**

Collar number: 6661

I work on the Freeman neighbourhood team.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Jordon Spencer by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6661.



## **PCSO Karim Baladi**

Collar number: 6154

I am a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) based at Wigston Police Station.

I have a good knowledge of the local area and I am pleased to be part of the Freeman Dedicated Neighbourhood Team.

I look forward to meeting with local residents and building relationships whilst I am out and about on my beat which will enable me to tackle any issues and concerns within the Freeman area.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Karim Baladi by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6154.