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www.neighbourhoodwatchleicester.net

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Leicestershire Police support World Autism Awareness Week



From L-R: John Nelson, Chair of National Police Autism Association, Autism Lead Co-ordinator, Magda Allen, Kam Pandya from the Investigation Management Unit, Chief Constable Simon Cole and Police and Crime Commissioner Lord Willy Bach

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Issued on 4/4/18 at 10:38 a.m.

An event to recognise and mark World Autism Awareness Week was held at Force Headquarters last week (Thursday 29 March).

Opened by Chief Constable Simon Cole, the event covered many aspects of autism as well as educating officers and staff on the condition.

The event was a huge success, with over 90 people attending from partner organisations such as Leicestershire County Council, Leicester City Council, NHS and the National Autistic Society to name a few.

Autism is a lifelong, developmental condition that affects 700,000 people in the UK. It affects how a person communicates with and relates to other people, and how they experience the world around them.

As part of the event, guest talks were given from John Nelson at the National Police Autism Association and the force's Autism Lead Co-ordinator, Magda Allen.

Magda said: "The hard work of organising this event was rewarded with an excellent attendance of police officers, staff and external partners.

"Autism is such a wide topic and has so many aspects to it. We need to be aware that many have social communication problems and don't understand social rules and banter. They are not being rude or difficult – some just have problems with communication and understanding social settings and how to behave."

Kam Pandya, who works in the Investigation Management Unit, also shared his personal experience of living with autism.

He said: "It's great to see the force doing some positive work for individuals with autism. Not every individual diagnosed with autism is the same, and how they view the world is very different in comparison to how a neuro-typical person would view the world."

The event was designed to educate managers and teams working with someone on the autistic spectrum, as well as frontline officers who may come into contact with autistic people in the community.

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Be wise to the signs of radicalisation

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For Week three of the national Action Counters Terrorism campaign we are focussing on online extremism.

Whether it is someone making comments or promoting extremist attitudes via social media, someone viewing terror-related content or videos over the Internet, or someone you suspect may be being radicalised online, we want to hear about it.

East Midlands Prevent, comprising police, local authorities and other agencies, works with families, schools, the health service, faith groups and other community organisations to safeguard people from being drawn into terrorism or showing support for extremism by identifying susceptibilities and intervening early.

Radicalisation is an exploitation of the vulnerable, often younger, members of our society. It's a form of 'recruitment', by grooming or brainwashing a person into supporting terrorism or extremist ideologies and sanctioning the use of violence.

So, what are the signs?

Has the person shown a sudden change in behaviour, whether acting out or retreating into themselves? This could be spending more time alone in their room, on the computer or their mobile devices, and severing contact with friends.

Perhaps they have made comments, whether in person or online, suggesting a growing change in attitude, radical views or a sudden sympathy or affiliation for extremist right wing, religious or political ideologies.

Chief Inspector Bill Knopp is from the East Midlands Special Operations Unit's Special Branch (EMSOU-SB) and leads on Prevent on behalf of the region. He said: "A report late last year suggested that people in the UK access jihadist propaganda more than any other country in Europe, and are the fifth largest audience in the world for extremist content. We know it's happening and we need your help to identify those perpetuating it.

"Grooming for the purposes of terrorism has similar warning signs to that of grooming for sexual exploitation. All subtle but when put together can paint a clearer picture.

"It's much easier to recognise the indicators in retrospect, but by then it can be too late. The recent case of the 17-year-old boy from Cardiff, who was within hours of committing an attack when he was arrested, shows us just how quickly someone can become radicalised.

"So let's be wiser to the methods and, more importantly, switched-on to the signs. Don't ignore them in hopes they will go away. Act now. The sooner, the better.

"Under the Prevent programme we do not jump to conclusions, we do not pass judgement and we do not seek to criminalise people. We are simply here to support and help steer people away from a dangerous and potentially harmful path.

"We are all responsible for safeguarding our communities and Prevent has the expertise and resources to show you the way."

The Let's Talk About It website is a great resource for those seeking further information around the work of Prevent and spotting the signs of vulnerability.

If you know someone who may be at risk of radicalisation, report it to your local Prevent team via 101. To report in your professional capacity contact your organisation's designated safeguarding lead.

If you see someone endorsing extremism over the Internet report it online here or call 0800 789 321. All reports are kept confidential and can be made anonymously. In an emergency, always dial 999.

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ADVICE & INFORMATION

How to report possible terrorist activity

Who to contact

Call **999** if there is an immediate threat to life

If you have information about possible terrorist activity, report your concerns to **0800 789 321**

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

What is happening in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland?

Terrorism is a real and serious threat to us all. To counter the terrorist threat, we need to all work together to tackle the terrorist challenge.



We are working closely with key partner agencies and communities to tackle any extremism.

Since early 2003, the United Kingdom has had a long-term strategy for countering international terrorism, known as **CONTEST**.

The strategy is divided into four strands: **PREVENT, PURSUE, PROTECT, and PREPARE.**

Over the last few years, City and County partners have successfully developed innovative initiatives as part of the **CONTEST** Strategy.

What can you do to help?

Although there is no specific threat to Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, it is important that the public remain alert and aware of their surroundings. Together we can fight terrorism and make our communities safer.

Report it

We want to hear from anyone who sees anything suspicious, be it a vehicle, package or person. These are difficult to define and we advise people to rely on instinct about whether something is suspicious. In any case we would prefer people to call us if in any doubt.

We will act on it

We will act on information from the public and potential security risks will be taken seriously. This might mean that sometimes roads are closed and buildings evacuated but we are sure that people in the region understand that public safety must always be our first concern and would react in their usual patient manner.

Protecting you

We are also sending a clear message that we will take action to protect the right of all communities to pursue their way of life as they wish, free of the fear of violence and intimidation.

Helping us to help you

Vigilance on the part of the public is one of the best ways of preventing and detecting crime, including terrorist crime. We firmly believe that communities defeat terrorism. Please let us know if you have any suspicions. We don't mind if it proves to be a false alarm.

Related content

- [Counter Terrorism: Stay safe](#)
- [Counter Terrorism Security Adviser](#)
- [PREVENT \(Preventing Violent Extremism & Terrorism\)](#)
- [Partners and PREVENT](#)
- [PREVENT Officers \(POs\)](#)

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SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

EASTERN COUNTIES NPA

NPA commander - Inspector Gavin Drummond



Inspector Gavin Drummond joined Leicestershire Police in 2003 where he performed a variety of uniformed roles in the Hinckley area. In 2008 he was promoted to Sergeant following which he undertook the deputy commander role at Wigston Police station. Since this role Gavin has performed a variety of roles including the management of the missing persons investigation team and most recently an intelligence Sergeant in the Force intelligence bureau.

On promotion to Inspector in 2015, Gavin took up the role as commander for the Eastern Counties Neighbourhood policing area.

On starting his new role Gavin said: "I am delighted to have taken up the position as the commander for the Eastern Counties Neighbourhood policing area. It is clear that there are already very strong community and partnership links across the area, something which I am particularly keen to maintain and build upon.

"Having previously worked in Neighbourhood policing I understand the need for effective communication links between the Police, our partners and the communities that we serve in order to identify and address problems and issues. Engagement and consultation are critical in achieving positive outcomes and I would implore communities to get in touch with their local officers to advise of any Neighbourhood policing issues they might be facing."

Harborough & The Bowdens

This neighbourhood beat covers Harborough town and the villages of Little Bowden and Great Bowden.

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

Your dedicated neighbourhood team



Sgt John Weston

Collar number: 1687

I've served with Leicestershire Police for over 24 years now in a number of different roles and locations, both in uniform and CID and I find my job to be enjoyable and rewarding.

As a Police Officer I've done many things and had fantastic opportunities, but of all the things I've seen and done, the reason for me doing them is fairly simple in my eyes.

I'm here to try and make a difference: to deal with people who cause us most harm, protect those who can't protect themselves and whilst doing that to treat people as I would expect my nearest and dearest to be treated.

Feel free to contact me so we can work together and make this place an even nicer place to live than it already is!

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for Sgt John Weston by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 1687.



PC Malcolm Roberts

Collar number: 2178

I have spent most of my policing career in Market Harborough working on the Harborough and the Bowdens Dedicated Neighbourhood Team. I believe I have a very good knowledge of the area and the priorities of the local community.

I have experience of problem solving local issues and have been happy to face challenges within the community head on.

I have taken local responsibility regarding Licensing within Harborough and the District and see this as an important activity with keeping Harborough a safe and vibrant location to live in or visit. For regular updates follow the team on Twitter @LPHarborough.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PC Malcolm Roberts by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 2178.



PC Paul Williams

Collar number: 1523

I have been with Leicestershire Police for over 20 years and during that time I have worked at Market Harborough, Lutterworth, and the City. I have worked in various different departments and now looking forward to the new challenge of working alongside the existing Neighbourhood Team in Market Harborough.

I am passionate about community policing and delivering a first class service, listening and responding to the issues that matter most to you. For those who decide to commit crime or anti-social behaviour my message is clear; you can expect to be dealt with swiftly and robustly.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PC Paul Williams by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 1523.



PCSO Emily Chapman

Collar number: 6549

I am a Police Community Support Officer covering Market Harborough and the Bowdens and joined the team in 2017.

I work alongside the rest of the Market Harborough team and partner agencies to reduce/prevent crime, anti-social behaviour and deal with any community issues. I am dedicated and keen to get involved in the community so please feel free to stop and say hello if you see me around.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Emily Chapman by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6549.



PCSO Mark Illston

Collar number: 6192

I am a Police Community Support officer (PCSO) for Harborough and the Bowdens. I give reassurance and a highly visible presence on my beat. Some of my main priorities are to deal with anti-social behaviour, speeding vehicles, purse dipping and shoplifting also mobile phones and seatbelt offences. I am always out and about on my bike in the town centre so don't hesitate to come and have a chat and say" hello "that's what I'm here for.

Many thanks

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Mark Illston by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6192.



PCSO Natalie Duvnjak

Collar number: 6086

I am PCSO Natalie Duvnjak. I am a PCSO covering Market Harborough Town and the Bowdens as part of the Dedicated Neighbourhood Team.

I hope to meet as many of you as possible whilst out and about so if you see me, do stop and talk to me.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Natalie Duvnjak by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6086.



PCSO Timothy Harwood

Collar number: 6126

I have worked with the rural communities of Market Harborough for 10 years, identifying and dealing with community concerns. I am committed to maintaining strong local partnerships, such as the HART scheme, which identifies those that cause most harm to local retail businesses. I look forward to seeing you around Harborough town.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Timothy Harwood by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6126.



PCSO Tushar Joshi

Collar number: 6678

I have been a PCSO with Leicestershire Police since 2008 and originally covered the Market Harborough town centre beat followed by Harborough North villages.

In July 2014 I moved to Wigston station as one of three PCSOs covering the South Wigston area.

I've recently come back to Harborough town in the last few weeks and I'm looking forward to meeting you

If you see me out and about on the beat please let me know if you have any concerns in your area that I can help with.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Tushar Joshi by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6678.

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/>

EAST MIDLANDS

DERBYSHIRE: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/derbyshirecommunity/>

LINCOLNSHIRE: www.facebook.com/CCNWAIncolnshire

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: www.facebook.com/CCNWANorthamptonshire

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: www.facebook.com/ccnwanottinghamshire