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www.neighbourhoodwatchleicester.net

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Chief Constable's ceremony recognises bravery, hard work and dedication



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Leicestershire's Chief Constable, Simon Cole QPM, will preside over an awards ceremony for 70 police officers and staff today (Wednesday 4 October) in recognition of their bravery, hard work, dedication and long service.

A wide range of awards will be presented to police officers, Police Community Support Officers, Special Constables and police staff.

The awards are attended by Chief Officers, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Area Commanders together with the award winners and their families. The High Sheriff of Leicestershire, Tim Maxted will also be there as well as David, Anne and Jonathan Saville who sponsor the Special and Volunteer awards and Susan Belcher who is the niece of Catherine Godfrey the sponsor of Patrol and Resolution Team award.

Today staff and officers will also be recognised for their exceptional work including commendations for bravery for outstanding work; service excellence and long service awards. These include two Special Constable's who saved the life of a woman who was about to jump off a bridge, a team who secured £400,000 under the Proceeds of Crime Act, an officer who developed a training video for officers on how to deal with acid attacks and an officer who has worked tirelessly in his own time to help young people.

The force will also reveal their Dedicated Neighbourhood Officer of the Year, Dedicated Neighbourhood Team of the Year, Student Officer of the Year, Response Officer of the Year, Response Team of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Special Officer of the Year and Special Team of the Year.

Chief Constable, Simon Cole, said; "I always look forward to presiding over the commendation ceremony as it gives us the opportunity to formally celebrate and acknowledge the hard work, dedication and courage displayed by police officers, police staff and members of the public.

"I am always taken aback when I hear the amazing stories and bravery these individuals show and to know that those acts of bravery, kindness and dedication go on in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland every day."

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Leicestershire Specials target hare coursing



Local farmer Andrew Brown with Special Constables Joe Dibb and Leigh Moore

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Issued on 2/10/17 at 5:31 p.m.

Trained special constables from Leicestershire Police are working with local farmers and neighbouring police forces to reduce the number of hare coursing incidents.

Special Constables Leigh Moore and Joseph Dibb were in Rutland on Saturday (30 September), working closely with Lincolnshire Police officers to carry out rural patrols in areas where hare coursing has been identified as an issue.

Special Constable Joseph Dibb said: "As a special, I'm a fully trained police officer and can branch out into a number of specialities; rural crime being one of them. The opportunity arose to support the neighbourhood teams in Rutland in their fight against hare coursing, so I decided to expand my policing knowledge and help a different community. I'm authorised to respond to 999 calls so can provide rapid response to reports of hare coursing in Leicestershire."

Hare coursing is the pursuit of hares with dogs, usually greyhounds and other sighthounds. Traditionally offences begin to increase after crops have been harvested in autumn, and continue until spring.

Local farmer Andrew Brown, former High Sheriff of Rutland, is in full support of the rural operation. He said: "I am very grateful for the specials, who give up their spare time to help our community. It's a great initiative to try and prevent hare coursing, which is the scourge of farmers at this time of year.

"Not only is there a cruelty issue with the hares, there's also criminal damage to crops, and even threats, intimidation and violence towards farmers. I hope that farmers in the area will try to assist the police as much as possible, and I hope that we can put an end to the illegal blood sport."

Hare coursing has been illegal in the UK since 2005, following the Hunting Act 2004 which banned the hunting of wild mammals with dogs.

Sergeant Nick Woodrow, the force's lead for rural crime, said: "Op Galileo is a regional operation to combat hare coursing. The assistance of the Special Constabulary has enabled us to increase our patrol activity as well as give reassurance to our communities that we proactively tackling the issue. Intelligence from members of the community is vital, and we would encourage anyone who suspects someone of committing the offence to report it to us."

The force is currently recruiting special constables, who are volunteer police officers with the same powers as regular officers.

If you're interested, please visit our website: leics.police.uk/join-us/specials, or come along to our information seminar on Wednesday 25 October, 6-8pm. Simply register your interest by emailing recruitment@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk with your contact details, and come to Leicestershire Police Headquarters in Enderby to find out first-hand what it's like to be a special.

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ADVICE & INFORMATION

Vehicle Crime

Bicycle security



It takes seconds to steal a bike. Don't give thieves an easy ride.

register your bike on a national property database such as immobilise.com

- **mark frame** with your postcode in two separate locations, one of which should be hidden
- **download** and fill in a [bike passport](#) (PDF)
- lock up your bike with a good quality lock such as a sold secure approved **D-lock**
- at home keep your bike in a locked **shed or garage**
- when out secure your bike to a **fixed object** or **bike rack** in a well-lit and busy area
- **lock your bike** through the frame and both wheels, or at least the back wheel
- **remove detachable accessories** such as lights, pumps, panniers and quick release saddles
- if your bike is **stolen**, call the police on 101, keep the crime reference number and inform your insurance company

Choosing a lock

It is essential that you use good quality lock for your bike. Some locks may look robust, but most are made up of a thick layer of plastic with a thin metal core, making it easy for cycle thieves to twist off or cut through.

If you can, use two different locks such as a strong hardened steel D-lock and a sturdy chain lock or a durable loop extension cable to deter thieves. This makes it harder for thieves as they would need different tools to break each lock.

Check out www.soldsecure.com for certified locks. Sold Secure use a three tier lock grading system to assess locks, based on their level of security.

Securing your bike

Always lock your bike, even if you are only leaving it for a couple of minutes.

Keep the lock or chain away from the ground. Never leave them laying on the ground as they could be damaged and broken easily.

Keep the gap between the bike and the lock to a minimum – the smaller the gap, the harder it is to insert tools to gain leverage.

Locks can also be picked, so face the lock to the ground but not resting on it and lock both wheels and the frame of your bike to a fixed object or bike rack.

Where to park your bike when out and about

Lock your bike to an immovable object. Where possible use a designated bike rack, ground anchor or street furniture that offers multiple locking points and will stop your bike falling and causing an obstruction.

Bikes locked to lampposts, railings or anything else not designed for this purpose are more vulnerable to theft. Remember thieves can remove drainpipes and lift bikes off signposts.

Parking that only allows your front wheels to be locked should be avoided, as thieves can remove your front wheel and make off with the rest of your bike. Instead look for stands that allow you to lock both your bike frame and wheels to it.

Avoid leaving your bike unattended in dimly lit isolated places for long periods of time. Leave your bike where a potential thief can be seen easily.

Use a designated bike park facility. There is secure indoor parking at [Leicester's Bike Park](#) located in Town Hall Square. There is also secure bike parking at Leicester railway station for 222 bikes. Students at the University of Leicester are also encouraged to make use of the [University bike park](#), which is an underground bike park for over 300 bikes.

Keeping your bike secure at home

When storing your bike at home lock it in a secure shed or garage or bring it inside your property.

If you are keeping your bike in your shed make sure that you have a robust lock on the door, and consider using a battery operated shed alarm which will alert you to anyone gaining entry.

When locking your bike in a shed or garage use an anchor point which either bolts directly to the floor/wall or can be installed into concrete.

Never leave your bike outside in the rear yard or garden, unless you have a cycle anchor or secure object to lock it to.

Remember to keep your bike out of public view.

Darker nights and cycling

During the winter months the nights draw in earlier, meaning that many cyclists will now be riding their bike in the dark. It is important that your bike is not only secure when you park it up but it also needs to be road worthy and suitable for use at night.

Stay visible – if you are on the roads when it's dark you will be required to have reflectors and lights fitted to your bike.

It is a good idea to wear high visibility clothing when you are riding your bike in the dark. Wearing reflective clothing on body parts that move is an effective way of staying visible on busy roads i.e. adding reflective strips to your shoes or arms or gloves.

Wearing a back pack with reflective strips or wearing a rear light on your helmet is another way of staying visible at night.

Remember – to check that your lights are working and the batteries aren't running low before you set off.

It's always a good idea to tell someone when you will be leaving and what time you will be expected and what route you will be using.

For all your cycling questions visit '[Ask the police](#)' or visit www.cyclingengland.co.uk.

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Welcome to the Leicestershire Police students page for University of Leicester students. The main campus for The University of Leicester is situated south of Leicester city centre, adjacent to Victoria Park. The University of Leicester falls under the Central Leicester Neighbourhood Policing Area as the City Centre neighbourhood but has a dedicated team of officers attached to the University. Much of the University of Leicester student accommodation is in Oadby and is covered by the South Leicester Neighbourhood Policing Area. For more information on the officers that cover this area see the [Oadby Dedicated Neighbourhood Team](#).

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

Your dedicated neighbourhood team



Sgt Neil Kendrick

Collar number: 0602

I joined the police in 2001, starting out in the city centre police station – Charles Street as it was then. I thoroughly enjoy being in the police and have been fortunate to have worked in a number of different roles including both neighbourhood and response policing.

I am working with a fantastic team of people who have a great deal of experience and enthusiasm and we are keen to understand what matters to you, the local residents. I am a firm believer in recognising that we (the police) need the support of and help from you (the local community) if we are to make a significant difference in preventing and detecting crime and anti-social behaviour, and protecting vulnerable people.

I am keen to listen to your concerns and act upon them, so please get in touch with me or another Dedicated Neighbourhood Team officer and we will do what we can to tackle them. You can contact us either in person or via e-mail, letter, through the force website, or phoning 101. I also understand that some people may prefer to speak to us in confidence and this will always be respected. Alternatively, Crimestoppers (0800 555111) is a way of anonymously passing information.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for Sgt Neil Kendrick by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 0602.



PC Emma Jayne

Collar number: 4350

I have been a police officer since 2001 and was posted to Welford Road police station. I spent my first three years as a local Police Officer. I spent a few months working as a Neighbourhood Officer for the Eyres Monsell Estate before moving to the position of Beat Officer for Clarendon Park in June 2005. I am now the dedicated officer for University of Leicester a post that I requested and that I am delighted to have been given. I enjoy working with the community, and the challenges that the area provides. I am committed to working with students to help them reduce their risk of becoming a victim of crime. I am also involved with Neighbourhood Watch and other community projects.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PC Emma Jayne by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 4350.



PCSO Ammo Sanghera

Collar number: 6614

My aim is to reduce crime in our communities with planned police initiatives and other community engagements and consultations.

I enjoy my role as a PCSO, working alongside my neighbourhood officer and with our partner agencies to help make our communities feel safer with neighbourhood policing. If you have any issues or concerns, I would urge you to contact me.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Ammo Sanghera by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6614.

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/>

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