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

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

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### LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE

**Force seeks to recruit 150 teenage cadets across county**



Recruitment is open for Leicestershire Police Cadets

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Issued on 1/3/18 at 12:00 p.m.

The search is on for 150 young people in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to join Leicestershire Police's [Volunteer Police Cadet \(VPC\) programme](#).

The programme invites young people aged 13 to 17 years to gain an unrivalled insight into policing and learn new skills, while helping their community and discovering their spirit of adventure.

Recruits will be trained by police officers, staff and cadet leaders, and will be given the opportunity to get involved with policing across the whole county, while following the national Volunteer Police Cadet programme.

Superintendent Shane O'Neill, the lead for Volunteers in Policing, said: "Joining our cadet programme is a fantastic opportunity for young people to make a positive and valued contribution to policing in their local community."

"Cadets can gain a great deal from their involvement, from building personal confidence to making new friends and gaining experience for a future career in the police."

"Last year the cadets volunteered more than 10,000 hours to the force, which is tremendous. In this time they've developed their policing skills and knowledge, supported the force operationally and at community and partner events, completed recognised qualifications and had a lot of fun along the way."

Leicestershire Police currently has almost 300 cadets enrolled on the programme. They attend weekly sessions during the academic year and are asked to volunteer three hours per month in their communities.

VPC Tarang Jethwa, 15, joined the cadet programme last year and said: "I love going to events with officers and taking part in teambuilding activities in our unit sessions. Cadets is a great place to socialise with people and I've learned a lot too. Recently my unit has been learning about traffic signs and roads policing, and we've also been taught about the powers of arrest."

"My confidence has improved a lot since joining as a cadet, and it's been really interesting to learn about our different communities and the diversity within them."

Police cadets are also given the opportunity to complete formal qualifications such as the Duke of Edinburgh, take part in national competitions and tournaments and gain certificates in St John Ambulance first aid training.

VPC Kayla Simmonds, 17, has been a member of the Melton Cadet Unit for two years and is in the process of joining the Royal Air Force Police. She said: "Since joining the cadets I've met lots of new people, and not only has my confidence improved, but also my ability to communicate effectively with people I don't know."

"There's something for everyone in the cadets, whether you'd like a future career in the force or not. It's not just about police skills, it's about life skills."

The aims of the VPC programme are to promote a practical understanding of policing among young people, as well as to support local policing priorities through volunteering and giving young people a chance to be heard.

If you'd like to join us as a Volunteer Police Cadet, please visit Leicestershire Police's website: [leics.police.uk/couldyou](https://leics.police.uk/couldyou) and [apply online today](#).

On the website, you'll also find a [recruitment pack](#) which will provide you with information around the application process, cadet unit locations and frequently asked questions.

Superintendent O'Neill said: "I look forward to welcoming the new recruits in September, where they will enjoy an exciting and growing programme that is making a real difference to the communities of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland."

**The force will be accepting applications until Saturday 31 March, and applicants must be due to turn 13 by Friday 31 August 2018.**

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## **LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE**

### **Icelandic police officers visit Leicestershire Police**



Icelandic Police Visitors at Police Headquarters

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Issued on 28/2/18 at 5:44 p.m.

Police officers from Iceland spent today (Wednesday 28 February) visiting Leicestershire Police to gain a better understanding of policing in the UK.

Seven guests from the Icelandic force visited Police Headquarters in Enderby and the Custody Suite at Euston Street for a tour of the facilities. Their visit follows a visit made by Leicestershire's Chief Constable Simon Cole QPM to Iceland in September 2017, where he spoke at a mental health conference.

The day started off with a visit to Force Headquarters where they had a tour of the Firearms and Dog Unit, Control Room and the Strategic Communications and Public Engagement Department, before moving to the Custody Suite at Euston Street.

The tour provided the guests with an understanding of different areas of the force, as well as the opportunity to share learning and experiences. During their time in the Communication and Public Engagement Department, the guests were shown the award-winning film Kayleigh's Love Story and the work behind producing the film. The guests commended the force for this work and expressed their interest in taking these ideas back home to Iceland.

Iceland's police service is made up of approximately 550 officers for the whole island – 55 of which are TSG (Tactical Support Group) equivalent who spend most of their time training as opposed to working on the streets. There is no police helicopter, a small traffic department and only a few dogs – a large contrast to Leicestershire Police's force of 2,000 officers, 2,000 police staff and over 500 volunteers.

Simon Cole said: "It was a privilege to host our Icelandic guests and show them how we work as a force.

"We hope the visit was valuable and we look forward to strengthening our working relationship with them in the future."

## **LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE**

### **Fraudsters latest scam targets elderly community**



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Issued on 28/2/18 at 2:59 p.m.

We've seen an increase in reports of fraudsters targeting elderly or vulnerable members of our community by telephone pretending to be from a bank or similar organisation. The caller will typically warn victims that their money is in danger and that they must move their money into a "safe" place.

In most instances, the person making the call already knows some details about the person they are trying to scam, perhaps their name or who they are currently saving with making the fraud more believable.

The fraudster impersonates banking officials, the police or telecoms officials in order to gain the victim's trust and encourage elderly and vulnerable members of our community to hand over their hard earned cash.

Needless to say the victims never see their money again.

Do you know an elderly friend, neighbour or relative?

## **LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE**

### **Prime Minister praises Leicestershire's emergency and medical services**

Issued on 28/2/18 at 2:53 p.m.

The response of the emergency services and medical staff at Leicester Royal Infirmary to the explosion in Hinckley Road has been praised by the Prime Minister and fellow MPs.

And the House of Commons has joined forces in sending its condolences to the families of those known to be missing and are feared dead.

The tributes began with the leader of the Opposition, Jeremy Corbyn, who said that he hoped that all politicians would "join me in passing our deepest condolences to the families of those injured and who died in the explosion in Leicester."

He added: "Could we say thank you to all the emergency services and hospital staff who worked to save lives in that terrible situation.

The Prime Minister responded: "Can I first of all say to the right honourable gentleman that I join him, and I'm sure the whole house, in expressing our condolences to the family and friends of those who lost their lives in the explosion in Leicester, and I also agree with him that we should commend the actions and the work of the emergency services who day in, day out, do so much for all of us, but in circumstances like that really showed the great job that they do in dealing with that issue."

Liz Kendall MP, in whose constituency the explosion happened, told the House that the explosion had been “a terrible shock” to the local community.

She added: “I know all of our thoughts are with families and friends of those who tragically lost their lives and those that have been injured. “I thank the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition for praising our incredible emergency services, who are continuing to work in extremely difficult circumstances.”

She also invited the PM to pay tribute to our local residents, whom she said had “pulled together to support one another, showing great strength and courage”.

The PM replied: “I am very happy to pay tribute to local residents who have shown that, I think, the real value of community in the way they have come together on this and I assure her everything will be done to get to the bottom of why this happened and to ensure, as far as possible, depending on the cause, that it would not happen to anybody again.”

## **ADVICE & INFORMATION**

### **Making your business safer**



You can help prevent crime by taking simple measures to ensure site safety and security inside and outside your business. This will help to deter criminals from attempting to gain access to your business.

#### **Things to consider**

##### **Perimeter security**

When installing perimeter security, fencing is highly recommended and effective against criminals. It is important to also make sure that all entry points are secure, especially when the premises are empty

##### **Surveillance**

The level of security you invest in should depend on the level of risk your business is subjected to. Things to consider include where the business is located, the age of the building and business specialism. CCTV, alarms, security lighting and natural surveillance by employees are some of the most important security features to consider

##### **Alarms**

Alarms are an effective deterrent against criminals as they are more likely to be caught if an alarm is activated. There are a wide variety of alarms available to purchase depending on requirements and budget. A reputable alarm company will be able to advise you on options available. It is also worthwhile checking with your insurer as your premium can be reduced by taking extra security measures

##### **CCTV**

CCTV systems are an effective and useful tool for crime prevention and can help the police when investigating a crime. However careful consideration should be taken to the placement and management of any CCTV system. For systems to be effective you should consider the following advice:

- Make sure the camera faces towards the main doorway/entrance so you can get a clear head and shoulder image of everybody entering and leaving the premises
- Make sure there is enough light for the camera to give a clear picture

- Place CCTV signs and public warning signs so that people know they are being recorded around your building/s and inside reception areas

### **Security lighting**

Installing security lighting outside your business is a good deterrent as it makes criminals feel vulnerable and observed. Security lighting should highlight high-risk areas and allow occupiers to see people approaching. The type of lighting you require will depend on the level of risk, the geography of the area and the type of surveillance you already have in place. The most common form of lighting is passive infrared, which is activated when someone comes into its field of vision.

### **Car parks**

Car parks should be in good view and in well-lit areas that are safe to access from the buildings they serve.

Professionally installed CCTV systems and guard patrols (for larger car parks) are ideal for car park security. Barriers are also effective

### **Building security**

Your building security is vital to help prevent thieves entering your premises. It is important to identify possible weak points; these can include doors, windows, delivery bays, skylights, access hatches and ventilation grilles.

### **Windows**

- Windows on the ground floor and at the back or side of your building should be fitted with good quality window locks
- Blinds can be fitted to prevent criminals from seeing any high value goods or stock inside
- Shutters and grilles can be added as additional security

### **Doors**

- Quality door locks still provide the most cost effective and simple security measures for many businesses
- External doors should be strong enough to withstand an attack. Ideally it is a good idea if they can be linked to an alarm as well
- Consider security for internal doors, as well as external, so you can limit access for thieves if they do get in. We also recommend locking away valuable items making them less accessible if someone did manage to break in

### **Reception Areas**

- One of the most important areas of security is your reception area. It is normally the first point of contact in any business so it provides the first line of defence
- The reception area should never be left unattended during business hours
- Every visitor entering the building should sign in and out, along with being issued with an identification badge or security pass
- Ensure your reception staff are given basic security training
- Ensure reception has an emergency alarm button
- Install electronic or mechanically controlled doors where necessary
- Bank your takings daily, try not to keep cash on the premises if at all possible
- Try to bank at different times of the day and preferably at different branches, try not to keep a regular routine
- If you have a safe, make sure it is secured to the floor and out of view

### **Darker nights and businesses**

With most store break-ins occurring at night, the darker nights during the winter months provide burglars with more opportunity to break into businesses. Burglars often use the darkness to conceal themselves. We are encouraging all businesses to **'Lock up and light up'** during the darker nights to help reduce your risk of being burgled.

Outdoor lighting can act as a deterrent to burglars because they can be seen more easily. It is a good idea to floodlight passageways and all entrances to buildings.

Indoor lighting is just as important. When a business leaves lights on, it makes it easier for others to see burglars moving around the building. When stores have good internal lighting and shop window displays that are arranged so anyone can see into the store, it is off putting for the burglar.

**Advice for businesses during darker nights:**

- carry out regular general security checks of the premises
- fit suitable locks and remember to lock all windows and doors
- use adequate indoor and outside lighting
- arrange shop displays so that people can see right into the store
- use burglar resistant glass windows or fit permanent items such as window grills or roller shutters
- fit a secure store safe
- use good quality CCTV system
- fit an intruder alarm, preferably with a personal attack facility

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

**EAST LEICESTER NPA**

**NPA commander - Inspector Steff Shellard**



I am Inspector Steff Shellard, the Neighbourhood Policing Commander for East Leicester.

Having been raised and schooled in the local area, I am immensely proud and excited to return to East Leicester as your lead for Neighbourhood Policing. I look forward to engaging with all of my diverse communities, communities that I can identify with so much, having been at the heart of them for so many years.

My aim is to strengthen our communities further, affording people the protection that they are so entitled from those that cause the most harm. My team is dedicated to identifying and targeting those persons that seek to

diminish our strong community relations and values, to protecting the most vulnerable amongst us and to addressing any concerns that our communities may hold.

We will do all of this in partnership with our local agencies to ensure that we deliver the most effective service. But what we need most of all, is you, the community, to engage and share with us fully, so that we can deliver the service that you want.

My team is always accessible and available to you, so please get in touch and help shape the policing of our area.

## Stoneygate

The Stoneygate neighbourhood contains the busy and vibrant Evington Road commercial area which includes takeaways, restaurants, charity shops, banks, building societies and grocery shops. The residential areas include the mainly terraced part of the Highfields, heading into the City, and the Way Roads and Horsten Hill heading out towards the county.

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 Jamie Reeve**

Collar number: 2196

I have worked for Leicestershire Police since 2005. I am excited to be given this opportunity to work with you and partner agencies to address any policing issues that arise in your area.

I actively encourage you to get in contact with the team to discuss any issues or worries you have. I will strive to ensure that you receive the best service from our team within the community and I will be working with my team to tackle the issues that matter most to you, our local community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or my team about any issues you may have.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for Sgt Jamie Reeve by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 2196.



**PC Owen Lenton**

Collar number: 1727

I have been a Police Officer since 1997 and have spent the vast majority of my career working in this area. I really enjoy the challenge of being a Local Beat Officer, part of the Stoneygate Safer Neighbourhood team. I have a particular interest in working around the Evington Road and Way Roads area. I like to be out on patrol as much as possible, targeting the people who commit crime and anti-social behaviour.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PC Owen Lenton by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 1727.



**PC Kuljinder Lally**

Collar number: 1900

I joined Leicestershire Police in 2002 and worked from Asfordby St Police station as a general response officer for 6 years.

I then moved to Spinney Hill Park Police station and became a neighbourhood officer currently working on the Stoneygate Ward.

As I have worked all of my career within this area I have a good knowledge of the location, and good working relationship with key members of the community and partner agencies. I am keen to work on issues that matter to the local community with a problem solving approach.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PC Kuljinder Lally by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 1900.



**PC Charlotte Barber**

Collar number: 4428

I have been a police officer for over 10 years, having joined in 2003 and was originally assigned to the former police station in Asfordby Street.

I have worked within a specialist department dealing with the victims and perpetrators of domestic violence, and then subsequently returned to Neighbourhood policing.

I enjoy working within communities in the Stoneygate Safer Neighbourhood Team.

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

- Leave a voicemail for PC Charlotte Barber by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 4428.



### **PCSO Ranjit Sonigra**

Collar number: 6125

I joined Leicestershire Police in 2005 as a Special Constable, and then in 2007 I was appointed as a Police Community Support Officer. I have worked hard to build up very good relations on the beat and I love being 'out there' helping the community. I like making a difference and positively tackling the causes and effects of anti-social behaviour.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Ranjit Sonigra by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6125.



### **PCSO Sam Trantom**

Collar number: 6861

I joined Leicestershire Police in 2010 as a Police Community Support Officer.

I focus on being visible on patrol in the community and I strive to make a positive difference. My priorities on the beat are providing a visible deterrent and reassuring presence.

I have worked hard to build up my community contacts and make a positive difference to those suffering from local anti-social behaviour.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Sam Trantom by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6861.



### **PCSO Phil Wandless**

Collar number: 6200

I joined Leicestershire Police in August 2016 after serving eleven years in the British Army. I am currently based at Spinney Hill Police Station covering the Stoneygate Ward. I am new to the Stoneygate ward but have enjoyed my time so far and it's a great place with even better people. I am looking forward to addressing the issues that matter most to the community and focus on being visible on patrol in the community. I strive to make a positive difference. My priorities on the beat are providing a visible deterrent and reassuring presence. I am looking forward to working with the community and meeting the public. If you see me around then please feel free to have a chat.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Phil Wandless by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6200.



### **PCSO Lewis Sparling**

Collar number: 6110

I joined Leicestershire Police in September 2016 as a Police Community Support Officer at Spinney Hill Police Station. I enjoy engaging with the community, especially the youth as I am the youngest member of the team. I am looking forward to building relationships amongst the community. Please feel free to approach me if you have any concerns regarding the beat.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Lewis Sparling by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6110.



### **PCSO Jordan Brown**

Collar number: 6625

I joined Leicestershire Police in 2017 as a Police Community Support Officer at Spinney Hill Police Station.

I have been a member of the Leicestershire Police family since I was 15, being involved in the Cadets for 3 years and as a Police Volunteer for 2 years. I look forward to meeting the public and working to make a positive difference in my community.

Please feel free to approach me if you have any concerns regarding the beat.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Jordan Brown by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6625.

## **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.**

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