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Visit to India promotes practices around sexual and domestic violence



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Two members of staff from the Leicestershire Police have been invited to India following the vital work the force has done around sexual and domestic violence.

Chief Superintendent Kerry Smith and the Manager of SARC (Sexual Abuse Referral Centre), Millie Gant are visiting three states in India this week to share good practices and processes with police officers and honorary officials around the SARC at Juniper Lodge in Leicester.

The seven-day trip will be spent visiting a crime against women unit in Delhi, as well the new SARC 'Crisis Centre' in Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh, which will provide a valuable service to vulnerable women who fall victim to sexual violence.

Madhya Pradesh has the worst record for sexual assaults among India's 29 states, with nearly 5,250 cases reported in 2016 out of the 39,000 nationally, but thanks to the strong relationship between Leicestershire Police, the SARC and police officers in India, plans have already been put in place to create 51 more centres in the district.

The centres will provide much needed support and services to female victims of violence, including legal advice, medical attention, DNA testing and counselling.

To coincide with International Women's Day on Thursday 8 March, Kerry and Millie will be giving a talk to female police officers at a conference in the town of Chandi. On their final day of the trip, they will be meeting the British High Commissioner to India, Dominic Asquith.

Millie Gant, said: "I am so honoured to be given the opportunity to visit the crisis centre and to be using our expertise to advise them. "This is a huge step in the right direction and will help them understand the under reported aspect of their communities."

Kerry Smith added: "I am delighted that Millie and I have been invited to share our experiences of policing and am excited to continue to build the relationships between Leicestershire Police and our Indian colleagues."

A plaque, inspired by Juniper Lodge in Leicester will also be unveiled by Millie and Kerry during the visit.

To find out more about the help and support services Juniper Lodge provides, visit: www.juniperlodge.org.uk

ADVICE & INFORMATION

Leicestershire Police

Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR)

Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology is used within Leicestershire to help detect, deter and disrupt criminality at a local, force, regional and national level, including tackling travelling criminals, organised crime groups and terrorists.

Automatic Number Plate Recognition provides lines of enquiry and evidence in the investigation of crime and is used by forces throughout England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

How it works

As a vehicle passes a police monitored Automatic Number Plate Recognition camera, its registration number is read and instantly checked against database records of vehicles of interest.

Police officers can intercept and stop a vehicle, check it for evidence and, where necessary, make arrests.

The use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition in this way has proved to be important in the detection of many offences, including locating stolen vehicles, tackling uninsured vehicle use and investigating cases of major crime.



It also allows officers' attention to be drawn to offending vehicles whilst allowing law abiding drivers to go about their business unhindered.

Automatic Number Plate Recognition data from Leicestershire Police is submitted to the National ANPR Data Centre (NADC) where it is stored together with similar data from other forces for a period of two years.

Access to stored data

We have clear rules controlling access to Automatic Number Plate Recognition data to ensure that access is for legitimate investigation purposes. Only officers and staff with appropriate training have access to Automatic Number Plate Recognition data if it's relevant to their role, and they may normally only do so for a maximum period of 90 days from the date it was collected.

Access to data for up to two years will be subject to the authorisation of a senior officer. After 90 days, access may only be for priority & volume crime, serious, major or counter terrorism investigations and after twelve months only for major investigations and counter terrorism purposes.

Searches of Automatic Number Plate Recognition data can confirm whether vehicles associated with a known criminal has been in the area at the time of a crime and can dramatically expedite investigations.

Camera locations

In addition to being mounted within police vehicles, police monitored Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras within Leicestershire are used at fixed locations where they will help to detect, deter and disrupt criminality. In line with national policy, we do not disclose details of our fixed locations as this information is likely to be of benefit to offenders and if known could reduce the value of Automatic Number Plate Recognition to policing.

National guidelines state that, if Leicestershire Police proposes to install additional Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras, an assessment must be conducted that demonstrates a clear need, taking account of the following factors:

- National security and counter terrorism
- Serious, organised and major crime
- Local crime
- Community confidence and reassurance, and crime prevention and reduction.

In assessing whether new cameras are to be deployed, a Privacy Impact Assessment will be undertaken. We will consult people and organisations with a reasonable interest in the proposal unless that would be contrary to the purpose of the development, namely to detect, deter and disrupt criminality.

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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.

Thurncourt

The Thurncourt neighbourhood covers the area between the A47 and Scraftoft Lane, as you travel out of the City. The residential areas around Colchester Road are covered by this neighbourhood and also the Thurnby Lodge area. Willowbrook Park is a main feature opposite a busy shopping parade on Thurncourt Road containing grocers, a housing office and hardware stores.

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 Rob Merrall

Collar number: 1719

I am the Neighbourhood Policing Sgt for the Thurncourt Ward. Our aim as a team is to target and prosecute the offenders that cause us most harm and to find quick solutions to the issues that matter most to the community through effective work with our partner agencies.

I encourage the community to let us know any concerns you may have at the earliest opportunity by telephoning 101 in a non emergency, stopping us in the street or anonymously via Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for Sgt Rob Merrall by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 1719.



PC Ben Orton

Collar number: 425

I have been a Police Officer since 2005 and in January 2010 I joined Spinney Hill Park Police Station and now cover the Thurncourt ward.

I consider myself to be hardworking, enthusiastic and approachable willing to take on any local issues you may have.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PC Ben Orton by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 0425.



PC Sarah McCormick

Collar number: 4458

I have been a Police Officer with Leicestershire Police since 2003. I have worked in a number of roles and joined the Neighbourhood Team on the St Matthews in 2008.

I am now a member of the Thurncourt team. I will work hard with the community and partner agencies to try resolve issues and tackle crime.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PC Sarah McCormick by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 4458.



PCSO Danny Burton

Collar number: 6092

I joined Leicestershire Police as a PCSO in 2017, having previously worked in Learning disabilities and mental health for the past 7 years.

I previously worked in the Highfields area before joining the Thurncourt beat team.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Danny Burton by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6092.



PCSO Georgina Cook

Collar number: 6513

I joined Leicestershire Police in February 2001 as a Traffic Warden and then became a Police Community Support Officer in February 2003.

I have been based at Spinney Hill police station since 2007 where I became the local PCSO for the Evington neighbourhood.

During this time I have enjoyed getting to know the local residents, schools, businesses and other agencies.

I am now a member of the Thurncourt team and aim to try to make it a safe and pleasant place for people to work and live in.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Georgina Cook by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6513.

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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