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Harborough District Community Safety Partnership



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Welcome back to our Community Safety Partnership (CSP) e-newsletter, in which we aim to keep you up to speed with the work of the partnership and how it is helping to keep individuals and neighbourhoods safer.

In this second edition we will be reporting on scams, Safer Summer, home security and domestic abuse.

The CSP is made up of Harborough District Council, Leicestershire County Council, the Police, Fire Service, and Turning Point.

There is further information on the Community Safety Partnership, at

www.harborough.gov.uk/communitysafety

Re-Deployable CCTV Cameras



The CSP have three re-deployable CCTV cameras available to be put up where there have been issues of anti-social behaviour or crime. Currently they are sited at Symington Recreation Ground and Medora Close, Market Harborough, and Chapel Street Carpark, Lutterworth. We are have plans to move one to Lutterworth Country Park. It costs about £300 each time we want to move a camera, so each move is considered by the Harborough Joint Action Group, to ensure the move is responsible and will have the desired effect.

We're in the process of looking at lampposts throughout the district, where there have been historical problems with ASB. The posts must undergo a structural test to establish suitability for possible future use as a location for CCTV.

If you have any suggestions for consideration, please email:

r.woods@harborough.gov.uk

Scams



People lose an estimated £10bn to fraud every year and people of all ages and backgrounds are victims. Scams can come in email form, phone calls, text, through the post or even someone turning up on your doorstep. The financial and health impacts of falling foul of scams can be devastating. Unfortunately, older people can be more vulnerable as victims of particular frauds, including pension and investment scams, postal scams, doorstep scams and telephone scams.

The CSP have funded an advert to be played on HFM reminding people to be wary, but as a gentle reminder, here are some handy tips:

- if the offer feels too good to be true, it probably is
- if you feel pressured into making a quick decision, it's probably a scam
- never send money to a company in order to claim a prize or winnings
- Never assume any email, text or call is genuine and don't click on links in emails or texts, always log in via a website or an app. Don't trust phone numbers either – always ring a trusted one
- always go to a bank's official website to get information, do not follow links within suspicious emails or texts
- always ask a trusted friend or family member for advice on reputable traders, even scammers can set up a nice website and print professional-looking business cards.

If you're not sure about something report it to **Action Fraud** on **0300 123 2040**

Or for advice, phone **Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline** on **03454 040506**

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For more information or to read about current scams have a look at www.actionfraud.police.uk

You and your parishioners can also sign up to 'Neighbourhood Link', the community messaging system for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The aim of the system is to keep residents informed and up to date with news on appeals, events, crime prevention advice as well as information on local policing matters. Have a look at www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk

MetroBank
Recipients
08:07 [DETAILS](#)

Alerts

You received this automated MB: [80003](#) alert message because :

- your balance falls below or goes above a certain amount
- a card transaction that looks suspicious happens on your account
- Kindly act now by going online to view recent changes to your [account balance and recent transactions](#)



Dave Vitty
@davidvitty

Follow

Anyone else received one of these Apple ID texts? Is it all above board or is it some kind of phishing scam?

Text Message
Today 10:05

Dave Vitty your Apple ID is due to expire today. To prevent termination confirm your details at <http://appleidlogin.co.uk> - Apple Support.

2:11 am - 16 Abr 2016

Safer Summer



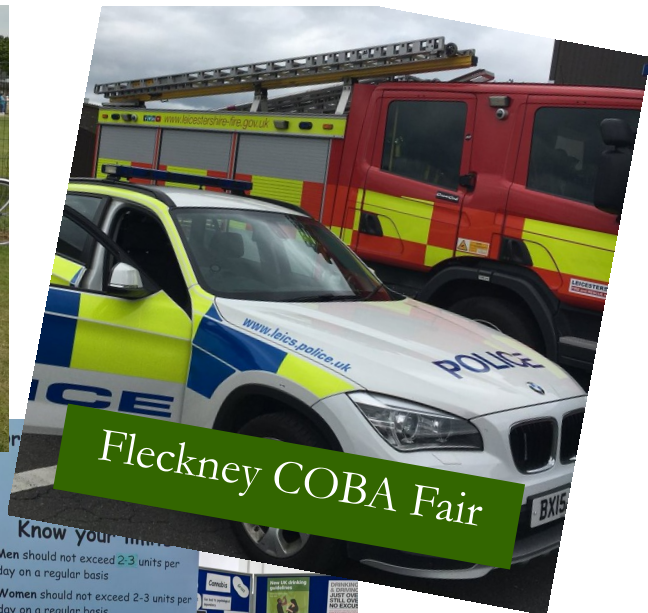
The CSP have attended many local events this summer to support the local community and to raise awareness of summer initiatives, such as ‘Drink Safe, Stay Safe’ and keeping safe while enjoying the World Cup.

For the World Cup, the CSP funded over 200 reusable plastic glasses to local pubs, this was to reduce the likelihood of smashed glass when people are drinking outside.

As England progressed, the Police have experienced levels of calls for service that have been comparable, or exceeding, New Year’s Eve. Following the match on July 3, they took a 999 call every minute for three hours between 10pm and 1am.



Broughton Astley Carnival



Fleckney COBA Fair



RSA Fatal 4 Event

Local Community Action

Great Easton Parishioners have been working together to combat a local community issue, dog poo. Local parishioner, Alan Wilmer, has set up a small community group to tackle dog poo, with a core group doing regular combing and producing some posters. This is great local community action, well done for your motivation! The Community Safety Partnership is happy to support local parishioners with campaigns if required. For more information, please contact us on communitysafety@harborough.gov.uk.

Events

Fatal Four - Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service are leading this campaign aimed at reducing the number of road traffic collisions. To raise awareness amongst young people they have run a day at Robert Smyth Academy sixth form, supported by the Police, Kwik Fit, Community Safety and the Youth Offending Service. A number of interactive sessions were run, quizzes, beer goggles to test reaction times and also some hard hitting Virtual Reality. This session has now been arranged for both Greenacres and Mere Farm and is available for other schools and youth groups. For further information, or to look at organising a session please contact r.woods@harborough.gov.uk

Online Safety for Parents - Kate Hudson, Leicestershire Police Children and Young Person officer, hosted an online safety workshop on 27th June at Harborough District Council. Kate has been touring Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland delivering her E-safety inputs to parents, guardians and professionals. The session included material created by the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) and provided an insight into what young people get up to online and how to protect them in the digital world. Although this was not as well attended as we'd have liked, we have had some good feedback. For further information, or to organise a similar session, please email Katie.Hudson@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

Drones

On Friday 25th May at around 10:00am a white Mercedes van parked in Drayton Road, Medbourne and sent up a drone, they sent it low over all the gardens the length of the road at roof height and then left at speed towards Great Easton. The whole process took less than five minutes but it would seem they were gathering high resolution images of gardens. There were reports of similar activity in Hallaton at 9am the same day.

If you do see such activity and are concerned it is not legitimate please call the police on 101.

Here is a link on the use of drones from Leicestershire police

www.leics.police.uk/contact-us/faq/Q923

Local Police Beat Surgeries

To meet your local police teams, discuss issues that may be affecting you or your community, you can attend a local beat surgery. Dates for these can be found on www.leics.police.uk/local-policing where you can click on the link for your area on the right-hand side.

The police have improved their online reporting facilities, have a look at the new webpage

www.leics.police.uk/report-online

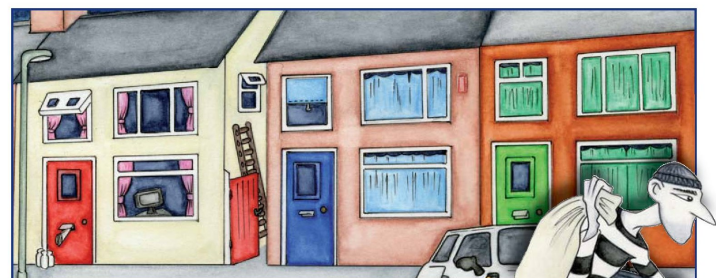
Eastern Counties NPA
[Broughton Astley and Walton](#)
[Harborough North](#)
[Harborough and the Bowdens](#)
[Lutterworth](#)
[Melton rural north](#)
[Melton rural south](#)
[Melton town centre](#)
[Melton town north](#)
[Melton town south](#)
[Oakham Town and Barleythorpe](#)
[Rutland North](#)
[Rutland South](#)
[Uppingham](#)

Current issues

Day-time Breaks - The Police have highlighted that there have been some recent day-time breaks in the Harborough town, Thurnby and Scraftoft areas. Increasing home security is the best way to reduce your chances of being burgled. A lot of burglars are opportunist; an open window or leaving the front door unlocked while you are in the back garden makes theft easy.

- Be vigilant and report suspicious activity
- Lock valuables away
- Consider a visible house alarm
- Visibly and permanently marking your belongings helps you and the police identify them if they are stolen. It can also make it more difficult for the thief sell the property on or dispose of it
- Photograph any distinctive items of value

Holiday Advice - Given we are now in peak 'school holiday' time, if you are going away, take extra precautions to make your house look occupied, and ask a neighbour or friend you trust to pop in, move the mail and open the curtains. Use automatic timers for lights and radios to make the house seem more occupied.

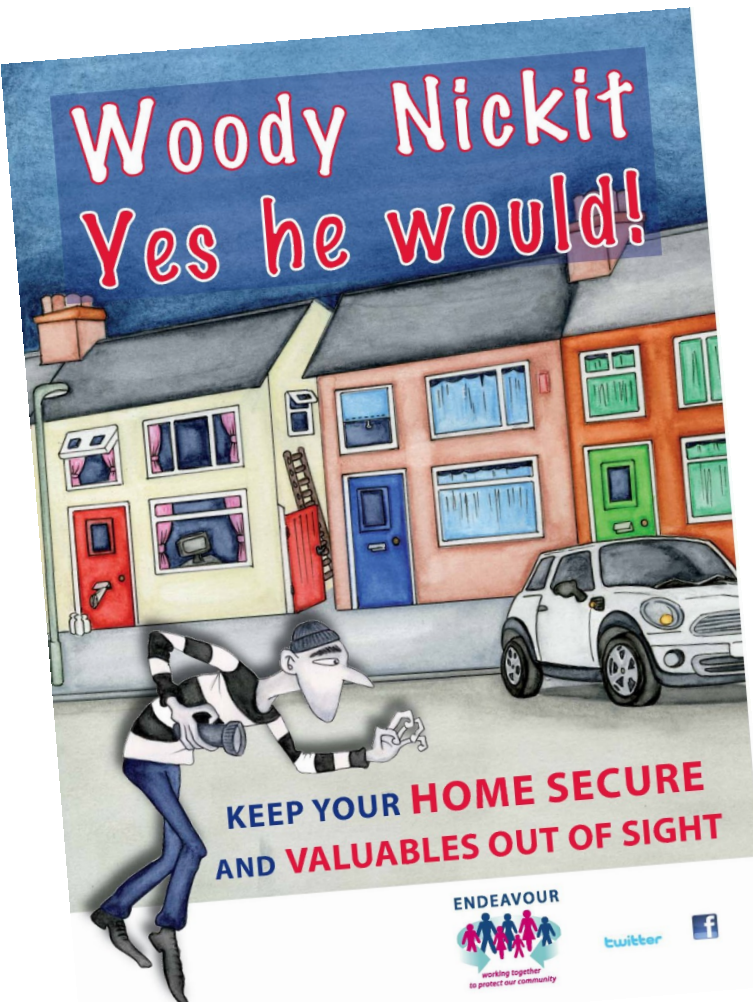


- When you go out, make sure you lock your doors (front and back) and close your windows, even if you are going out for a short time - in many burglaries it can take the thief just five minutes to break in, steal property and leave.
- Do not leave small windows open on your house believing them to be safe.
- When out in your garden ensure that windows and doors to the front of the house are secure.
- Secure access to the rear of your property.
- If you have an alarm system fitted, ensure you use it.
- Use light timers to make your home appear occupied when you are out.
- Put your car keys in a safe place in your home do not leave them near to doorways and windows.
- If you're going away, get a friend or neighbour to collect your post, draw your curtains, put a light on and make your home looked lived in. Remember to cancel milk and papers when you're away.

Register your valuables free of charge at www.immobilise.com, the free UK national property register.

To report a crime or suspicious activity call the police on **101** or **crimestoppers**, 'Independent Crime-Fighting Charity', anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

In an emergency, where life is in danger or a crime is in progress, always call **999**.



Domestic Abuse

There is often a spike in reports of domestic abuse reported during a World Cup. Whilst Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland haven't done a specific campaign for this season, we have continued to support and raise awareness of UAVA. UAVA is a consortium of three local specialist providers of services to help people who are affected by domestic abuse or sexual violence.

For further information have a look at www.uava.org.uk or phone **0808 80 200 28**.



Future campaigns

Celebrate Safely - Community Safety will be working with the County Council, Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service and the Police from August to December to deliver messages on celebrating safely. A poetry competition will be offered to all schools and further information and posters will be available to download at www.harborough.gov.uk/communitysafety

Photo and News Opportunities

Thank you to Peter for his photo of beautiful Billesdon, as featured on the front page.

If you have photos or news from around the Harborough District that you would like to have featured in the quarterly parish e-newsletter, please submit them to r.woods@harborough.gov.uk

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