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Harborough District Community Safety Partnership



Welcome

Welcome back to our Community Safety Partnership (CSP) e-newsletter, in which we aim to keep you up to speed with the work we are doing and how it is helping to keep individuals and neighbourhoods safer. 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 CSP at www.harborough.gov.uk/communitysafety

Parish Consultation

It's that time of year again, where we ask you to prioritise the issues that are most important to you, in your parishes. The Parish Consultation is your opportunity, as parishioners, to influence funding and future projects by discussing and collaborating your priorities for the coming years, with regard to community safety. The results of which will be used to inform the Community Safety Plan for the area for 2018 to 2021 and also applications to the Police and Crime Commissioner for project funding for 2018 to 2021. You can access the consultation online at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NTTLMMSG or contact the Community Safety Team to request a paper copy on **01858 828282**.



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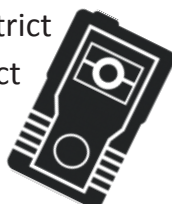
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Body-Cams for Shops

The CSP have purchased three body worn cameras to deter retail theft and potential abuse staff have experienced when approaching customers. Two of the cameras are for the police to loan to retail units that are frequently targeted by shoplifters. The further camera, is for HART (Harborough Against Retail Theft) to allocate on a loan basis. We hope that successful use of the cameras will lead to some companies purchasing their own body worn cameras to support their staff. One of the cameras is in use at Palmers Garden Centre in Ullesthorpe, who have already purchased their own, and the further cameras have now been loaned to Mountain Warehouse and Sainsbury's, both in Market Harborough. We would invite retailers from across the district to come forward if they would like to be considered for a loan of the camera. Please contact r.woods@harborough.gov.uk



Events

Lord Willy Bach visits local businesses and charities within Harborough District

On the 25th September Lord Willy Bach, the Leicestershire Police and Crime Commissioner, accompanied by Portfolio Holder Councillor Michael Rickman, visited parts of Harborough District, including Coventry Road Recreation Ground in Lutterworth, to discuss local issues and ASB. He was also able to attend a Travelling Forward session on the 'Chill Out Bus', at Ullesthorpe Primary School; these are regular sessions which aim to break down barriers between children from Gypsy and Traveller families. The neighbourhood Police were able to attend, local Councillors were invited, and it was really helpful to be able to highlight the needs within Harborough District and demonstrate where some of the PCC monies are allocated. We have had some very positive feedback about the event.



National Hate Crime Awareness Week

Between 13-20th October, Harborough District Council took part in the National NHCAW campaign. Aiming to highlight the issue of hate incidents and crime and to encourage victims, and anyone who knows or suspects incidents of such incidents, to report them.

Hate incidents can take many forms, such as harassment, name calling, graffiti or abuse, but all incidents share one thing in common - victims are targeted for simply being who they are. People can be targeted because of hostility or prejudice towards their race, sexuality, religion, disability, or gender identity, amongst other examples.

Many victims do not report these incidents, because they may not know that they are able to, or where to do so, some may endure harassment for a long time. It is important to report these incidents, whether they are just one isolated incident or repeated harassment by the same person or group of people.

You can report hate incidents by

- Contacting Leicestershire Police on the non-emergency number **101**
- Visiting your local police station
- Completing the Hate Incident Report online at www.harborough.gov.uk/reporthate
- Or text Leicestershire

Police on **07624 818 901**

(only to be used by people who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired)



Modern Slavery

Even though most people think that slavery only exists overseas, modern slavery in the UK is thriving. The Government estimates that tens of thousands of people are in modern slavery in the UK today. Most people are trafficked into the UK from overseas, but there is also a significant number of British nationals in slavery. The most common countries of origin are Albania, Vietnam, Nigeria, Romania and Poland.

Most commonly people are trafficked into forced labour in industries such as agriculture, construction, hospitality, manufacturing and car washes. Many women and girls are trafficked for sexual exploitation. Many people, again mostly women and girls, also end up in domestic slavery. Others, particularly children, are forced into crime such as cannabis production, petty theft or begging.

Below are some of the signs that might indicate trafficking. This is not an exhaustive list, so if you have any concerns about an individual or a situation please call the helpline, or the Police on **999** if you suspect someone is in immediate danger.

- **Physical Appearance** - if someone looks malnourished or unkempt, withdrawn or has untreated injuries. They may have few personal possessions or wear the same clothes daily, which may not be suitable for their work
- **Isolation** - someone is rarely allowed to travel on their own, seems under the control, of others, rarely interacts or seems unfamiliar with their neighbourhood or where they work
- **Poor living conditions** - dirty, cramped or overcrowded accommodation, and / or living and working at the same address (see update on HMO Licensing, overleaf)
- **Restricted freedom of movement** - no identification documents, little opportunity to move freely or someone may have had their travel documents retained, e.g. passports
- **Unusual travel times** - a person may be dropped off / collected for work on a regular basis either very early in the morning or late at night
- **Reluctant to seek help** - they may avoid eye contact, appear frightened or hesitant to talk to strangers and fear law enforcers for many reasons, such as not knowing who to trust or where to get help, fear of deportation, fear of violence to them or their family.

If you are concerned about a potential victim, or suspicious about a situation that could be exploitative, you can call the **Modern Slavery Helpline** on **08000 121 700**. The helpline is operated by Unseen, open 24/7 and entirely confidential. Trained advisors can take details of concerns and pass them on to the most appropriate agency to ensure victims are safeguarded and supported as quickly as possible.

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HMO Licensing Update

On 1st October the law changed so that all 'houses in multiple occupation' (HMOs) which have five or more occupiers need a licence from the Council. An HMO is a house where not all the occupiers are related to each other and where the accommodation isn't self contained. Examples would be shared houses, or houses converted into bedsits where the occupiers might have their own cooking facilities but share the bathroom.

If you are aware of any HMOs in your parish that might need to be licensed, or of any tenants or landlords that would benefit from being made aware about HMOs, please contact Harborough District Council, Regulatory Services team on **01858 828282**, or have a look at their webpage www.harborough.gov.uk/multiple-occupation.



Police Contact Information

You can now report crimes to Leicestershire Police online. Reports will be triaged, given a crime number and dealt with as they would do if they were reported over the phone. This is the alternative to calling 101. Have a look at www.leics.police.uk for more information and follow the links to report.



Business Crime Prevention Advice

Detective Inspector Helen Fletcher, from Leicestershire Police has given an enormous amount of support and advice to help ensure your business is less of a target to thieves. In short, look into weak spots in your security system, for example around the perimeter, and ensure you have sufficient CCTV coverage of the site, and use alarms. The full advice from Helen can be found online at www.harborough.gov.uk/business-crime, please do share this information. There is also further crime prevention information available at

Loan Sharks

The Police and the CSP have recently undertaken some training with regard to illegal loan sharks. If you have borrowed money from a loan shark, you haven't broken the law, they have. Loan sharks often:

- Offer you a cash loan but do not give you any paperwork
- Take your benefit of bank card as security for a loan
- Don't tell you when you will be finished paying
- Increase the amount you owe even if you are making regular payments
- Threaten or use violence to get money from you

If you think you may have borrowed money from a loan shark, call the England Illegal Money Lending Team hotline on **0300 555 2222** or see www.stoploansharks.co.uk

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Celebrate Safely

Celebrate Safety is a campaign which takes place across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to remind people how to celebrate safely during the season of celebratory festivals and keep our communities safe. The campaign runs from August through the New Year. There is so much useful information on the Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service website

www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/whats-happening/current-campaigns/celebrate-safely

Future Campaigns

Anti-Bullying Week - Choose Respect - runs from 12-16th November. They want to send the message loud and clear that bullying is a behaviour choice, and by choosing respect for others, even when we disagree with them, can create a positive atmosphere. You can have a look at www.bullying.co.uk to see how you can support Anti-Bullying week in the workplace.

Alcohol Awareness Week runs from 19-25th November. One You, Public Health England, have teamed up with Drinkaware to launch a new app for helping you to have more drink free days. To read more have a look at www.nhs.uk/oneyou/be-healthier/drink-less/



White Ribbon Day is on the 25th November, and is designated as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Following which, there is 16 Days of Action. Harborough District Council and other districts across Leicestershire will be supporting this campaign by inviting all members to sign a pledge. For further information about the campaign and to sign the pledge, have a look at www.whiteribbon.org.uk/pledge



Lifeline

Lifeline wanted us to let you know about their services as many people want to retain their independence and enjoy the comforts of their own home, but there's always the worry that living independently could mean living at risk.

Harborough Lifeline is an emergency telephone service available to anyone who

feels vulnerable or alone, whatever their age or needs. They offer reassurance, support and peace of mind by providing a direct link to the local control centre and team of caring operators. They are there 24/7, 365 days per year!

Lifeline units are quick to install and easy to use in an emergency. Clients are provided with a pendant which serves as a remote trigger to their lifeline. This allows the user to summon help from anywhere in their property at the touch of a button.

If you'd like to know more about Lifeline services, call **01858 464499** for a chat or email them at lifeline@harborough.gov.uk



Keep Safe Places

Keep an eye out for Keep Safe Places, if you are feeling vulnerable whilst out and about. They are safe places you can go and get help across Leicestershire. For more information have a look at the Leicestershire County Council website

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/community-safety/find-a-keep-safe-place

Photo and News Opportunities

The front page photo is of the new bench honouring the fallen soldiers of WW1, sited outside the village hall in Walcote. The Council has part funded a number of these benches across the district this year, to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the end of WW1.

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 by February 2019 to r.woods@harborough.gov.uk

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