



# Parish E-Newsletter

## Welcome

Welcome to the first Harborough District Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Newsletter of 2019, keeping Parish Councils informed of the work we do and how it helps to keep individuals and neighbourhoods safer. Harborough District 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](http://www.harborough.gov.uk/communitysafety)

## Parish Consultation Update

Thank you for taking the time to complete the Parish Consultation. This year we opened it up to the public, and we had over 100 responses! It is really helpful to us to see what you prioritise. We will publish the results in April here [www.harborough.gov.uk/community-safety-campaigns](http://www.harborough.gov.uk/community-safety-campaigns).



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Report ONLINE

## Police Contact Information

The alternative to phoning 101 is to report crimes to Leicestershire Police online. Reports are triaged, given a crime number and dealt with as they would do if they were reported over the phone. Have a look at [www.leics.police.uk](http://www.leics.police.uk) for more information and follow the links to report.



## Police Statistics

For further information on Police figures for your area, please visit [www.police.co.uk](http://www.police.co.uk), click on the crime map and type in your local area.

## Events

**White Ribbon Day and the 16 days of Action** saw the Community Safety Team set up in the Symington Library on 5th December, to raise awareness of the services available for people affected by domestic or sexual abuse, and also sign the pledge. We had just over 15 people sign the pledge. Thank you to everyone who came, spoke to us, and took away advice and confidence.



### Cyber Crime Awareness Week - 4th - 10th February

The community safety team is taking part in raising awareness of online scams and financial safeguarding this week. There will be a radio campaign running on HFM and Rose is visiting Ivy's Vintage Tea Room in Lutterworth on 6th February to give advice to local residents.



### Top 5 Tips To Take A Stand Against Internet Scams

1. Be wary of emails from unknown sources asking you for personal details.
2. Set up a junk mail filter to stop unwanted emails entering your account.
3. Always go to a bank's official website to get information, don't follow links within emails.
4. Make sure your payments online are secure, look for the padlock symbol in the address bar.
5. Say no to strangers offering to put money in your account, this could be illegal.

## Harborough District Community Lottery

Have you heard about the Harborough Lotto yet? It is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in Harborough District. All good causes supported by the lottery benefit Harborough District and its residents.

Play the lottery, support Harborough District - it's that simple!

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week. Each ticket has a **1 in 50** chance to win a prize each week, with a top prize of £25,000! That's a better chance of winning than the National Lotto or the Health Lottery!

Each ticket will consist of 6 numbers and each number will be between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a 6 digit winning combination will be picked. Prizes will be given to players with tickets that match the first or last 2-6 numbers from the winning combination. Match all 6 and you win the JACKPOT!

For further information have a look at [www.harboroughlotto.co.uk](http://www.harboroughlotto.co.uk)

## Local Crime Updates

**Van and Tool Thefts** - There was an increase in van breaks across Harborough District and the County as a whole during November and December, and although this has improved with a number of arrests and prevention messages, breaks are still happening. We are continuing to promote prevention messages over social media and radio, as well as enforcement.

Two tool marking days have now been run at SDS in Market Harborough, these were free days where trades could get tools marked to make them less of a hot target, and more easy to identify should they be stolen. SDS are now offering appointments for tools to be marked for free.

**Lutterworth and surrounding villages** - A Community Patch Walk took place in Ullesthorpe on the 16th January to discuss needs and issues with local residents. Furthermore, additional Police Community Support officers have been allocated across Lutterworth and Broughton, to alleviate problems and provide reassurance. The Police are using social media to publicise their locations when out and about.

**Nitrous Oxide / Laughing Gas** - Nitrous Oxide or 'Laughing Gas' is sold in canisters, as it can be used to produce whipped cream. However, there has been evidence of people using the canisters to release the gas into balloons and inhaling it. Users can experience a brief euphoria, but due to the obstruction of oxygen it can also cause suffocation. It has been linked to 5 deaths in the UK last year. Many used canisters have been found, discarded, across the district. It is worth being aware of the locations of these canisters, it could help us to prevent further ASB. Furthermore, the canisters can be recycled.

**Shoplifting Operation** - LPU Harborough took part in a local Police Operation with Northants LPU and British Transport Police on the 24th January. The aim is part of continuing efforts to reduce shop thefts within the district. Plain clothed officers were out and about, a number of people were stopped, and one male was dealt with for an offence.

**ATM Thefts** - following a number of ATM breaks last year and the recent explosion of an ATM in Market Harborough, Police are reminding rural businesses about securing machinery and asking members of the public to report machinery being driven in the early hours.

## Counter Terrorism

We are proud to support Counter Terrorism Policing's Action Counters Terrorism (ACT Campaign) to encourage people to help the police tackle terrorism and save lives by reporting suspicious behaviour and activity.

With the enduring terrorist threat, it is more important than ever that everyone plays their part in tackling terrorism. Our actions could save lives.

Like other criminals, terrorists need to plan. If you see or hear something unusual or suspicious trust your instincts and ACT by reporting it to [gov.uk/ACT](https://gov.uk/ACT). In an emergency call 999.

Have a look at the ACT film on YouTube to learn more: <https://youtu.be/RX6x1HuOWeU>



## *Prevent*

Prevent is a statutory duty for many agencies including the council, NHS Trusts, schools and the police, to combat extremism and create a safe and secure county.

Leicestershire and Rutland's Prevent Strategy is aimed at preventing violent and non-violent extremism, but is also very much about protecting our communities and supporting vulnerable people who may be targeted by extremists trying to recruit or radicalise them. There is no single profile of a person who may be vulnerable to grooming by extremists, and the Prevent programme relies on community support and information to identify and safeguard people.

If you are concerned that someone is at risk of being exploited for extremist purposes, you should inform the Local Authority or the Police who will assess the individual, and provide them with appropriate support if they are at risk.

You can refer to the Police here [www.leicesterprevent.co.uk/safeguarding-links/](http://www.leicesterprevent.co.uk/safeguarding-links/)

If you have concerns about a young person please refer here  
[www.llrscb.proceduresonline.com/chapters/p\\_viol\\_extrem.html#referral](http://www.llrscb.proceduresonline.com/chapters/p_viol_extrem.html#referral)

If you have concerns about an adult please refer here  
[www.llradultsafeguarding.co.uk/contact/local-contacts/](http://www.llradultsafeguarding.co.uk/contact/local-contacts/)



## *Parish Speed Reduction Initiatives*

Community Speed Watch is an educational scheme to help people reduce speeding traffic through their community, which has been highlighted as a concern by Parishes. The scheme enables volunteers to work within their community to raise awareness of the dangers of speeding and to help control the problem locally. Community Speed Watch incorporates speed detection equipment, poster campaigns and a pledge system under the supervision of the County Council and supported by Leicestershire Police. The use of the radar devices will not lead to prosecution, but drivers will get a letter from the police instead. This will help to underline the community's commitment to reducing speed. For further information, or to set up a scheme, have a look at [www.communityspeedwatch.org.uk](http://www.communityspeedwatch.org.uk).

Alternatively, to ask the Highway Authority about reducing set speed limits within Parishes, or other issues, please contact [customerservices@leics.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@leics.gov.uk)



## County Lines

County Lines is a term used to describe the supply of illegal drugs, typically from a larger urban centre to smaller towns or rural areas, through the exploitation of vulnerable people. County Lines is a concern within the District and a number of warrants have been executed in Market

Harborough as well as Hinckley and Loughborough resulting in arrests. See [www.leics.police.uk/news-appeals/news/2018/10/16/police-support-national-operation-to-tackle-county-lines](http://www.leics.police.uk/news-appeals/news/2018/10/16/police-support-national-operation-to-tackle-county-lines)

**#KnowTheSigns** campaign is to raise awareness of County Lines across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The main crime prevention messages of the campaign are:

### **#KnowTheSigns** of County Lines

- Repeatedly missing from home or school and decline in academic performance
- May be carrying a weapon
- Gang association or isolation from peers of social networks
- Unexplained relationships with new or older people

### **#KnowTheSigns** of Cuckooing

- Signs of drug use
- Decline in a neighbour's wellbeing
- Increase in people or vehicles visiting a property
- Increase in Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

You can find out more at [www.leics.police.uk/advice-and-information/information-zone/county-lines](http://www.leics.police.uk/advice-and-information/information-zone/county-lines)

## Celebrate Safely

We were thrilled to find out that one of the winners of the Celebrate Safely Poetry Competition was Amelia from Fleckney C of E Primary School. The winners, who created poems on how to celebrate safely over the festive period, received their awards at a special event, which included a fire and rescue demonstration and the opportunity to look around emergency service vehicles. Amelia's poem is available to view here [www.harborough.gov.uk/community-safety-campaigns](http://www.harborough.gov.uk/community-safety-campaigns).

Well done Amelia!



## Fearless

Fearless is a site, created by Crimestoppers, where young people can access non-judgemental information and advice about crime and criminality. What makes the site different is that it also provides young people with a safe place to give information about crime - 100% anonymously and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - 365 days a year. You can refer people to have a look at [www.fearless.org/en/give-info](http://www.fearless.org/en/give-info).

The screenshot shows the 'fearless.org' website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for 'A-Z OF CRIME', 'ANONYMOUS', 'PROFESSIONALS', and 'WELSH/CYMRAEG', along with a 'CONTACT US ANONYMOUSLY' button. The main content area is divided into two columns: 'THE INCIDENT' and 'THE PERSON(S) INVOLVED'. Under 'THE INCIDENT', there are three required fields: 'What is the crime or incident you would like to tell us about?' (with a text area), 'Where did it happen?' (with a text box for street, town, or postcode), and 'When did it happen?' (with a date picker). Under 'THE PERSON(S) INVOLVED', there are three required fields: 'What is their name or nickname?' (with a text box for full name or nickname), 'What do they look like?' (with a text box for facial details, hair colour, tattoos, etc.), and several yes/no questions: 'Do you know their address?', 'Do they have access to weapons?', 'Do they use Facebook or any other social networking sites?', and 'Do they attend a school/college?'. At the bottom left, there is a checkbox for 'I confirm that this form is not being used to report something that needs urgent police attention' and a 'SUBMIT ANONYMOUSLY' button. At the bottom right, there is a 'fearless' logo with the tagline 'be fearless against crime'.

## Photo and News Opportunities

The front page photo is from the Rural Crime Event held at Kilworth Springs Golf Club in January. Thank you to all our guests, exhibitors, speakers and promoters, it was a huge success.

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 April 2019 to [r.woods@harborough.gov.uk](mailto:r.woods@harborough.gov.uk)

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