



Parish E-Newsletter

Welcome

The year is speeding by already, this is now the second Harborough District Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Newsletter of 2019. Harborough District CSP is made up of Harborough District Council, Leicestershire County Council, the Police and the Fire Service. There is further information on the CSP on our [website](#). If there is anything you would like to see included in the next quarterly newsletter, please email me at r.woods@harborough.gov.uk.

Personal Security

The CSP have purchased a number of purse bells and bag cables, which are now being stocked in local shops across the district. You can attach the bells to your purse, or the bag cables to both your purse and your handbag to both deter and hinder would be thieves. Pick up yours now and stay vigilant.



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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 for more information and follow the links to report.

Retail Theft - Body Cameras

The body cams bought by the CSP to deter and reduce shop theft and possible abuse to staff have been successfully used by Sainsbury's and Mountain Warehouse, and these cameras have now been relocated to B&M and Market Harborough Leisure Centre, the third has been moved to Bloodwise in Lutterworth. We are keen for these to be used across the district, so if you feel your retail business would benefit from the use of a camera, please do contact us and we can arrange it community.safety@harborough.gov.uk

Campaigns

Noise Action Week is from the 20-25th May, Harborough District Council's Environment Team have shared, on social media, some noise recordings made of recent complaints. Hugely interesting, we advise you to have a listen to see whether you would complain... or whether you'd amend your behaviour having listened to them?!



Knife Crime Prevention Awareness Week started on the 11th March. The Police visited local schools across the NPA, including The Kibworth School, had a knife arch stationed at Market Harborough Train Station on the 14th March, and had a knife amnesty box outside Market Harborough station throughout the week, during which a number of knives were surrendered. Although Knife Crime is low in Harborough District, it remains a force priority and the CSP are currently looking at ways we can support this, focussing on prevention and education. For further information, have a look at the [Leicestershire Police website](#).



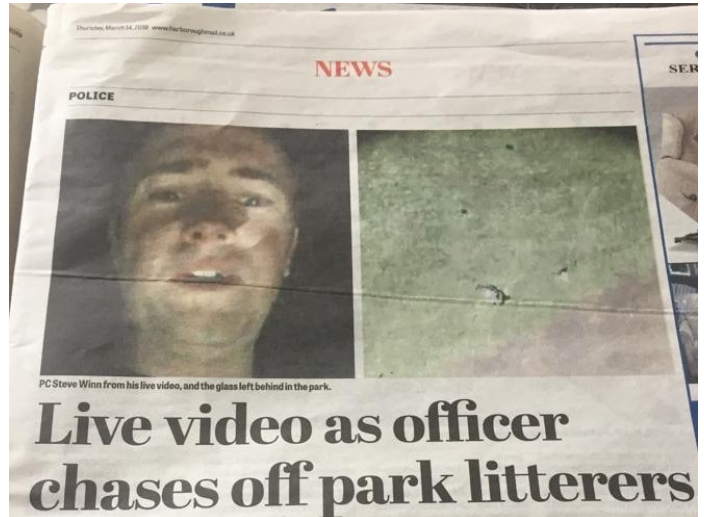
Lighter Nights is our annual campaign, throughout April, to reduce anti-social behaviour that may increase when nights get lighter. Fridge magnets are available at the concierge in the Symington Building and Town Council in Lutterworth, showing how best to report anti-social behaviour. The main advice is to be tolerant and respectful, some noises are one-offs, big birthdays and barbeques for example, but equally, if you are making noises, think about how your neighbours may be affected. Also, if you chat to your neighbours, about incidents or issues, in a friendly and respectful manner, people are far more understanding.

Local Crime Updates

Seizure of Vehicles - a number of vehicles have been seized from across the west of the district when they were found to not been taxed, insured or have a valid MOT. You can check whether a vehicle is taxed or has a valid MOT [here](#) and report it [here](#).



Kibworth Anti-Social Behaviour - following the live facebook feed from PC Steve Winn at Kibworth Park, where he inadvertently scared local children at the park, PC Winn also visited The Kibworth School. The Head was very positive, leading a joint Police, school and parent approach to tackle the ASB experienced in the town from a select number of pupils. PC Winn says "Respect the community, don't ruin it for others. Be accountable for what your kids are doing and where they are. Be aware of the consequences if we catch them." A dispersal zone was set up on the 5th April, from 7pm-7am, during which, any person causing or likely to cause anti social behaviour can be ordered to leave a location, under 16's will be taken home and failure to comply is an offence. The good news is that it wasn't required on the night!



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Vehicle Thefts - sadly, force-wide there has been an increase in vehicle thefts, particularly theft of vehicles that are "keyless". The advice is, if you have these keyless vehicles, to protect your fob in a pouch designed to block signal boosters. These are only a few pounds to purchase, and you can pick them up from your local beat officers.

Number Plate Thefts - There have also continued to be a number of number plate thefts, you can pick up 'anti theft, number plate screws' from your local beat teams.

Fire Beat

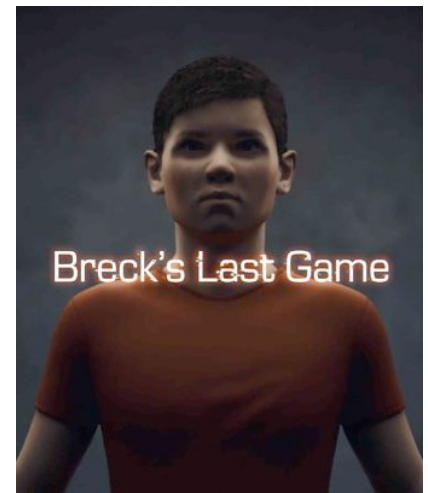
The CSP have purchased two bikes to be used by the fire service to get out into the community with a view to educate, advise and reassure, to let people know they do more than just attend incidents. It is hoped that this will reduce further incidents., and is already running successfully in Melton.

Their mission is to carry out fire beat sessions in various areas within the district, provide advice and guidance to all members of the public on all aspects of fire safety and deliberate fires and also to report issues of fly tipping to the council.



Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

Breck's Last Game is a new film, created by the makers of Kayleigh's Love Story, aimed at protecting children from online grooming. It is currently being rolled out to schools across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland following its launch in September 2019. Combined with a comprehensive resource pack, the feedback from schools is overwhelmingly positive. One teacher said she found it "interesting and vital to teach, especially from the angle that we were not trying to scare the pupils but instead empower them to understand how to use the internet safely and also, seek assistance, and know where to obtain help from, if required."



The BBC have also aired a segment on BBC Look East, BBC East Midlands and BBC West Midlands, as part of the this season's BBC Inside-Out current affairs series. This promotes Breck's Last Game by telling the story of male survivor of online grooming and CSE, Greg Bates, who has bravely waived his right to anonymity. Greg's abuser, Andrew Hornsby, was sentenced to seven years in custody in 2013 following a Northamptonshire Police investigation. It is hoped the film will help highlight the issues Breck's Last Game seeks to do, giving real insight for public awareness while encouraging male victims to come forward. You can view the feature [here](#).

Taxi Licenses - CSE awareness training has been delivered to all taxi drivers holding a licence with Harborough District Council. The training is annual, and mandatory. To support the training, the CSP is currently seeking to purchase booklets to be given out to taxi drivers. This will contain reminders on what the signs of exploitation / grooming are, and how to handle suspected incidents. For an e-copy of the booklet, have a look at our webpage www.harborough.gov.uk/communitysafety

Current Issues - Hate

Like everyone else, the Community Safety Partnership, and the County Council have been preparing for Brexit. There have been fears that the strong opinions held by many could cause increased tensions around Brexit, so our aims have been to raise awareness of how to report hate incidents and where. A hate incident is any incident targeted at a person where they are seen or believed to be different, which, during this time, may increasingly be motivated by race or political beliefs. It is called a hate crime, if the incident is a criminal offence.

You should report any incidents you think may be hate related. You can report them to the Police, complete the [online hate reporting form](#), or at a Hate Reporting Centre. To find your nearest reporting centre, have a look at the [county council website](#).

Heritage Crime

Heritage Crime can be 'any offence that harms the value of England's heritage assets and their settings to this and future generations.' It can include metal theft, criminal damage like arson or graffiti, illicit trade of cultural objects and unlawful metal detecting.



Increasingly there have been some lead thefts from local churches, something we need to remain vigilant for. Here are some simple steps that you can take to help protect your church from crime:

Lock your church after dark unless there is a service or someone present

Keep keys safe with an official or in a secure place away from the church. Maintain a list of keyholders

Protect high-value items. Secure items to the floor or wall or replace items with cheaper alternatives when services are not taking place. You are encouraged to maintain photographic records of high-value items.

Lock away valuables and money. Keep money, silver, brass and pewter items in a safe or secure area such as the vestry or a church officer's home

For further information, have a look at the FAQ's page on the [Leicestershire Police website](#).



Parish Consultation Update

Following the survey carried out towards the end of 2018, we have now published the results on our website. Thank you so much to all those who took part. Please have a look [here](#) at the results, and [here](#) to see the priorities and objectives of the CSP for 2019/2020.

Public Space Protection Order Reviews (PSPOs)

Harborough District Council and the Police have a duty to review the PSPO within three years of the order coming into force. In the review, we will be assessing how many times the order has been enforced, whether the order covers the most appropriate locations, and whether there are any other anti-social activities that ought to be covered by the same orders. It may be that a public consultation is required, details of which will be put on our [webpages](#).

Community Champions for Parishes

Many people experience loneliness at some point in their lives but recent research shows that over one million older people say they **often** feel lonely. Bereavement, changes to health, mobility and moving house are just some of the factors that can lead to people becoming more isolated and feeling lonely.

Anyone who is over 60 years old, lives alone, without a diagnosis of dementia or mental health problem can access the **Community Champions** project, part of Voluntary Action South Leicestershire (VASL). We're aiming to reduce loneliness in older people in the Harborough District and we're working with local villages and rural communities to ensure our project reaches those who need it most.

We offer befrienders that visit home, support to help get online, penpals, telephone befriending and monthly social gatherings.

We know many rural communities are very active supporting older people through church groups, lunch clubs, coffee mornings and home visits to name a few. We hope to add value to what is being offered in the local community, by supporting volunteers with training and guidance and for clients of the project, to feel part of a network of friends. We are also looking for volunteers in the area to join us in offering support.

To find out more, contact us on **01858 439262**, email **champions@vasl.org.uk** or look us up on **www.vasl.org.uk**



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Photo and News Opportunities

The front page photo is from Andy Farren from the Houghton on the Hill facebook group. A very active group for circulating local issues and positive stories around the village. Thank you Andy.

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 July 2019 to **r.woods@harborough.gov.uk**

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