News Update

PCSOs Lucy Brown and Matt Kiff have been out and about at the schools in Church Langton and Thurnby talking to the children about keeping safe. The topics covered the role of the police, internet safety and road safety. The children found the talks both informative and enjoyable.

Beat surgeries

We are always looking for new venues in the area to hold beat surgeries. Please get in touch with your local officers if you can help with this.

Beat surgeries in Harborough district in March:

- **Monday 2nd March (10:00-11:00am)** Outside of Co-op Kibworth
- **Thursday 12th March (10:00-11.00am)** Main St –Hungarton
- **Thursday 19th March (10:00-11:00am)** Outside Co-op Scraptoft
- **Monday 30th March (10:00-11:00am)** Brookside Gardens, Fleckney

We are always happy to hear from you, please email us at: easterncountiesnpa@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

If you would like to hear what is happening in your area, sign up to Neighbourhood Link via
Passing motorists called in to report that they had concerns for the welfare of a horse in a field on Leicester Rd, PCs Rob Cross and Steve Winn popped down to see it. Not only was he safe and well but also very photogenic as he posed for a selfie! A fly grazing notice was attached to the gate so he may be on the move soon.

If you to keep up-to-date with the work of our rural crime officers, visit @LeicsRuralCrime or search ‘Leicestershire & Rultnad Rural Crime’ on Facebook.

**COURIER FRAUD – DO YOU HAVE AN ELDERLY NEIGHBOUR OR RELATIVE?**

We are warning people to be wary of courier fraud as there has been an unusually high number of incidents relating to this crime being reported in the surrounding villages of Harborough in recent weeks. Fraudsters typically target older people by exploiting their trust in the police and their bank.

**What is courier fraud?** Courier fraud is where fraudsters call someone pretending to be a police officer or bank official, warning that there are corrupt bank staff intent on stealing their money, and as for their help to solve the problem. Typically, the caller then tells the victim to withdraw a sum of money and a courier is sent to collect it.

**What to do if you receive a call?** If you receive a call of this type, put the phone down and report the incident to Leicestershire Police (using 101) using another telephone as on some occasions the call can remain connected.

Just because someone knows a few basic details about you such as your name and address, it does not mean that they are genuine. If someone calls you asking you to withdraw large amounts of cash or to go out and buy expensive jewellery before handing it over to a courier… IT’S A SCAM.

There are actions you can take to stop getting nuisance calls. Register your number with the Telephone Preference Service. You can call them on 0345 070 0707. It is free to register. They will add you to their list of numbers of people that don’t want to receive sales and marketing calls.