



Our duty to protect: A message from the Chief Constable



To the residents of Lutterworth and Broughton Astley

The police have been given new powers to help keep people safe.

As your Chief Constable I would like to make a pledge to you. In return, I ask for your support.

Every day and night my officers and staff go above and beyond to protect our communities.

Every officer at Leicestershire Police knows this as our duty - to protect the people and deal with those who cause harm. We do this by engaging with our communities, explaining and problem solving, and enforcing the law through action when we must.

In this force's 180 year history we have never faced a challenge like this.

I pledge that my officers will continue to exercise our duty, as we have always done. We will protect you. We will engage positively. We will explain. We will be there when you need help - and we will take action to protect you and others from harm.

We are aware of scams relating to Coronavirus across the country. We haven't been notified of any in Leicestershire, but it is happening elsewhere. One of the scams is people coming to the door and offering to test for Coronavirus. This is a scam. Those claiming they can carry out tests on your doorstep are lying. Do not let them into your house and do not pay them.

Call us on 101 or if it is an emergency 999 to report this.

News Update

In early March, Leicestershire Police implemented a new policing model. Lutterworth and Broughton Astley are now part of the Wigston, Oadby and Harborough policing area. We will continue to be led by Inspector Siobhan Gorman who has been the NPA Commander since October 2018.

As part of the new model a new role has been created, known as a Neighbourhood Patrol Officer. These offices will be based locally, carrying out both response and investigative duties. Meaning the officer who comes to investigate your crime will in most cases be the one who sees it through to resolution.

With more officers based locally, you will benefit from improved service, better local knowledge and reduced travel time.

Throughout last month we continued to stop and recover vehicles that were not roadworthy, not insured and not taxed. These are just some of the examples of vehicles that have been stopped:

We stop-checked an off-road bike in Husbands Bosworth this week. The driver was reported for riding without MOT or insurance. They received a £400 fine and 6 points pending plus the possibility of a disqualification as a new licence holder.

A vehicle was stopped due to mechanical defects. The driver only had a provisional driving licence and no insurance. This will mean points and a fine and a possible disqualification from driving.

We stop-checked another vehicle following concerns that it was overloaded with people. The driver was reported for having no driving licence or insurance. The vehicle was seized, 9 points issued and a fine to follow. A stolen vehicle was also located and recovered in Broughton Astley.

We have increased our presence in Lutterworth, Broughton Astley and the surrounding villages and will be patrolling regularly and stop-checking vehicles.

And finally, PC Michelle Skingsley paid a visit to Rescue Ranch in Lutterworth to donate £50 to the charity from the profits of our tuck shop.



Neighbourhood surgeries will not be held until further notice due to the current Covid-19 restrictions.

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