



Latest news updates

We're delighted to introduce a new police officer to the Lutterworth beat. PC Malcolm Roberts, who joined the team in September is not new to the Harborough District as he has been policing Harborough Town for over five years and brings with him a wealth of experience. If you see him out and about in Lutterworth and the surrounding areas, please say a socially distanced hello!

September was another busy month, dealing with the common driving and vehicle related crimes, we stopped several vehicles where people were driving without insurance or road tax. Based on feedback from a recent Neighbourhood Link survey, we know these are issues you would like us to focus on in the local area. We will continue to stop vehicles, carry out checks and use ANPR (automatic number plate recognition) cameras throughout the area.

During the past month we also carried out a speed monitoring operation and have further plans in place for a speed monitoring campaign in October in the villages around Lutterworth and Broughton Astley and we will be issuing tickets to offending motorists.

We have recently introduced a dedicated patrol car to deal with Covid related jobs. The car will be used to respond to incidents and reports of people breaking covid restrictions set out by the Government. Officers will also use the vehicle to carry out proactive patrols in areas where we know people may congregate, as well as patrolling parks, residential areas and the main streets in the local town and villages.

Message from Sgt Ryan Coleman

The latest coronavirus data for Leicestershire has shown an increase in the number of cases in some local areas. While the Harborough District isn't currently under any local lockdown restrictions, we all need to maintain our vigilance and do the right thing to keep our communities safe.

We're urging all residents to follow government advice on social distancing, hand washing, wearing face covering and if you have symptoms - isolate and get a test.

Amongst the new national measures that have been introduced, was the need to wear face coverings in more settings, for example you must wear a face covering in private hire vehicles, taxis, hospitality venues and those working in these places must wear them too. There are now a number of venues that must be closed between 10pm and 5am, these include pubs, restaurants and cafes, as well as social clubs, amusement arcades and bingo halls.

In the Lutterworth and Broughton Astley area, we have introduced additional resources to encourage people to follow the rules and where necessary we will enforce these rules. Across Leicestershire, some businesses have been issued with fixed penalty notices for ignoring new legislation.

Please heed the Government's advice and follow the rules to keep yourself, your family and others safe. This is a pandemic and we must act responsibly.

To ensure you are up to date with all the latest restrictions, please visit: [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)



Anti-social behaviour

Recently we have been dealing with a lot of anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Broughton Astley. The term ASB can cover lots of different incidents, including vehicle nuisance and inappropriate use of vehicles, abusive or inconsiderate behaviour, littering or drug paraphernalia, animal problems, nuisance noise, street drinking, inconsiderate neighbours, etc.

If you believe you are a victim of ASB please come and talk to us, we may be able to help you. If you don't feel comfortable with us coming to your home, we can arrange to meet you in another location.

We ask that people are considerate to their friends, neighbours and others in their community. As the pandemic continues, this can be a difficult time for a lot of us and it's important we continue to be kind to each other.

Knife crime - #LivesNotKnives

Last month, an officer was called to a local school to talk to a student who had taken a knife into school. We want to remind everyone of our #LivesNotKnives campaign which has been running across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland for a number of years. It aims to deter people from picking up a knife in the first place and also raises awareness of the dangers and consequences of carrying a knife.

One knife crime incident is one too many, support is available for those who feel the need to carry a knife or are considering carrying a weapon, there's also advice for anyone concerned about someone they know. Below are some important facts about knife crime:

- **The law.** The courts are unforgiving towards people involved in knife crime, even if the perpetrator is under 18. Suspects tried as adults can face up to four years in prison just for having a knife in their possession.
- **Personal safety.** Carrying a knife creates a false sense of security and strength. Is a young person you know more likely to put themselves in a dangerous situation because of this?
- **The consequences.** Knife crime is a violent crime and being involved in this type of incident can severely affect a person's chances of securing a job. Carrying a knife doesn't just affect that individual, when a knife is used, the individual's family, the victim and their family are all affected.

We're committed to working with our partners to tackle knife crime. Please report any concerns you have to us online (leics.police.uk/report-online) or by calling 101.

For more information and support around this issue, please visit: leics.police.uk/LivesNotKnives

Darker nights - burglary

The clocks go back this month and it's important to remember to leave your home looking occupied when you go out.

Use timer switches to turn lamps on in the evenings, draw curtains and leave a radio on. Please visit the Leicestershire Police website for more information on how you can keep your home secure.



Beat Surgeries:

In line with government guidance around Covid-19, we have postponed our community consultations and beat meetings. Our officers will continue to be active in your community. We will re-arrange events as soon as we can. Remember you can always report crime by:

- Reporting online via leics.police.uk/report-online
- Calling 101
- Sending a private message to Leicestershire Police on Facebook or Twitter