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LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE

Force appoints new Deputy Chief Constable



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Issued on 7/11/17 at 8:10 a.m.

Leicestershire Police has appointed a new Deputy Chief Constable to succeed Roger Bannister when he retires after 30 years' service in February next year.

Rob Nixon, currently an Assistant Chief Constable with the force, was appointed following a selection process which concluded yesterday (Monday, 6 November).

He said: "I feel genuinely privileged to have been offered this role. I've been in policing for nearly 25 years, all of which has been spent in Leicestershire. It's where I grew up as a child, it's where I live, and I therefore have both a professional and personal reason for wanting to play my part in delivering a superb policing service to our communities.

“It is a pleasure to work in Leicestershire with so many dedicated and talented colleagues and partners and I very much look forward to continuing working with them to keep our public safe from harm in the coming years”.

Chief Constable Simon Cole said: “Rob came through a tough field of candidates during a process which included a community panel, and interview board with myself, the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Director of HR and an independent panel member appointed via the College of Policing.

“Rob is well-known to the Force and will bring energy and continuity to the role.”

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Arrest made following attempted ATM breaks



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Issued on 4/11/17 at 4:50 p.m.

Incident number:

An arrest has been made in connection with a number of attempted thefts from ATM machines across the county.

A 38-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of burglary other than dwelling and has since been released from police custody pending further investigation.

The arrest relates to the following incidents:

- An attempt to break into an off-licence in Cardinals Walk, Leicester on Tuesday 31 October and steal the ATM from within the premises. Nothing was stolen during the incident.
- An attempt to break into a convenience store in Uppingham Road, Leicester on Friday 3 November and steal from the ATM inside. Nothing was stolen.
- An attempt to break into a newsagents in Thurmaston also on Friday 3 November when the front shutters were forced open. Nothing was stolen and it was believed the ATM was being targeted inside.

Detective Sergeant Anna Burton said: “This is a significant development in our commitment to tackle this type of crime and catch those responsible.

“Our investigations are still very much ongoing and we continue to have a dedicated team of detectives and staff working on these cases.

“Our message remains the same to the public to remind people to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity which could be linked to these crimes.”

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Cheers to Leicester legend PC John ‘TUBBY’ Stephens



'Tubby' beer pump clip by Everards

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Issued on 2/11/17 at 3:13 p.m.

Leicestershire Police is pleased to have worked with local brewery Everards on their latest beer release, which commemorates a Leicester legend.

PC 83, John “Tubby” Stephens served for 22 years with Leicester Borough Police and was a very well-known character in the city. He is believed to be the inspiration behind the song ‘The Laughing Policeman’ due to his witty, jovial and good humoured nature.

Chief Constable of Leicestershire Police, Simon Cole, said: “Tubby was an iconic Leicestershire police officer who patrolled the clock tower in the late 1800’s into the early 1900’s. He weighed 24 stone and was a famous figure in Leicester.

“People traveling to the city would know about Tubby and seek him out on duty, where he often had a crowd following him around. 10,000 people attended his funeral – he was absolutely legendary and a real popular figure in the city of Leicester.”

5p from every pint of Tubby sold will be donated to the [Care of Police Survivors \(COPS\)](#) charity which supports the families of officers who have died in the line of duty. They ensure that survivors have all the help they need to cope with such tragedies and they remain as part of the police family.

Everards describe the beer as “a dark ale with a rounded character with blackberry and vanilla notes, ideal paired with classic hearty dishes or blackberry and apple crumble served with custard to complement the berry notes”.

So raise a glass of Tubby this November in selected Everards pubs across the county, and help raise money for the charity COPS.

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Leicester man wins national public bravery award



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Issued on 1/11/17 at 4:04 p.m.

A Leicester man was recognised at the National Police Chief's Council Public Bravery Awards last night.

Joshua-Jon Hill, who lives on the Saffron Lane Estate, received a silver bravery award after he came to the aid of two PCSOs and a PC who were being attacked by a member of the public.

On receiving the award, Joshua-Jon said "It was a shock really. I have never received anything like this before and really wasn't expecting it."

"One little act of kindness has turned out to be such a great thing"

Chief Constable Simon Cole said "Joshua-Jon was minding his own business travelling on a bus when he saw two PCSOS and a police officer who were being violently assaulted. He got off the bus, got involved, saved them further injury and helped the offender, who was mentally ill, get help.

"It is not an understatement to say that Joshua-Jon's actions potentially saved a life. I am hugely grateful to him, and was proud to join the Chairman of the National Police Chiefs Council to present him with his silver medal and certificate."

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Public urged to remain vigilant to ATM thefts



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Issued on 31/10/17 at 3:18 p.m.

Incident number: .

Detectives investigating the theft or attempted theft of cash machines in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland are urging the public to be their eyes and ears in the community.

This year a number of incidents have occurred across the force area where either vehicles have been used to pull ATM's from buildings or gas canisters have been used to open the machines.

During the early hours of this morning (Tuesday 31 October) an off-licence in Cardinals Walk, Leicester, was broken into and an attempt was made to steal the ATM from within the premises. Nothing was stolen during the incident.

In a separate incident a standalone ATM situated in a car park in Burley Road, Oakham, was broken into sometime overnight and cassettes containing cash were stolen.

The latest incidents are not being linked to each other however officers are looking at the similarities between previous thefts that have happened, since the beginning of this year, both in Leicestershire and throughout the region.

Detective Chief Inspector Rob Widdowson is overseeing the investigations into the thefts. He said: "We know these incidents are causing a great deal of alarm within the local communities and we are actively investigating all the incidents and working with neighbouring forces to identify any links or similarities with incidents they may have had.

"We are directing our patrols to rural and main arterial routes and working with ATM providers and businesses to improve security. A number of officers and staff are involved in the investigations and they are working tirelessly to bring those responsible to justice

"However we also need your help to catch these criminals. The thefts are noisy work and the perpetrators may work up to 15 minutes each time in the middle of the night with lights, this type of activity should grab attention so please be vigilant. Report any unusual or suspicious activity immediately to us so we can respond in a timely manner.

"During some incidents heavy plant machinery has been used to extract the cash machines from the walls or buildings, if you see one of these vehicles being driven in the middle of the night, call us. Even if you're not 100% sure that there is anything untoward we would rather receive the information, we can quickly eliminate any calls where vehicles have been used genuinely."

Anyone with any information about the incidents overnight in Leicester or Oakham is urged to contact 101 or Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE

Force experiences busiest day for four years

Issued on 1/11/17 at 7:42 a.m.

Leicestershire Police received record levels of demand yesterday (Tuesday 31 October) due to Halloween and a series of serious and resource-intensive incidents.

During one four-hour period, the force received an average of one 999 call every minute.

The total number of incidents reported to the police between 0001hrs and 2359hrs yesterday (Tuesday 31 October) reached 1,025 – the highest number of incidents recorded in Leicestershire a single 24-hour period for four years.

And among those incidents were several which required significant resources to be deployed to scenes, including a lorry fire on the M1 which required the full closure of the motorway (all lanes were reopened by 3.45am this morning) and a number of serious incidents in towns and in the city of Leicester.

Demand on police services was exceptionally high throughout the day:

- A total of 527 Emergency 999 calls were received
- Between 5pm and 9pm we received an average of one 999 call every minute
- Numerous police officers had to remain on duty after their scheduled shifts had finished in order to cope with demand

Chief Constable Simon Cole said: “The sheer volume of calls, and the many incidents which required the deployment of lots of resources, caused a real strain on the force yesterday. As result, we simply could not attend every incident as swiftly as would have liked, and there remain incidents and issues reported to us yesterday that had to be put on hold until today.

“Without doubt a large part of this surge in demand and 999 calls was Halloween-related; but the incident on the M1, coupled with many other resource-intensive and serious issues elsewhere added to the pressure and expectation on the force.

“The force responded superbly in extremely challenging circumstances, and our officers, support staff, Specials, volunteers and PCSOs did an amazing job coping with what was the busiest day for four years.

“The force remains very busy this morning, with many officers and specialist staff involved in a number of incidents that happened yesterday. In these circumstances, and to help us, I would be grateful if people would only ring 999 in a genuine emergency, and instead use 101 or on line reporting <https://leics.police.uk/report-online> about issues which are non-emergencies.”

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Prosecutors back All is not Lost campaign



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Issued on 30/10/17 at 10:00 a.m.

A major campaign aimed at increasing the number of successful prosecutions of rape has been backed by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS).

All is not lost was launched earlier today (Monday 30 October) with the first of a series of films produced by Leicestershire Police being posted online.

Andrew Baxter, Deputy Chief Crown Prosecutor for the CPS East Midlands, said: "This campaign and these hard-hitting films have rightly raised the issue of sexual violence, which I very much welcome.

"It is important that we are able to speak openly about sexual violence and the issues raised in this campaign.

"Prosecuting rape cases often comes with particular challenges. In many cases, the offence takes place in private, away from any witnesses and the issue to contest is whether the victim consented or not.

"A prosecution for rape will focus on the actions of the defendant and not any myths and stereotypes that surround sexual offending, such as what the victim was wearing or how they appeared to be behaving. Sexual activity without consent is a crime.

"I would urge victims to come forward and tell the police exactly what has happened. Regardless of how long ago an incident took place, whilst we cannot guarantee to charge every allegation of rape, we can promise that we will take the allegation seriously and the victim will be provided with as much support as possible."

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ADVICE & INFORMATION

Fuel theft



Theft of fuel is a concern for the police and rural communities. Fuel is stolen from vehicles and storage tanks using siphoning equipment that can vary from basic tubes to more sophisticated arrangements involving pumps and the cutting of fuel lines.

Things to consider

- wherever possible, keep vehicles in a secure area, preferably a garage, shed or outbuilding
- consider the use of locking fuel caps
- re-fuel vehicles just before the planned journey rather than leaving a vehicle fully fuelled overnight
- park vehicles in areas that are well lit so they can be observed easily
- use secure parking areas or compounds when vehicles are parked overnight, especially vehicles not parked at their operating base
- consider the use of alarms. This could be on the vehicles themselves or for the perimeter of the parking/storage area
- improve lighting and focus on vulnerable areas
- fit anti-siphoning devices
- install or confirm that existing CCTV is fit for purpose, and that it covers tanks and vulnerable vehicles
- consider using fuel dyes
- install cages and/or improve security that surrounds fuel storage tanks

- consider using 'bunded' fuel tanks if your existing storage facility is not of that type
- use defensive parking techniques, wherever possible. Park vehicles against solid objects on the fuel tank side to prevent access
- remove portable storage from the site (barrels and drums etc.) or make them secure
- consider installing fuel cap alarms – wireless transmitters can be placed inside the screw cap of the fuel tank. A magnetic switch on the device sets off an alarm if the cap is opened or tampered with. More advanced systems can be linked to security lighting or send a text message to the owners or security provider. An isolation switch allows authorised access to the tank for refuelling
- make sure gates and compounds are locked and secure; consider fitting an anti-attack cover for the lock
- do not leave keys in or near a vehicle where they can be easily found
- arrange to check vehicles and premises outside of normal working hours
- agricultural sites should consider portable refuelling systems that can be locked in secure storage areas and not left in fields or stock yards
- use appropriate signage at the entrance where security devices are being used. This will act as a deterrent

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SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

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The neighbourhood beat covers the villages of Barrow upon Soar, Burton on the Wolds, Cossington, Cotes, Hoton, Walton on the Wolds, Wymeswold, Seagrave, Sileby and Prestwold.

This beat is a mixture of farms, rural and industrial premises and vibrant villages.

Each dedicated neighbourhood team is supported by the [Special Constabulary](#).

Your dedicated neighbourhood team



Sgt Leon Kirkpatrick

Collar number: 1815

I have been part of the beat team since February 2017. I joined the force in 2001 and this is my first position within community policing having spent most of my career in Firearms Policing. So far I am thoroughly enjoying working with my team and our communities. We are all keen to listen to your concerns and answer any questions so please don't hesitate to come to one of our regular engagement events and have a chat with us.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for Sgt Leon Kirkpatrick by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 1815.



PC Lisa Mansfield

Collar number: 4122

Since joining the Leicestershire Police in 1997 I have worked from Syston as a General Duty Officer, Keyhem Lane as an Identified Task Officer and Wigston as an Intelligence Officer.

Within these roles I have gained a wealth of experience that I intend to channel into working with the communities in Barrow upon Soar and Sileby as a Safer Neighbourhood Officer.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PC Lisa Mansfield by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 4122.



PCSO Adam Loydall

Collar number: 6048

I have been working for the Leicestershire Police since 2013. I have worked in Melton Mowbray and in Birstall and have experience of working in busy towns and in rural areas. The main area that I cover is Sileby, I am committed to working hard and listening to the views of the residents of Charnwood North to tackle local priorities.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Adam Loydall by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6048.



PCSO Jade Martin

Collar number: 6144

I have been working for Leicestershire Police as a Police Community Support Officer since May 2015, I am looking forward to working pro-actively in the community. I am keen to build up a good working relationship with local people and the community. Please feel free to stop me and speak with me about any concerns or issues you would like to raise.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Jade Martin by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6144.

FACEBOOK GROUPS

Why not consider joining a Facebook Group for your Area. You will then be able to comment and discuss issues with others in your area, on topics that are of interest to you.

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