



A message from Insp Jackson



Welcome to the August edition of the North West Leicestershire Local Policing Team newsletter.

Since my previous update in March we have had a number of officers moving onto new roles. So whilst we sadly say goodbye to PC Graham Wells, PC Craig Turner and PC Louise Gravenall, we welcome three new officers:

PC Paul SMITH – Joined the Police service in 1996 and is a very well respected officer who has trained over 30 officers, myself included!

PC Jason HARRIMAN – Having worked as a PCSO in Ashby for 5 years, Jason has undertaken a lot of work around rural crime and also established good relationships with local key contacts. Jason also received a NPA commander's certificate for outstanding work in relation to burglaries and a Chief Constable's commendation for bravery.

PC Rich WATSON – has worked in North West Leicestershire for over 20 years as a beat officer, response officer and most recently as an area investigator. He has good local knowledge and looks forward to joining the team.



Awards Night

I had the pleasure of attending the annual Volunteers in Policing awards in June and I'm proud to report that our very own Bob Bancroft received the DMU Lifetime Achievement award for his services to the NWL Community over the years and PCSO Lynette Rose was awarded the Caterpillar VPC Leader of the year Award. Well done both.





Supporting Warren Hills School

On 26 June the police and fire hosted an event aimed at giving the children from KS2 experiences that don't usually occur at school. Some of the events are providing life-skills and others at experiencing different vocations.

Pupils spent time with the police and fire service and engaged in various aspects of the work undertaken by both. This was followed by a team building session at Conkers outdoor centre. Feedback from the children was extremely positive and enabled them to see potential career opportunities in adult life.

NWLDC Community Safety Partnership kindly supported this initiative which we hope to repeat



Scouting & Girl Guides

A number of the team here are volunteer scout and guide leaders and dedicate much of their own time supporting scouting and girl guiding activities. This year Cattow's Farm in Heather hosted the 9th International Scout and Guide Camp which was organised by Leicestershire Scouts and Girl guiding. The event attracted thousands of young people from around the world.

Scouts and Guides aged 10 to 14 camped in sub camps and despite the weather enjoyed a range of exciting activities. I was proud to see officers and staff from Leicestershire Police volunteering to support the event as leaders, and for those who in their own time attended the camp to run various activities including public order training and police dog displays.

Ashby Show

Ashby show kindly allowed us and our safer roads team to attend this year's event, assisted by our volunteer Special Constables and Cadets we were on hand to offer appropriate crime prevention and road safety advice. The day was exceptional with many of the cadets and specials giving up their own time to help at the event. I am grateful of the efforts of our volunteer cadets who between them also found an 85 year old missing person.





What Matters to You Event

On Thursday 18 July I joined Police and Crime Commissioner Lord Willy Bach and Deputy Chief Constable Rob Nixon who visited Coalville shopping centre and spent time talking to local residents about local concerns.

It was helpful to establish that the issues raised mirror our current local priorities which are being addressed around burglary, drugs and associated crime.



ASB car and patrol plans



Together with the local council, we take reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB) seriously. Deputy NPA Commander Sgt Lindsey BOUTH has recently set up an ASB patrol which sees daily patrols of all hotspot locations at the right time. This approach has been well received and continues as a permanent feature for the daily deployment of our PCSO's. If you do have problems with ASB please do contact us.

PCSO Lynette Rose and PCSO Bekki HAYLES out on ASB patrols.

Download 2019

Despite the rain, Download 2019 was an exceptional event yet again. Attracting over 70,000 visitors the event was supported by force wide resources and passed without incident. We are due to start work with event organisers soon to plan next year's festival.

As part of the Safety Advisory Group, PS Rog Barlow and I spent some time at the event enjoying the mud and making use of our new 4x4 vehicle!





Rural Crime

Rural Crime is a significant problem for us in NWL and accounts for over 40% of total crime. On 9 May we presented at a Rural Crime Event which was hosted by the NWL Community Safety Partnership at Whatton House.

The event enabled a number of keynote speakers, including Assistant Chief Constable (ACC) of Leicestershire Police, Julia Debenham and Rural Wildlife Officer PCSO Tony Gallagher.



There were also talks from crime prevention company, Datatag, the British Horse Society and Trading standards.

The evening was attended by around 100 members of the rural community and offered them an overview of how to help prevent themselves from becoming a victim of crime. The evening highlighted just how important to us fighting rural crime is. We had a fantastic turnout and it was great to engage with so many people from the community and gather their feedback; much of which was positive.

The event also enabled us to launch our brand new fleet of 4x4 vehicles, which the force have invested in to help tackle rural crime.

It follows the recent appointment of five new rural and wildlife specific officers, and further demonstrates the force's priority in tackling rural crime.

It is vitally important that we keep up-to-date with crime prevention and technology in whatever way possible. The new vehicle will allow our officer's access to remote locations which will ultimately enable us to deal with rural issues better.

Whatton House did an excellent job of hosting the event.

North West Leicestershire Rural Crime Officers (for non-urgent matters)

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Car Key burglary

A **car key burglary** is a crime where offenders break into a house with the specific aim of removing **car keys** and stealing a **car**. Perpetrators of this crime often work to order and will target specific vehicles, based on demand and value. Like other areas of the country we have experienced these offences, this method of theft is used by a number of criminal groups, not just one and is a national problem. The most common methods used by thieves are to follow victims home or 'cruise' around residential areas looking for opportunities. If you think you are being followed or see any suspicious vehicles, take the registration number and report it to the police.

Reduce your chances of becoming a victim of car key burglars

Simple crime prevention methods are the most effective way to deter potential thieves. The more difficult you make it for them the less likely they are to bother. You can use a number of methods to protect both your car and home:

Protecting your car:

- always keep your keys somewhere safe and out of sight
- always lock your car away safely in the garage, if you have one
- fit a high quality alarm to your vehicle
- use additional security systems such as immobilisers and visible security locks
- always take your keys with you when leaving the vehicle unattended
- always keep your keys safe and concealed in public places
- make sure doors, windows, the boot and sunroof are secure whenever you leave your vehicle
- If you own more than one vehicle, park the lesser valued vehicle behind the more expensive one on the driveway, making it more difficult to remove

Protecting your home:

- make sure all windows and doors are securely locked
Use European standard TS007 anti-snap locks on UPVC doors
- install a high quality burglar alarm
- install an exterior security lighting system

Car key burglary is a significant problem however we have arrested and continue to arrest suspects and disrupt this crime type with the latest arrests taking place on 29/7/19.



Emergency Services Day

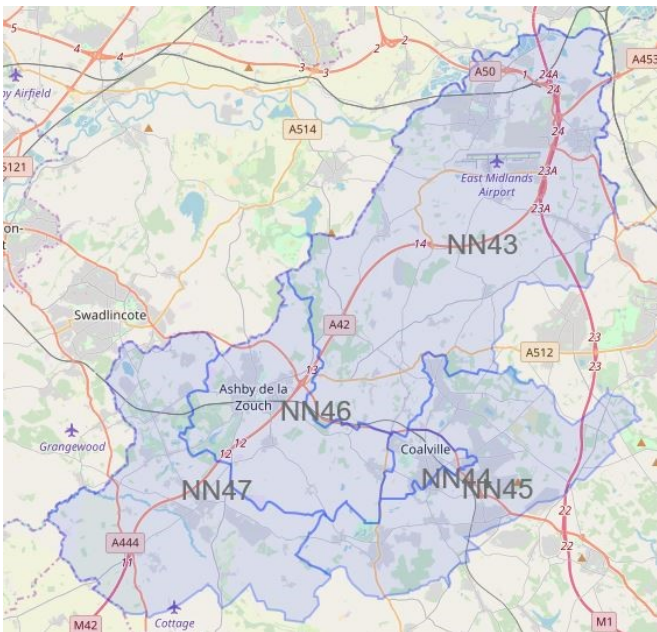
Coalville Police and Fire Station will be opening it's doors for this family event, where we will have emergency vehicles on display, demonstrations from the emergency services, community stalls and lots of activities for all the family.

We hope you can join us for a fun packed day

Community Engagement

Do you have some general issues or concerns you would like to talk over with us?

Our PCSO's run a number of beat surgeries where you can pop along and have a chat, they also offer crime prevention advice should you need it. The beats are made up of:



Valley Beat—PC Ady Coleman PC Steve Harrison, PCSO Kev Bradley and PCSO Nicola Russell

Coalville Town—PC Harriman, PC Rich Watson, PCSO Wolska and PCSO Bromley

Bardon Hill—PC Emma Holmes, PC Sean Lockley, PC Rich Dudley, PCSO Tony Gallagher, PCSO Lynette Rose, PCSO Rich Willet, PCSO Alex Booth, PCSO Rebekkah Hales and PCSO Matt Hodgson

Ashby—PC Mark Arjoo, PC Tom Gregory, PCSO Alex Booth and PCSO Dale Winson

Forest—PC Rich White, PC Rachel Walker, PCSO Pat McDonald and PCSO Robin Benson.

Some of the surgeries we have coming up:

02 August	10:00-12:00	Coalville indoor Market
21 August	11:00-12:00	Little Bettys Café, Ashby
28 August	10:10-11:30	Long Whatton Village Shop
6 September	10:00-12:00	Boots the Chemist, New Broadway Coalville
7 September	13:00—15:00	Diseworth Village Fete
11 September	17:00-18:00	Hemington School

