



Happy Christmas and welcome to the December 2019 edition of the North West Leicestershire Police newsletter which as you would expect is predominantly festive related.

Since my previous circulation the policing team have had a busy few months the key positive community headlines include;

### Coalville Remembrance Day

I was honoured to represent the police at this year's Remembrance Day parade in Coalville. The turnout for this event is always significant and reflects how grateful the local community are of those who paid the ultimate price in protecting our freedom and those who serve or have served in the military.



The Coalville Police cadet unit also took part in the event and all did an excellent job in marching and representing the NWL cadet unit. Our cadets are all volunteers and undertake meaningful activity with Coalville police on a weekly basis. All learnt how to march and did us proud.

### White Ribbon Day

White Ribbon Day is the global movement of men and boys working to end male violence against women and girls.

It has been established since 1991 and the theme for this year is 'Make the Promise.' Our Chief Constable, Simon Cole is an ambassador for the campaign.

Locally Deputy Commander Lindsey BOOTH and PCSO Tony GALLAGHER supported the campaign with colleagues from the local authority at Morrison's Coalville.





## Alcohol awareness week



As part of alcohol awareness week our PCSO team have spent time working with the fire service at Stephenson's college to educate around the dangers of drink drive. This included a beer goggles exercise which saw students using a simulated driving game whilst wearing beer goggles, the idea being to show the effects of alcohol. This event was very well received and enabled excellent engagement with students and staff.

## Celebrate safely

As we approach the festive season the police and partners work together to remind the community on how to celebrate safely.

Andy Cooper from NWLDC Licensing team, Dean Pidcock, Station Manager, Leicestershire Fire & Rescue and Inspector Jackson recently gave inputs on Hermitage FM give some practical advice around personal safety and plans over the festive period.



## Drink Drive

Drink and drug drive sadly remains a problem for the police to tackle. All police forces took part in the 2018 Christmas campaign resulting in more than 72,000 breath tests of which over 5,500 motorists tested positive, failed or refused to provide. Despite a year on year reduction in breath tests administered during campaigns, the number of motorists caught committing these offences as a percentage is continuing to rise.

We are always proactive in hunting drink drivers however over the festive period officers will be working additional hours undertaking additional patrols specifically targeting drink drivers on North West Leicestershire. NWLDC have supported additional patrol activity which is greatly appreciated.

The main objectives of the drink drive campaign are to:

- Target irresponsible and dangerous drivers in a bid to drive down fatal and serious road traffic collisions.
- Protect other road users from the harm caused by those who drive under the influence of drink and drugs.
- Raise public awareness of the police enforcement activity for these offences.





## Burglary and Vehicle Crime Prevention Event

Saturday 14 December 10am-12pm.

Tesco Superstore, Ashby de la Zouch LE65 1TE



In response to burglary and vehicle crime North West Leicestershire Police and Safer North West Leicestershire Partnership are delivering a morning of crime prevention advice.

The Event will include:

- Locksmith demonstrations on how to prevent snap lock burglary
- Advice for van owners on how to protect their property
- Advice on how to prevent keyless vehicle theft including free signal blockers
- Rural vehicle crime prevention advice
- Discount code for Ring Security Products
- Discount code for Disklok steering wheel locks
- The chance to win Prizes
- Local security businesses offering appropriate advice including anti snap locks , CCTV and alarm systems
- Free crime prevention products



### Burglary and Vehicle Crime Prevention

Earlier this year Tesco's at Ashby enabled us to host a burglary and vehicle crime prevention event which was very well received by the local community. Officers, colleagues from NWLDC and local security providers were on hand to offer practical advice around security. We gave demonstrations on how to fit anti-snap locks and gave away crime prevention products.

We have again partnered with Tesco, local security providers, Ring and Disklok and will be running another event from 10am – 12:00pm on Saturday 14/12/19 at Tesco's Ashby. As part of our festive cheer, winning tickets will be hidden in our free security packs with the chance to win some excellent products including Ring, diskloks and anti snap door locks.

### Extra patrols

Officers will be working extended hours throughout December undertaking high visibility patrols to reassure the community and deter offences during this busy period. Significant police activity will be seen around retail areas, bars and clubs. If you see us around please do stop and chat!



## Cyber Crime



You are more likely to be a victim of cybercrime than any other crime type. NWL Police and NWLDC recognise this and have been busy delivering educational initiatives. Led by Sgt Jayne Dolby, Jayne who has arranged a number of inputs at Parish meetings, local businesses, schools and parenting groups all of which continue to be very well received.

Sgt Dolby's next event sees her working with King Edward School on a cyber awareness and personal safety week which is supported by NWLDC and fire service. This event will see pupils and parents being engaged and educated around cybercrime and personal safety.

These events are part delivered by our cyber expert Sam Hancock and Sgt Dolby and are free to attend, please see our social media pages. Jayne can also facilitate events for any groups on NWL and is contactable via [Jayne.Dolby@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Jayne.Dolby@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk).

## Warren Hills School Competition

To help inspire pupils Sgt Jayne Dolby, Fire and NWLDC are currently supporting the school with a number of exciting projects which have so far seen pupils visit the fire and police station and take part in a number of exciting activities. This work continues with Sgt Dolby setting a Christmas card competition, the winners will spend time with the police and fire service delivering cards to care homes in the area and will also be awarded with a Christmas gift. This work led by Sgt Dolby in her own time reflects our commitment to help young people.

## Taxi Licensing Operation

We work closely with the taxi licensing department from NWLDC and take the safety of passengers very seriously. Our latest operation in the run up to Christmas saw us undertake full examinations on 12 taxis resulting in a number of minor faults being identified. We will be continuing this work in the coming weeks which also sees the multi-agency team visit public houses to ensure licence conditions are being adhered to.





## Retirement of Ps Rog Barlow



Sadly December sees the end of an era for Police Sgt Roger BARLOW who has been a police officer for 30 years. Rog is a unique character and leads our proactive team he has been instrumental in tackling drugs misuse and other serious crime in the area. His work around county lines has seen him participate in a number of conferences around the country as he is an expert in this field.

During his service Rog and his team have been recognised with a number of awards for exceptional work.

Prior to becoming a police officer Rog served in the military and has many a story to tell regarding his experiences travelling the world which I will certainly miss hearing.

Rog intends to continue his voluntary work with scouting groups when he retires which is something he is also well regarded for.

Roger has been a great asset to NWL and will be missed by myself and the wider team.

*Rog thank you and all the best in your retirement!*

Replacing Rog will be Sgt 4107 Gary Sirrell who has recently transferred to us from Staffordshire Police. Gary brings with him a varied policing background from neighborhood policing to tackling serious organised crime and will be a welcome addition to the team.



**Our Police Community Support Officers regularly run beat surgeries, if you are wanting to discuss any local issues or would like some crime prevention advice then pop along and have a chat! The dates are listed on our social media pages as well as below:**

**11th December Greenhill Community Shop**

**14th December Burglary & Crime Event, Tesco, Ashby de la Zouch**

**16th December Hermitage FM Coffee Shop, Coalville**

**19th December Age Concern, Measham**

**23rd December Coalville Library**





We have listed a number of Social Media Pages you may find of interest:

List of [www.twitter.com/nwleicsnpa](http://www.twitter.com/nwleicsnpa)

[www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk)

[www.facebook.com/NorthWestLeicsPolice/](http://www.facebook.com/NorthWestLeicsPolice/)

[northwestleicestershire.npa@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:northwestleicestershire.npa@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)

Recruit Special Constables [www.leics.police.uk/join-us/specials](http://www.leics.police.uk/join-us/specials)

Encourage Volunteers [www.leics.police.uk/join-us/police-support-volunteers](http://www.leics.police.uk/join-us/police-support-volunteers)

Online reporting [www.leics.police.uk/report-online](http://www.leics.police.uk/report-online)

Community Speedwatch [www.bealocalhero.com/get-involved/](http://www.bealocalhero.com/get-involved/)

Neighbourhood watch [www.leicestershireneighbourhoodwatch.co.uk/](http://www.leicestershireneighbourhoodwatch.co.uk/)

Rural Watch [www.leics.police.uk/categories/rural-watch](http://www.leics.police.uk/categories/rural-watch) – incorporates Horse Watch, Farm Watch, Church Watch, Heritage Watch

Get to know your local neighbourhood team [www.leics.police.uk/local-policing](http://www.leics.police.uk/local-policing)

