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## Inspector Perry

Hello, today you will find my first newsletter of its kind to update you on everything that has been going on within the Market Harborough policing area for the last three months. I have now been the NPA Commander for Market Harborough and Wigston for the last 14 months and there is some fantastic work that takes place within your policing area that I would like to highlight to you. If you'd like to contact myself or the team you can do so via NHL.



## Good Work

Five officers from Market Harborough Police Station have been awarded a Superintendents Commendation for outstanding work in locating a missing person and working together to recover them safely from woodland to an ambulance, under challenging weather conditions, to receive lifesaving treatment. I am immensely proud of the work they conducted on the night.

Another commendation has been submitted to recognise the good work of an officer that noticed a vehicle driving erratically and heading towards the busy A6. The officer recognised something was clearly wrong and manoeuvred the police vehicle to stop the car reaching the A6. When the vehicle stopped the officer identified a medical emergency, commenced first aid which prevented injury to

## Community Safety Partnership – Beat Bus

Through the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Harborough district has been successful in a bid to the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner in securing funding for a welfare van. The van is to be utilised by the NHS, Fire Service, Police and Community Officer to visit some of the more rural residential areas within the district to provide support and guidance from all the partnerships. It will also be used for special events, and within the night-time economy in the district. If there are any particular villages, events, or areas you would like us to visit let us know via neighbourhood link.

## School Visits

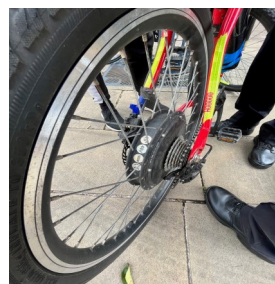
Our local team have been busy visiting local primary schools and introducing the children to police cars, uniform, and how to contact us in an emergency. These visits are always very popular with the local children and is a really good chance to meet some officers and understand we are friendly and there if they need us. If you think your children's school would like a visit, get in contact with us via neighbourhood link.



## E-Scooter Operations—You Said We Did



E-Bike and E-Scooter operations have been run over several dates across the district. The operation involves stopping the riders and checking if they comply with legislation. When not complying with the riders are challenged, two bikes were recently seized and eight riders educated.



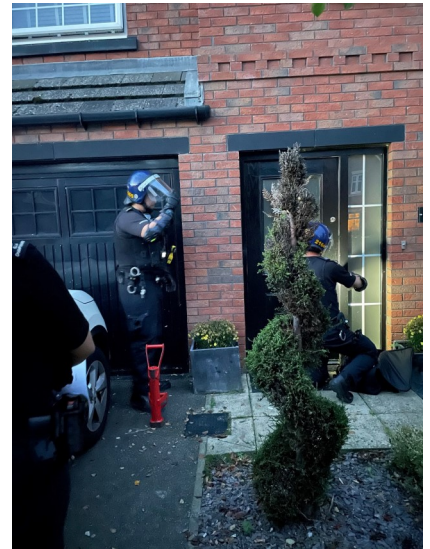
## County Lines

October brought County Lines Intensification week whereby several warrants were conducted in the Market Harborough Policing area. During this week thousands of pounds in cash, drugs and weapons were recovered from our locality. The objective of the week is designed to disrupt the supply of drugs, raise awareness of child criminal exploitation and safeguard victims. Arrests were made and the investigations are still ongoing into the supply of Class A drugs.

If you have any information you would like to pass to us about drugs in the area this can be done here: <https://www.leics.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/>

County Lines is the name given to drug dealing where organised criminal groups from cities exploit young people from smaller towns and rural areas into moving and supplying drugs. The 'county line' is the mobile phone line used to take the orders of drugs.

The current campaign running is 'Are you Listening' which highlights the signs that might indicate a young person is caught up in child criminal exploitation and/or County Lines activity: <https://www.leics.police.uk/police-forces/leicestershire-police/areas/leicestershire-force-content/c/campaigns/2020/are-you-listening/>



## Hate Crime Awareness Week

October also saw activity taking place during hate crime awareness week that included engagement events at our shops, leisure centres, parks, libraries, train stations and sports grounds all over our policing area. Beat surgeries also took place to highlight support in place and how best to report incidents to us. A new 'Recognise and Report' leaflet has been designed and distributed to our neighbourhood teams to share within our local community. PC Michelle Skingsley is one of the forces Hate Crime Officers and is based in Market Harborough, her role is to review hate crime reports and to support victims.

## Handheld AED Trial

In December officers within our neighbourhood policing area will be trialling the use of a pocket defibrillator. The idea being if officers come across a cardiac incident, they will be able to deploy and utilise the device. National research shows that utilising a defibrillator within 3-5 minutes of collapse increases the casualty's survival rate by 50-70%.

## Speeding Operations—You Said We Did

Speeding within our local area is something we often have reported as a concern by yourselves in the community. As such, we have conducted several speeding operations in locations such as A6 Kibworth, Broughton Astley, Lubbenham Hill, Husbands Bosworth, North Kilworth, Lutterworth, Dunton Bassett.

These are completed via two approaches. Firstly our road safety unit that is run in partnership with the councils, national highways, ambulance, fire service, with the overall objective of providing a safer environment on the roads of Leicestershire using education, enforcement, and engineering to enable all road users to travel in confidence free from fear of death or injury. The RSU deploy speed camera vans to key identified locations.

Secondly, our local beat team deploy into the community with a speed camera gun looking to capture any speeding offences, when identified offences are dealt with accordingly.



## Traffic Operation



On 08/11/23 an operation was run on the A6 Leicester Road Kibworth with our rural crime team, driver and standards agency, beat team and roads policing unit, whereby 34 vehicles were stopped for road safety checks, speeding, and driving offences.

Of those the DVSA issued 21 prohibitions, 3 vehicles were recovered for no insurance, and some had no tax or MOT. Operations like these mean that we can stop those who use our road networks to commit crime and we can deal with those who fail to conform to basic standards.