



## Local Policing

Following a spate of damage to Christmas decorations, garden items and vehicles in Market Harborough earlier this month, we are pleased to tell you that thanks to information provided by the local community, a 20-year-old woman and 16-year-old boy were identified and visited by officers from the Harborough and Wigston Neighbourhood Policing Area (NPA).

Both admitted their actions and apologised for the damage caused.

They have been dealt with by way of community resolution and a letter of apology has been sent to all victims concerned and costs have been paid accordingly.

Sergeant Darren Richardson, deputy NPA commander, said: "I would like to thank everyone who came forward and provided us with information that has allowed the issue to be resolved.

"Both people we spoke to showed remorse for their actions and a decision was made to offer a community resolution. We have spoken to those whose possessions were damaged and they are satisfied with this outcome."



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## An inspiration to us all



A young police super-fan from Market Harborough, who adores the work of Leicestershire Police's uniformed officers, has received the force's first Christmas card from a very special visitor.

Jay, eight, opened his front door on Tuesday 15 December to see Chief Constable, Simon Cole at his doorstep thanking him personally for completing his first official police mission **by designing the force's Christmas card**. It is now being sent out to people and organisations across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland this festive season.

Well done Jay—you are an inspiration to us all.

## News update

As we end 2020 we look back at a challenging year. New issues and offences around COVID have appeared and been implemented – the like of which we had never seen before and did not exist as we started the year.

We have been thrilled by the community spirit shown towards both us and to those in need of help and support. The commitment to combatting the ongoing issues has been great and on the whole everybody is doing the right thing.

Despite the challenges of COVID and the impact it has had on people's lives and health the benefit of people working from home has seen one of the crimes that matter most to our beat area – burglary – fall rapidly. This has been a combination of people being at home to prevent offences and also more people to ring incidents in when they see suspicious behaviour.

Lockdown also resulted in far fewer vehicles being on the road – especially in the Summer months which again linked in to one of the beat priorities of traffic matters. Less vehicles on the road resulted in fewer issues around speeding and traffic collisions.

As we move into 2021 we are optimistic about the roll out of the vaccine and as a result life returning back to normal. The return of events you all love to attend – music, football, rugby, religious events and parades, Halloween and bonfire night to name a few! We look forward to seeing you back out there when it is safe to do so.

## Some Christmas cheer!

Christmas has come early at Harborough Police Station. Profits from our tuck shop has paid for lots of toys for the HFM Toys on the Table appeal.

Happy Christmas from your local neighbourhood teams.



## How to contact us.

We will continue to monitor the government updates and reschedule beat surgeries as soon as we're able to.

In the meantime, if you would like to talk to us regarding any matters, you can do this by:

- Reporting online via [www.leics.police.uk/report-online](http://www.leics.police.uk/report-online)
- Calling 101

## Stay safe on our roads this Christmas

The police and fire service in Market Harborough have teamed up to try and ensure people stay safe on the roads and at home during the festive period.

The dangers of drinking and driving are also being highlighted, as a police campaign targeting people driving under the influence of drink and drugs continues.

Both services work together at the scene of road traffic collisions.

