



Fatal 4 OP

On the 2 September 2021, a fatal 4 operation was conducted at a location in Market Harborough. The operation involved officers from the Road Policing Unit, Neighbourhood priority team, PCSO'S and Volunteers.

The operation commenced at 10:00am and went on till 13:00pm. The weather conditions on the day were overcast but dry, with constant flow of traffic.

The roles of the volunteers was to spot offending vehicles and report them over the radio, with both the make and vehicle registration. PCSO'S then directed these identified vehicles to a secure allocated space for officers to deal with.

The operation primarily was to identify any drivers who were using mobile phones whilst driving, speeding, erratic driving (drink/ drug), seat belt offences and any vehicles that appeared to have any obvious defects.

The results of the fatal 4 operation as follows:

- 10 x seatbelt offences
- 1 x dog without appropriate restraint
- 2 x tinted window - preventing at least 75% light. On further investigation the driver of one of the vehicles only had a provisional licence, and therefore no insurance, the vehicle was then seized.

Good news

Officers executed a search warrant at an address in Market Harborough, where a stolen dachshund 'Rummy' was recovered.

Rummy is the 4th dog to be recovered from a burglary at a kennels in Swadlincote in February 2021.

Enquiries are continuing into the circumstances of Rummy being at the address.

Rummy was returned to his delighted owner, however, 4 dogs still remain outstanding.

If you have any information, please contact us, quoting reference 21000084142:

- T: Call 101
- W: [leics.police.uk](https://www.leics.police.uk)
- Facebook message or Twitter .



NEWS: A man has been arrested, charged and remanded into custody for a burglary at a store in Market Harborough.

He smashed the door of the shop with a shopping trolley and stole perfume to the value of £600.00

Royal Visit

Their Royal Highnesses, The Earl and Countess of Wessex, visited Market Harborough to help celebrate the 800th anniversary of the Tuesday Market. They visited various locations around the town, meeting residents and businesses. Local officers helped to ensure the visit ran smoothly.



Picture credit– Andy Carpenter

Proposals to tackle substance abuse move closer

New powers are set to be introduced to tackle the use of psychoactive substances and 'legal highs', such as nitrous oxide, linked to anti-social behaviour. Following a public consultation in May, which saw 82% of respondents in favour of the new powers, Harborough District Council's Cabinet recommended on Monday 6 September 2021 that a **Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)** for the use of psychoactive substances be introduced in the district.

The PSPO would prohibit the use of psychoactive substances in public places; breaking the order would be a criminal offence, and could result in a fixed penalty notice or prosecution. The use of psychoactive substances such as nitrous oxide – sometimes known as 'laughing gas' – in the district has led to concerns, particularly regarding the little silver canisters, often left behind in parks and other public spaces.

There are already two PSPOs in operation across the Harborough district, one for dog fouling and one for alcohol related anti-social behaviour in Market Harborough and Lutterworth town centres. Implementation will be following approval at full council at the end of September.

Get advice on nitrous oxide and other substances at www.talktofrank.com/drug/nitrous-oxide

Mobile Speed Camera Van Enforcement Summary – August 2021

Road	Area	Summary	
		Visits	Offences
A4304 Lubbenham Hill	Market Harborough	3	18
A47 Route	Between Skeffington and Tugby	1	6

Beat Surgeries - come along and talk to us

Where: **Market Square Market Harborough**

When: **Saturday 9 October** (3:00pm – 3:30pm)

Saturday 23 October (3:00pm - 3:30pm)

National Hate Crime Awareness Week

Within the Harborough District, racial hate incidents are the highest reported type of hate incidents, often targeted towards Gypsy, Roma, Travellers (GRT). There have also been incidences of prejudices against Asian ethnic minorities, and incidences of graffiti in support of far-right extremism. Harborough District Council is committed to reducing all incidences of hate, and raising awareness of how to report hate across the district, particularly during **National Hate Crime Awareness Week** (9 -16 October 2021).

A '**Hate Incident**' is one if the victim or anyone else thinks that something said or done was motivated by hostility or prejudice based on one of the following 5 characteristics:

Disability - Race - Religion - Transgender Identity - Sexual Orientation

This means that if you believe something is a hate incident, whether it's verbal abuse like name calling or offensive jokes, graffiti, online abuse or malicious complaints, it should be recorded as such by the person you are reporting it to. All police forces record hate incidents based on these five personal characteristics.

A **Hate Crime**, is where a criminal offence is committed and this was carried out because of hostility or prejudice based on one or more of the five characteristics shown above.

Hate Incidents and Hate Crimes should be reported to the Police through the [True Vision website](#), unless it is an emergency or a crime that is happening, in which case phone 999.

If you would like further information, please contact Community Safety on communitysafety@harborough.gov.uk.



It is already starting to feel like Autumn and with that are a few traditions that are like marmite. By using Respect and Tolerance everyone can have some fun and some peace at the same time. Here are some simple considerations:

Halloween/Trick or treat (31 October)

Only visit places you know won't mind a visit, respect the "No trick or treaters signs" and be considerate to others whilst wandering between properties.

- Make sure young children are always accompanied by an adult.
- If older children are going out unaccompanied make sure that they know to:
 - Keep to well-lit areas
 - Wear reflective clothing and carry a torch
 - Use the green cross code when crossing the street
 - Never talk to strangers who approach them

Don't want trick and treaters at your door?

Please contact:

Communitysafety@harborough.gov.uk for a poster or visit our website at www.harborough.gov.uk

Fireworks night (5 November)

Last year, preventing the spread of Covid 19 ensured that public firework events were cancelled. However, this year we would always encourage you to attend one of these events over having your own display. This does reduce the disturbance for other people and animals and ensures there are less firework night incidents and accidents.

If you do intend on holding your own though, please consider the following:

- Talk to your neighbours and inform them so they have plenty of time to prepare for your evening.
- Only buy fireworks from a legitimate retailer.
- Check the fireworks you buy are suitable for the size of garden and conform to **British Standard (BS 7114)**.
- Always store fireworks in a metal box, kept closed between use - **never put fireworks in your pocket!**
- Never hold a lit firework **and** always wear gloves when holding a sparkler.

Remember it is illegal if you

- possess a firework and you're under 18 years old.
- set off fireworks **after** midnight on 5 November.

Anonymously contact the independent charity Crimestoppers:
T 0800 555 111 or visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

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