



Local Policing

A man has been arrested in connection with a reported cyber-attack at Welland Park School, Market Harborough.

Officers received a report of a major IT outage at the school on Monday 18 January that prevented the school from delivering remote learning and accessing material to support the children of keyworkers and vulnerable children who are attending school.

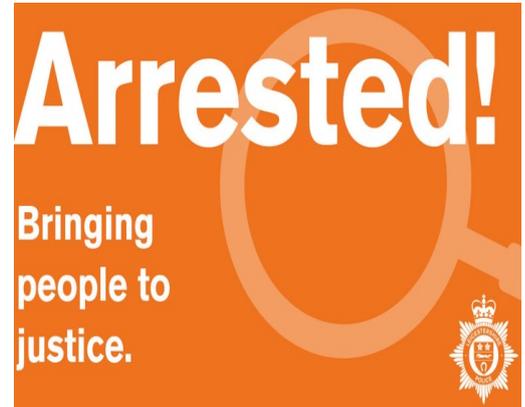
It was subsequently discovered that a sophisticated cyber-attack had occurred which affected personal devices that connected to the school's network. 92 personal devices had been affected.

Officers from the force's Cyber Crime Unit are investigating the incident and a 28-year-old man from Wellingborough has been arrested under section 1 and 3 of the Computer Misuse Act.

He has since been released under investigation and enquiries are continuing.

Officers worked round the clock with the school and Microsoft to remove the threat to personal devices, which was swiftly achieved and work is continuing to restore the school's IT capability as quickly as possible.

There is currently no evidence of any data exfiltration. Officers would like to thank school staff, parents and pupils for their support and cooperation during this investigation.



The Harborough neighbourhood team and the Local Priority tTeam have been hard at work this month:

- We have conducted patrols in the local area targeting beat priorities raised by members of the public.
- Vehicles located and seized for no tax.
- Local officers made an appearance on HFM answering questions asked by the community.
- Safeguarding visits have been completed.
- Intelligence gathered regarding drug dealing.



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Day in the life of a PCSO

A day in the life of a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO).

(Picture– PCSO Steve Adams)

Well for starters you never know what your day will bring.

The basic day will start with a team briefing from the Sergeant. He or she gives a view of what is happening across our area. What crimes have occurred, incidents that have happened and things of note that we need to know. The sergeant then wants to know what we are planning to do on our areas.

Then its checks on emails, tasks that are linked to those crimes and incidents that have already been allocated to us. Possibly re prioritise the day depending on what you find.

Then it's out on our beats, or not. We can also be asked to go to other areas to assist with operations and enquiries across the force. We quite often get asked to assist our Major Crime Unit with House to House and CCTV enquiries leaving police officers free to carry out more in-depth enquiries.

We can assist with traffic accidents, usually controlling traffic, or securing the scene of an accident. Some not serious but need looking at. Some sadly more serious, and our Collision Investigation Team are involved. These are classed from serious and life threatening, or worse.

It's not always intense. Our main role is to be part of the community, talking to people, discussing issues, giving advice, listening.

We deal with low level crime, anti-social behaviour, but we don't arrest people. We don't carry batons, sprays or Taser. That's for the warranted officers. As it says in our title we are here to support our communities and our police officer colleagues.

All PCSO's are allocated a beat. If you want to know who your beat team is in your area go to the Leicestershire Police website, where you can find out details of who we are and those issues that are effecting that area. You can help with that by signing up to Neighbourhood Link and completing a short survey, letting us know what concerns you. It's a service that sends out email messages not only from the beat team, but other support agencies covering Leicestershire.

You can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook. For more details go to our website.



Good news



Waitrose at Market Harborough & Leicestershire Police colleagues have given donations for our new children's place of safety room at Market Harborough Police Station for the children in our community in need of a safe and welcoming place whilst under police protection.

We are very grateful for all of the donations.