



Welcome to your Market Harborough police e-newsletter. Here you will find all of the latest news from a Market Harborough policing perspective and crime prevention advice to help keep yourself safe.

## FATAL 4 Operation

On Thursday 12 May 2022, a 'Fatal4' operation was carried out in Market Harborough. The operation involved officers from the force's Road Policing Unit working with local dedicated neighbourhood officers, PCSO'S and police volunteers.

The operation started at 10am and went on until 13.30pm. The weather conditions on the day were overcast but dry, with a constant flow of traffic.

The role of the volunteers and PCSO's was to spot and report offending vehicles; detailing the offence, make, model and registration numbers of the vehicles. This was done by radioing the police officers waiting further down the road so the vehicles could be safely directed into a designated area for the drivers to be spoken to.

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

The results of the Fatal4 operation were as follows:

8 x seatbelt offences

5 x mobile use.

1x for use of mobile and no seat belt.

1x for illegal tread on tyres being exposed.

1 vehicle seized for driving without insurance, in addition to the driver given a Traffic Offence Report (TOR) for using his mobile whilst driving.



## Knife amnesty

Knife crime destroys lives, and tears families apart. That's why the law has changed.

Firstly, with regards to which potentially lethal items you can no longer keep in your home and secondly, strict rules apply when buying a knife either in person or online. It's important to know how the law might affect you.

Our local cadet unit have been out with our proactive team conducting knife sweeps of our parks. This gives the cadets the opportunity to learn about operational policing, as well as providing a high visibility presence to support the national week of action [#OpSceptre](#). People can also surrender knives into an amnesty bin at Market Harborough Police Station with no questions asked.



PCSO Tim Harwood recently went to the Thurnby and Bushby Parish Council Annual General Meeting.

Local decision making remains accessible to the public, and a variety of matters were raised, including local planning matters, general maintenance of public highways and other areas, road safety on Station Road, and expressions of interest in participating on the neighbourhood plan steering group.

PCSO Harwood gave a short talk on crime trends. The overall crime rate in Thurnby and Bushby in 2021 was 0.56 crimes per 1,000 people. The data for the website is drawn from Leicestershire Police computer systems. This refers only to the small traditional village centre area, and does not cover the wider Scraftoft and Houghton on the Hill area, or nearby Thurnby Lodge.

It should be noted, at both the local level and national level, crime remains low compared to the high point of the 1990s. Improvements to locks on motor vehicles, double glazing on houses, and a variety of other measures, have unquestionably designed out a significant amount of traditional crime. These wider long term technical and social trends play a significant role in policing, in the sense that tactics and strategy must continually be tweaked, as patterns of crime change over time. In 1995 perhaps you were most likely to have your car stolen for a "joy ride." Perhaps in 2022 you are more likely to be subject to an on-line scam.

## Beat surgeries

Monday 20th June 10-11am, The Square, Market Harborough

**The next edition will be out soon!**