



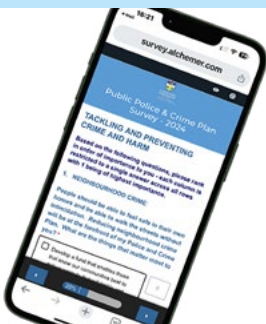
Newsletter

Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

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New improvements funded to tackle street crime and ASB

Work has been going on at a rapid rate across the force area to make it harder for offenders to pull off their crimes.

I've been working closely with partners to invest almost £800k into new technology and equipment to bring more offenders to justice and stop crime happening in the first place.

Solar vision lights, new CCTV, solar fly-tipping cameras and a new Wireless CCTV help point have been installed in Melton Mowbray along

with the launch of a new youth outreach programme by Streetvibe to tackle ASB. We've also upgraded security at around 100 homes with more expected before the end of March.

In Oadby and Wigston, preparatory work for new street-based safety cameras has been completed while more than 260 homes have been provided with free security equipment to make them less of a target for burglars. More are set to follow.

Skills uplift for officers and safety workers to prevent ASB

Making sure officers use their powers effectively to tackle crime is a top priority.

That's why I provided funding for 300 police officers and safety workers across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to receive special training to better respond to anti-social behaviour (ASB).

The training, run in partnership with Leicestershire County Council, took place during 2023/24 and was funded through the grants I provide to Community Safety Partnerships. A further 120 officers and safety leads will complete sessions later this year.

I know residents and businesses want to see offenders punished for this despicable behaviour and I will continue to make sure tough justice is delivered.



PUTTING THE BRAKES ON CAR CRUISING

Racing and nuisance driving is a huge blight on people's lives and is frequently raised by the public.

I am working with the force and partners to clamp down on these offenders and we have some fantastic early results to report.

More than 100 warning letters have been issued to offenders in key hotspots for car cruising along with dozens of 'Section 59' warnings. These can lead to vehicle seizures and even prosecution if ignored. In some cases, vehicles have already been seized after offenders have been caught more than once.

Incidents are already falling in some areas – but we will not rest on our laurels.



NEW ASB DIVERSION PROJECT 'ON THE BALL'

Keeping young people occupied is half the battle when it comes to tackling ASB.

I was therefore delighted to fund some free professional football coaching sessions in Charnwood in association with Leicester City in the Community's Premier League Kicks programme.

The funding given to Charnwood Community Safety Partnership helped cover the hire costs to deliver the weekly football sessions to youngsters in the Warwick Way area of Charnwood. More than 20 youngsters aged 12-14 and 15-18 got involved in the project, which included educational workshops to help promote their safety.

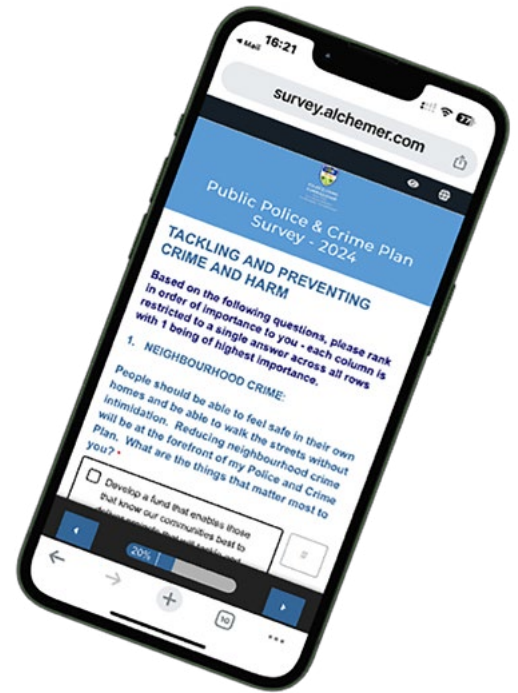
Delivering on my Manifesto promises

Before I was re-elected, I promised to leave no stone unturned in my mission to make our villages, towns and city safer.

I've been busy engaging with communities and stakeholders on what the priorities of my Police and Crime Plan should be. However, I have already started work on the issues that you've told me are important to you.

Neighbourhood Policing was raised in one of my first governance meetings

with the Chief Constable and I am pleased with the strength of commitment he gave to ensuring these teams are equipped protect our communities effectively. I have also initiated discussions with the Deputy Chief Constable on expanding our Special Constabulary – we both agree on the huge value they bring to community safety. In addition, my Deputy Rani Mahal is drawing up a proposal to help local 'Watch' groups work with us and deliver prevention projects in their areas.



Crime down in North West Leicestershire

Crime across North West Leicestershire has fallen by -13.2% in the last 12 months.

All beats across the area have seen significant reductions from Breedon on the Hill (-14.7%) and Coalville Town (-7.3%) to Measham (-24%) and Ashby de la Zouch (-12.6%).

During my recent Community Day in the area, I met PC James Martindale for a patchwalk around Castle Donington. Like other communities, he told me ASB has been an issue in the area, as has shoplifting and burglary. Shoplifting and burglary offences have increased across the whole district by 43.9% and 10.5% respectively, and this is an area I will be following up with the local neighbourhood teams and our partners to see what else can be done to prevent these offences.

£400k funding boost to help communities fight crime

A host of exciting new projects are in the pipeline following the relaunch of my Community Safety Fund.

Charities and community groups will share a total of £400k over the next 12 months to support my work to prevent crime and ASB.

The deadline has now passed for bids for the first £200k but a further round will be announced later in the year.

Community safety is always a team effort, and I will continue to invest money into schemes run by local people for local people.

For further funding opportunities, visit my website at: <https://leics.pcc.police.uk/>



Out and about around the County



Meeting Cllr Jim Knighton in Market Harborough



Visiting the Gurdwara in Kenilworth Drive



Visiting Hinckley Bid



Melton Mowbray Police Station with local commander Inspector Richardson



With Inspector Allingham in Blaby



Wellington Place - on patrol with local beat officer

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