



North West Leicestershire Neighbourhood Policing - Inspector Jackson's Blog December 2018



Rural Crime - Business owners from rural communities received advice on how to combat crime at a barn workshop in the North West Leicestershire countryside. Following the success of a similar event earlier this year, the workshop took key figures out into the district to speak and listen to those affected by countryside crime, and discuss effective preventative measures.

Organised by North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC), the event at the Field Sport UK activity centre near Ashby on Tuesday 2nd October drew on the expertise of representatives of various organisations that fall under the umbrella of the Safer North West Partnership, including Leicestershire Police. Topics included tackling rural isolation, rural watch schemes, fly-tipping, security measures, CCTV and preventing the unlawful use of vehicles and motorcycles in the rural community.

It was great to see so many people at the event despite it being quite a cold evening. We do take rural crime seriously and wanted to run an event in partnership with the council to raise awareness and talk about what reasonable steps people can take to protect themselves and the importance of sharing information and being part of rural watch. It was a great opportunity to meet people who live and work in the countryside and listen to their views and opinions. Clive and Kelly who own Field Sports UK did a fantastic job hosting us

Remembrance Day – 11/11/18 - Ps Johnson, Ps Barlow and I were honoured and proud to be invited to attend the Remembrance Day service and Parade at Coalville, Christ Church and War Memorial to mark 100 years since the end of WW1. The turnout for the event was impressive with many serving military personnel and veterans including our own Ps Johnson and Ps Barlow.



Our cadets led by leaders PCSO Lynette Rose and retired Police Officer Glen Musgrove also formed part of the parade and marched extremely well with many positive comments being passed by members of the public.



Armed services work within the community – On 22/11/18 Ps Johnson who is ex-military and our liaison officer with anything military related attended an evening event to celebrate the work of the armed forces within the community and the joint work police do with them.



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Cadets - PCSO Rose has also recently worked with our Cadets assisting them completing their Duke of Edinburgh program. Despite the rain and a very cold Night camping, all cadets did really well, as did PCSO Rose who undertakes the role of cadet leader in her own time.



Licensing Event – 20/11/2018 - The new Community Hub at Castle Donnington is where various departments within NWLDC and the Police launched our Christmas celebrate safely campaign. The morning consisted of inputs including Child Sexual Exploitation, Environmental Protection, Business Focus Supporting Businesses and Drug awareness. We appreciated the number of businesses and licensees who gave up their time to attend the event. The New Community Hub in Donnington is a fantastic venue and we appreciated Fiona and her team hosting us.



Taxi Operation- In the run up to Christmas we have worked environmental Health, Special Constable Sgt Dan DALY and other partners to conduct checks on Taxis. Our latest operation was on 23/11/18 and resulted in:

- 13 Taxis had Full Exams.
- 3 Had their plates revoked due to Dangerous Vehicle Defects
- 4 had defects that need to resolved within a week
- 6 passed.
- Whilst out and about, other drivers reported for Excess Speed, No Tax, and No MOT.

All of this work was completed by partner agencies and volunteer special constables.



deemed at risk of being drawn in to such criminality. Working with Jason KNIBBS from Coalville Education Partnership Ltd an 8 weekly programme will soon be delivered to young people who meet a certain criteria.

Knife crime is a national problem and is constantly in the media, over recent years Leicestershire like other counties have seen significant increases in offences (25%). The Police and NWLDC take the issues seriously and work is underway to deliver innovative preventative work with young people from the area who are

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Drink/Drug Drive – On average over 3,000 people are killed or seriously injured each year in the UK in drink related collisions. Despite falls in deaths in the 1980's and 1990's it is clear that many drivers are still ignoring our advice and are putting others at risk by driving whilst under the influence of drink or drugs. In Leicestershire a minority of drivers are still not heeding our advice and are ignorant regarding the consequences of being convicted. This is illustrated by the fact that each month running up to this campaign up to 80 drivers are testing positive for excess alcohol in the Force area. This raises significant road safety concerns for all road users.



Our excellent community partnership with North West Leicestershire District Council has enabled us to run a series of drink drive operations across North West Leicestershire. Officers will be working additional hours and rest days to target drink drivers. The message around drink or drug drive is clear, do it and you will be caught.

Domestic and sexual violence – these are key priorities for the police and NWLDC to address. We have recently worked with Juniper Lodge which is a Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) and supported them in gaining training to deal with more victims or sexual crime.

As a result a pilot scheme for group therapy is planned for victims of sexual crimes specifically on North West Leicestershire. As the programme develops further detail will be released.

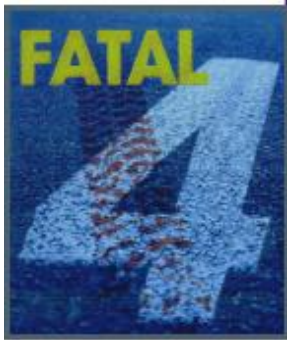


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Based on the established Adult Domestic Abuse Recovery Toolkit this programme is delivered over 12 weeks. It is a group programme that uses a trauma informed and a psycho-educational approach to enable clients to move forward from the trauma of experiencing sexual violence. It supports participants to develop positive lifestyle coping strategies, restoring a sense of safety and enabling people to return to active citizenship.

The aim of the programme is to help individuals who have experienced sexual violence and who are in a position to take part in a group to come to terms with their experiences and to develop positive lifestyle and coping strategies.

The programme supports participants to better understand their experience, based on the theory that with increased knowledge the better equipped participants are to deal with the impact of it and therefore their own recovery and well-being.



Fatal 4 – We continue to request assistance from our safer roads team to run fatal 4 operations at key locations throughout the district with December's event planned in Donnington. Fatal 4 seeks to target;

- Motorists travelling at excessive speed.
- Motorists who fail to wear a seatbelt.
- Motorists who drink and drive.
- Motorists who drive whilst using their mobile phone.

Retail Crime – Unfortunately year on year December sees us experience an increase in retail related crime from both local and travelling criminals. To address this beat teams will be working additional hours and cancelled rest days to police key retail centres in the area. This will consist of plain clothed and high visibility patrols and engagement.



Confiscation Order - Work undertaken by our proactive team against a local drug dealer has eventually led him having a confiscation order made against him. Shaun FANTOM a drug dealer who is serving a prison sentence for his offences has now been given a confiscation order by the courts to the value of more than £20,000.

In February this year, FANTOM was jailed for three and half years at Leicester Crown Court after he pleaded guilty to two counts of being concerned in the supply of Class B drugs and five counts of possession with intent to supply Class B drugs.

On 13th November a Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) hearing took place at Leicester Crown Court where 30-year-old Fantom was said to have benefited from criminality to the value of more than £48,000.

A confiscation order was granted to seize more than £21,000 from assets Fantom currently owned. That amount is to be paid within three months and failure to do so will result in a further 12 months being added to Fantom's prison sentence.

Fantom was convicted for drugs offences and used his ill-gotten gains to fund his lifestyle.

In September we, along with our regional forces, launched the Too Much Bling campaign, with the aim of encouraging the public to contact us if someone in the community is living a life beyond their means – either as a convicted criminal or they are suspected of being involved in criminality.

A large amount of crime is financially motivated. Criminals are living lavish lifestyles off other people's misery.

We will continue to use this legislation to target criminals and their ill-gotten gains.



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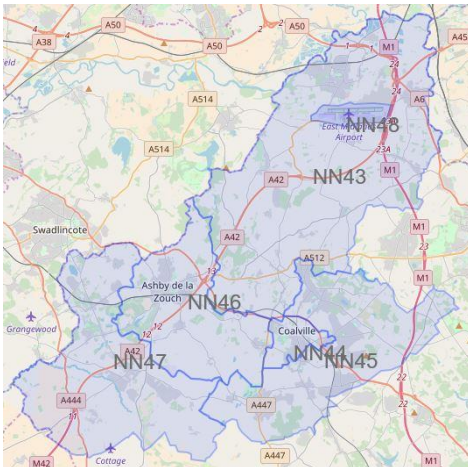
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Download – despite the time of year we are already working with the organisers of the Download festival at Donington Park. The festival is one of the biggest and safest in the UK. On 9/11/18 Ps Barlow and I attended the National Events Intelligence Unit debrief in Cardiff to learn of the issues experienced at key events and festivals over the past 12 months. Some of the best practice highlighted at the event was directly linked to Download and we look forward to the next festival in June 2019.

Beat Surgeries –



If you would like to speak to one of our Police Community Support Officers about any local issues you may have then pop along to one of their beat surgeries:

December

9th 11:00 – 13:00 Ibstock Junior FC

10th 11:00-14:00 Boots, Belvoir Shopping Centre

12th 10:00-12:30 Kegworth Library

17th 09:00-11:00 Mount St Bernards Abbey

21st 12:00-13:00 – CO-OP, Burton Road, Ashby

People Zone Stall, Market Hall Coalville

11th, 14th, 15th 18th 21st, 22nd, 28th & 29th December – between 08:30-15:00pm

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