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Leicestershire Police welcomes over 100 people to its Intercultural evening
More than 100 invited guests joined officers and staff from Leicestershire Police last night (Thursday 3 November) to celebrate the diverse communities it serves at its annual Intercultural evening.

A cross section of civic and faith leaders, together with other invited guests, visited stalls showcasing a number of police departments including Traffic Management, East Midlands Operational Support and local policing, along with the Black Support Network, Leicestershire Sikh Police Association and the Association of Muslim Police.

Chief Constable Simon Cole said:

“This is the seventh Intercultural Evening I have hosted since my arrival in 2010 and it is a very important to both me and the force.

“We are lucky to work with diverse groups and communities who help us keep the people in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland safe. The intercultural evening is an opportunity for us to be asked difficult questions but also for people to come and see what we deal with and tell us how we can improve our service.”

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Royal Television Society Gold award for Kayleigh Film

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A film warning of the dangers of online grooming has won a prestigious award from The Royal Television Society (RTS).

Kayleigh’s Love Story, produced by Leicestershire Police following the rape and murder of 15-year-old Measham teenager Kayleigh Haywood, won the Gold award in the Best Promotional category from the RTS at a ceremony last night (Thursday 3 November).
It is the second award won by the five-minute film in the last few weeks.

Kayleigh’s Love Story tells how the schoolgirl was groomed on line by Luke Harlow, a man she had never met.

During the course of 13 days, Harlow exchanged more than 2,600 text messages with Kayleigh, showering her with compliments and bogus words of affection before she finally agreed to spend the evening at his house.

Two days later, having been held against her will by Harlow and his next door neighbour Stephen Beadman, Kayleigh was raped and murdered by Beadman and her body left in a wood.

The film, made on behalf of the Force by Affixxius Films of Loughborough, was shot on location over five days in February this year with a professional cast.

It is currently being shown to every child aged 11 and above in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland in controlled screenings by specially-training Police Community Support Officers.

Deputy Chief Constable Roger Bannister said: “What happened to Kayleigh was an unspeakable tragedy, for her, for her family, for her friends and for the whole community.

“We believe it is vital that her story is told, to every child in the country.

“It serves as a wake-up call, for every child and every adult, that there are those attempting to groom children on line and we must all heed the warnings.

“The Gold award from the Royal Television Society is extremely welcome. Whilst it is a tribute to the professionalism, skill and sensitivity brought to the project by our communications department and by Affixxius Films, even more importantly it will provide further publicity to the warning message the film contains.

“And if that helps protect children, then we are extremely pleased”.

Miles Latham, Managing Partner at Affixxius, said: “Given the circumstances surrounding the production of this film we are humbly honoured that the importance of the message of Kayleigh’s Love Story has been recognised so highly by an organisation as prestigious as the Royal Television Society.

“The hard work and sensitivity of the Affixxius Films team, alongside Leicestershire Police, makes me very proud and we sincerely hope that this award can be yet another springboard for the film and its message of warning to young people across the UK and the rest of the world.”

Last month the film won the Bronze Award in the Social Screen category of the Clarion Awards run by EVCOM – the so-called Oscars for specialist videos produced by the corporate and charity sectors.

Leicestershire Police plan to post the film online in January next year.

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150 more police officers to carry Tasers in Leicestershire
An additional 150 Leicestershire Police Officers are to be equipped with Conductive Electrical Devices (commonly known as Tasers) in the New Year.

The move is intended to increase public safety and the safety of police officers.

Around 100 of the officers who will be trained to carry CEDs will be those working in Patrol and Resolutions Teams who are generally the first to respond to incidents.

The remaining 50 to be trained in their use will be local neighbourhood officers.

Currently, the CED capability available to Leicestershire Police is provided by officers who work in the collaborative unit called EMoPPS – the East Midlands Operational Support Services unit, which provides specialist services to the Police Forces in Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire.

Within EMoPPS there are currently 388 Police Officer posts that can carry CEDs including Roads and Armed Police officers, the Tactical Armed Policing Team and the Dog Section.

Assistant Chief Constable Phil Kay said: “It is quite often the case that the closest available officer who can attend an incident requiring a CED capability is a firearms officer. Deploying firearms officers to such incidents clearly reduces our firearms capability when it may be needed elsewhere.

“By training and equipping an additional 150 Leicestershire officers with CED capability will enable us to respond more quickly and effectively with the appropriate resources required by any given incident.

“Nationwide, 64 police officers on average are assaulted every day as they serve the public, and extending our CED capability will help us to better protect our own officers.

“But most importantly, this initiative will also better protect the public by ensuring that when officers equipped with CEDs are required to certain types of incidents, they can do so quickly.

“Evidence elsewhere in the country does not suggest that by simply equipping more officers there is an inevitable and automatic increase in the number of times CEDs are used.

“On many occasions, simply the presence of a CED can calm and resolve a situation without it necessarily being used to combat a violent situation.”

Tiff Lynch, chairman of Leicestershire Police Federation, is also supportive of the increased roll-out of the devices.

She said: “Taser has become an essential piece of kit in modern day policing. These devices allow police officers to not just protect themselves but also protect the communities they serve.
“More and more police officers are being assaulted as they go about their duties, fighting and protecting crime, keeping peace and protecting the vulnerable. Equipping extra officers with Taser will give them the reassurance that they can protect themselves should any incident look to be escalating and putting them or members of the public at risk.

“The Police Federation has been calling for increased funding to allow forces to train and equip officers with Taser so we are pleased the Force has listened to our arguments and taken steps to ensure officers have the tools they need to do their jobs safely and effectively.”

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10,000 pledge to stamp out child sexual exploitation

More than 10,000 people have signed a pledge to help stamp out child sexual abuse and exploitation in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

The CEASE campaign – the Commitment to Eradicate Abuse and Sexual Exploitation of children and young people in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland – was launched in February this year and aims to raise awareness of the signs that a child may be in danger and to encourage people to report concerns and suspicions.

There are number of different ways the public can sign the pledge – including online – and by this morning 11,125 people had done so.

The milestone has been reached exactly a year to the day – 31 October 2015 - when 15-year-old Measham schoolgirl Kayleigh Haywood received an unsolicited Facebook message from Luke Harlow, a man who she had never met.

Over the next 13 days Kayleigh was groomed online by Harlow with whom she exchanged more than 2,600 text messages before she finally agreed to spend the evening with him at his house in Ibstock. Two days later, having been held against her will by Harlow and by his neighbour, Stephen Beadman, she was raped and murdered by Beadman and her body left in a wood.

Harlow was sentenced to 12 years for a range of offences against Kayleigh and in relation to two other girls; Beadman received a life sentence and will serve a minimum of 35 years behind bars.

Today marks another milestone – more than 10,000 schoolchildren have now seen the full version of a film made by the force and Affixxius Films of Loughborough which tells the story of the last two weeks of Kayleigh’s life.

Being shown to all children aged 11 and above in controlled screenings by a team of specially-trained PCSOs, screenings of the film began in schools this September, and since then more than 10,000 schoolchildren have seen the film in more than 180 individual screenings.

The film, which has won a national award from EVCOM and has been shortlisted for another three awards including one from the Royal Television Society, is due to be posted online in January 2017.

David Sandall, Head of Crime at Leicestershire Police, said: “In my view, online grooming is a real, modern threat to our children, and what happened to Kayleigh demonstrates, in the most harrowing fashion, the ultimate potential consequences of children talking to strangers.
"We launched the CEASE campaign and made the film about Kayleigh to raise greater awareness among children and adults of online grooming. I’m delighted that more than 10,000 people have signed the pledge to do what they can to stop such a terrible tragedy ever happening again.

“That we have managed to screen the film to more than 10,000 children in just five weeks is a tribute to the PCSOs and their colleagues who are dedicated full time to this important project. It’s also a tribute to the many schools in the area who are actively working with us to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation and to help protect children and young people.”

There are a number of ways people can commit to the pledge:

- Sign the online pledge
- Add a CEASE twibbon to your social media profile
- Text CEASE to 87007
- Sign a CEASE hand – available at all school screenings and via neighbourhood teams at public events throughout the force area
- Send a picture of a hand with a message, such as “stop CSE” or #LLRCEASE, to LeicsPolice via Snapchat

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HARBOROUGH and the BOWDENS

This neighbourhood beat covers Harborough town and the villages of Little Bowden and Great Bowden.

Each dedicated neighbourhood team is supported by the Special Constabulary.

Your dedicated neighbourhood team

Sgt Mark Williams

Collar number: 2241

I am Sgt Mark WILLIAMS and I have been a police officer now for 13 years, and have been working at Market Harborough in a number of guises since March 2009. As a neighbourhood officer I recognise the importance that the community plays in the identification of local problems and the apprehension of villains. Please feel free to contact myself, one of my team or attend a local engagement event to share your concerns and help us to continue to make Market Harborough a safe place to live and work.

- Send an email to your neighbourhood team
- Leave a voicemail for Sgt Mark Williams by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 2241.
PC Malcolm Roberts
Collar number: 2178

I have spent most of my policing career in Market Harborough working on the Harborough and the Bowdens Dedicated Neighbourhood Team. I believe I have a very good knowledge of the area and the priorities of the local community.

I have experience of problem solving local issues and have been happy to face challenges within the community head on.

I have taken local responsibility regarding Licensing within Harborough and the District and see this as an important activity with keeping Harborough a safe and vibrant location to live in or visit. For regular updates follow the team on Twitter @LPHaborough.

- Send an email to your neighbourhood team
- Leave a voicemail for PC Malcolm Roberts by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 2178.

PC Joshua Ace
Collar number: 2988

I have been a Police Officer for 5 years, the majority of which has been spent in a Response role.

I joined the Harborough and the Bowdens Dedicated Neighbourhood Team in February this year and am enjoying the contrast in the work involved. My aim is to provide local people a quality service in relation to matters that are important to them – be it ASB, crime or vulnerability issues.

- Send an email to your neighbourhood team
- Leave a voicemail for PC Joshua Ace by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 2988.

PCSO Elaine Morton
Collar number: 6642

I am PCSO 6642 Elaine Morton and I joined Leicestershire Police in 2005. I am a member of the Harborough and the Bowdens Safer Neighbourhood Team. I prefer to patrol on my bicycle as I can respond to things more quickly and cover the beat more thoroughly.

Please do stop and talk to me if you see me out and about. I will always do my best to help you whatever the problem.

- Send an email to your neighbourhood team
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Elaine Morton by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6642.

PCSO Mark Illston

Collar number: 6192

I am a Police Community Support officer (PCSO) for Harborough and the Bowdens. I give reassurance and a highly visible presence on my beat. Some of my main priorities are to deal with anti-social behaviour, speeding vehicles, purse dipping and shoplifting also mobile phones and seatbelt offences. I am always out and about on my bike in the town centre so don't hesitate to come and have a chat and say "hello" that's what I'm here for.

Many thanks

- Send an email to your neighbourhood team
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Mark Illston by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6192.

PCSO Matt McDade

Collar number: 6081

I have recently moved from the Lutterworth Safer Neighbourhood Team to Market Harborough where I am part of the Harborough and the Bowdens team.

I am keen to work with the local community and partner agencies to tackle issues that affect the quality of life in Harborough.

I will endeavour to build up a good relationship with the local community and do what I can to resolve any problems they encounter.

Please feel free to come and speak to me about any worries you may have or leave me a voice mail by calling 101 and entering my collar number; 6081 and I will get back to you when I am next on duty.
• **Send an email to your neighbourhood team**
• Leave a voicemail for PCSO Matt McDade by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6081.

![Image of PCSO Natalie Duvnjak]

**PCSO Natalie Duvnjak**

Collar number: 6086

I am PCSO Natalie Duvnjak. I am a PCSO covering Market Harborough Town and the Bowdens as part of the Dedicated Neighbourhood Team.

I hope to meet as many of you as possible whilst out and about so if you see me, do stop and talk to me.

• **Send an email to your neighbourhood team**
• Leave a voicemail for PCSO Natalie Duvnjak by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6086.

![Image of PCSO Timothy Harwood]

**PCSO Timothy Harwood**

Collar number: 6126

I am one of the PCSO's covering the Harborough and The Bowdens Neighbourhood Team.

I look forward to working with the community.

• **Send an email to your neighbourhood team**
• Leave a voicemail for PCSO Timothy Harwood by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6126.