



Newsletter

Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

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Keep on Popping In

I was delighted to see PCSO Wane and PC Measures back in the Britannia Shopping Centre again with their 'pop-up' police shop. This has been a magnificent initiative to help raise police visibility and encourage public communication.

Thank you to Britannia Shopping Centre, who have provided Hinckley and Bosworth Police with a retail unit inside the Centre.

It has been a real hit, and I would love for it to become a permanent feature, with regular spots when it is open so that people can come and see them. It is precisely what residents want from local officers – in the community and, that most important word, 'VISIBLE'.

Currently, the intention is to operate the 'pop-up' two days a month between August and December.

Welcome Inspector Palmer

One of the joys of being your Police and Crime Commissioner is that I have the opportunity to work with the fine police officers that we have and to watching their careers develop. And so I look forward to working with the new inspector who has taken up the reins in the Blaby Neighbourhood Policing Area (NPA).

Steve Palmer has taken over the patch, which stretches from Blaby to Hinckley – including Narborough, Stoney Stanton and Market Bosworth. The role of NPA commander is absolutely key to keeping you safe and is a most important appointment.

Decisions about local patrol patterns and deployments are made by the NPA commander.

I have great confidence in Inspector Palmer – a former deputy NPA commander for East Leicester, where he showed great skill in policing that urban area and dealing with the challenges involved.

Finally, I must thank Inspector Osborne for his time in Blaby and for the dedication he showed to local residents and businesses while here. He has now moved to a new role in local policing and partnerships.



Hinckley on Wheels

I was delighted to see the Hinckley Car Show receiving the support it deserved. This is one of the great events organised by the Hinckley BID to bring visitors in to the town centre. It was great to see that the police had a car there, and were welcoming a constant stream of children to sit in the driving seat and try the blue lights. I believe that the police should be supporting local businesses by keeping order on our streets and dealing with business crime as a real priority.

Many thanks to all those officers, cadets and volunteers who ensured the event ran without a hitch.

And a huge 'well done' to Hinckley BID for organising this great event, which I thoroughly enjoyed. I met lots of locals, had some interesting conversations and hope that the charities supported by the event received lots of donations.



Ministerial Recognition for violence prevention work

I was delighted to host a visit from Crime and Policing Minister Tom Pursglove last month, where I was joined by staff from the Violence Reduction Network (VRN) for our area and the Temporary Chief Constable, Rob Nixon.

At The Big Local on St Matthews Estate we introduced the Minister to key workers who are helping to steer at-risk young people away from violence and met a young person who is currently taking part in one of the programmes provided by the VRN.

After his visit Tom Pursglove said: "Every life lost to knife crime is one too many. Leicestershire's Violence Reduction Network is meeting the serious violence challenge head-on, to intercept those at-risk and tackle the scourge of knife crime."

A few weeks ago I heard that I had secured a three-year funding settlement for the VRN totalling £3.5 million over the next few years, which will put its work on a more stable footing.



SAFER ROADS

I know that road safety is important to all road users, drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, riders and, yes, scooters!

So, I was pleased to attend a great meeting at Burbage Millennium Community Hall with Hinckley Police, who were promoting road safety and crime prevention.

Many thanks to PCSO Stretton, Specials Inspector Mottershaw and Police Volunteer Jackie Saunt – you did a great job.



SAFER STREETS

Absolutely delighted that, with my support, Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council and Blaby District Council (a joint Community Safety Partnership), alongside Leicestershire Police, secured funding from the Home Office 'Safer Streets' fund.

This is terrific news for the communities of Hinckley, Bosworth and Blaby and will fund a variety of new safety resources to increase public confidence when using our public spaces, especially among women and girls.

We know that preventative measures such as enhanced CCTV can deter crime and violence and reduce the fear of crime, so this funding will ensure problems are tackled at the earliest opportunity before they escalate or cause future harm.

Join my E-scooter campaign

My postbag (or inbox as it is these days) is full of angry comments about e-scooters. Near misses, actual incidents, concerns about both riders and other road users.

Leicestershire Police has a robust policy toward e-scooters that aims to prevent incidents and accidents. But this is about the safety of all concerned and I want the government to keep e-scooters off public roads before more incidents occur.

I've already asked our local MPs to join me and Leicestershire Police to ensure that the public and retailers know the risks around e-scooters and how to use, buy and rent them safely and legally.



If you agree with me, write to your MP and let them know your views. The louder we can be the more effective our message.

Uniform standards

I was delighted when Leicestershire Police announced that the distinctive domed helmet for male officers and bowler hat for female officers were to be reinstated.

As you may know, I have been calling for greater visibility in our communities. My efforts have been rewarded with a renewed commitment to standards and a force-wide

rollout of the recognisable headwear is underway.

In addition to the new headgear, improvements are also being made to officers' body armour. The improvements will make officers more comfortable and safer as well as improving uniform standards.

Do compliment any officers you see sporting this traditional head gear.



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