



Newsletter

Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

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East Leicester Update, 5 October

Leicester is preparing for Diwali as normal.

There have been no further incidents of disorder.

A visible police operation and investigations continue.

Thank you for only sharing information on social media which you know to be true.

Please share information at www.leics.police.uk or calling 101 and 999 in an emergency.



Disturbances in East Leicester

The disturbance in East Leicester has been shocking. I feel for all the law-abiding residents and businesses whose everyday life has been thrown into turmoil. The last few weeks have been immensely challenging for many of us. I think Leicestershire Police have done an amazing job with sensitivity and professionalism.

It is thanks to the force's commitment that we have continued to observe calm on the streets of East Leicester. The Chief Constable continues to receive my full

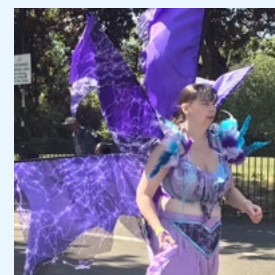
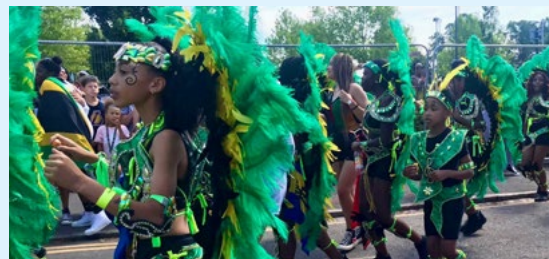
support, and I have promised to provide additional help and resources wherever possible to make the job you do easier.

In the face of such unprecedented tensions, it is more important than ever that we stand strong and united. There is work to do.

But these matters cannot be solved purely by enforcement. Now that the violence appears to be contained, it is time for all our partners to step up and work together to return this area of rich cultural diversity to a cohesive, calm normality.

Thank you for inviting me

I am grateful to all those who have invited me to their events. I have had a wonderful time — my apologies to those I couldn't attend. I hope you ask me again.



New Parks People Zone moves forward

People Zones, now refreshed and supported by a dedicated team from my Office, is going from strength to strength. In New Parks, Team Hub (the Community Hub for this People Zone) also hosts the community's Multiple Use Games and Activities (MUGA) Court.

There is now a wealth of activities and facilities,

including New Parks Club for Young People; the New Parks Methodist Church – Home to the local Methodist Foodbank and Men's Shed Club; Mother of God & St Aidan's Church of England Church; the Salvation Army New Parks; and for the more active amongst us GNR8 and Phoenix Judo Club and the New Parks Adventure Playground "The Venny".

I'm delighted to report that New Parks is well on its way to becoming an independent community-driven neighbourhood, with passionate residents and community workers working collaboratively with the People Zones team to enhance positive change in the area.



Welcome to your new Commander

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 Central Leicester Neighbourhood Policing Area (NPA).

Nadia Rana has taken over the patch, which covers the retail and commercial heart of our city as well as adjacent residential areas. 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 Rana – who I have met before in her former role where she was doing sterling work. I am certain that she has the skills needed to police this urban area and deal with the challenges involved.

Finally, I must thank Inspector Adam Wardle for his time in central Leicester and for the dedication he showed to local residents and businesses while here.



KEEP YOUR BIKE SAFE

Bikes are valuable, particularly in the current energy upsurge. They are efficient, often faster than vehicles in the busy rush hour, and they are attractive to thieves.

So, I was very pleased to learn about a series of bike marking events taking place to help people get their property back. I attended a session in Leicester's Victoria Park to see PCSO Vince Preston and the South Leicester beat team in action. Good stuff.



BELGRAVE JEWELLERY THEFTS

The recent spate of thefts from jewellers in Belgrave is, like any crime, unacceptable. This was particularly concerning as it struck at a commercial and cultural centre which has an importance that stretches across our City. Following contact from several of the business owners concerned, I attended a meeting along with local Inspector Yakub Ismail and beat officers. Together we discussed the problem with local councillors and learned what the police are doing to tackle things.

I am delighted to report that a suspect has now been identified. I will be keeping a close eye on this one.

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.



Keep in touch

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