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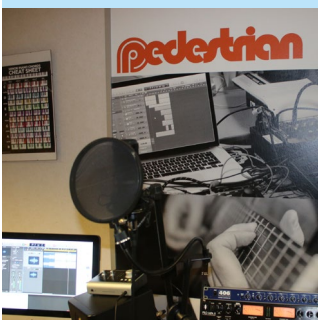
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Police budget for 2023-24 to sustain policing for Leicestershire

The 2023/24 budget for policing Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland focusses on giving police officers the training and equipment that they need to keep us all safe. It includes a £620K transfer from the Commissioner's Reserve budget to the force and aims to lay the foundations for a sustainable future.

Rural policing has been transformed, with the launch of a dedicated team of rural officers equipped with specialist kit to help police remote and off-road locations. These officers are supported by a highly proactive team of 4,000 residents across Leicestershire and Rutland who are signed up to WattsApp groups and alert systems. The team is also now launching a "Volunteers

on Horseback" scheme to help keep an eye on more remote rural areas.

The budget also includes provision for maintaining the current number of officers, which is 35 more than the 297 recruited through the Uplift programme. New vehicles, including hybrid models, have been added to the fleet increasing police visibility.

I remain committed to strengthening local policing which is why areas earmarked for investment are also designed to deliver greater efficiencies. These key areas include better technology, support mechanisms and systems to give Leicestershire Police more time with communities to prevent crime and arrest criminals.

Villagers set for arrival of new CCTV thanks to PCC funding

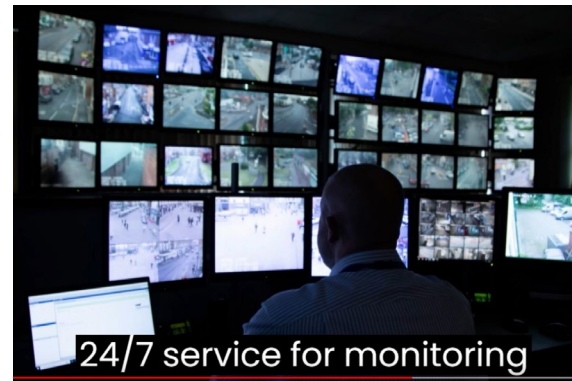
Plans to install new CCTV cameras to help deter anti-social behaviour and disorder in a Leicestershire village are moving ahead at pace thanks to a substantial safety grant. I provided funding worth £10,000 from his Safety Fund to Mountsorrel Parish Council in support of an initiative to increase security in the village and make local people safer.

The funding will be used to install a new state-of-the-art CCTV system to monitor isolated sites within the village. The cameras will be linked

to a central control room at Charnwood Borough Council which is monitored 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

Cllr Kate Walker, Chair of Mountsorrel Parish Council, added: "Mountsorrel is proud of the excellent relationship we have with our community police colleagues and believe that installation of CCTV will further enhance the help they already give to our residents."

Anti-social behaviour causes misery and stress for the communities it impacts and



remains the most common issue raised with me by the public. The Mountsorrel scheme is just one of several that my office has funded across Leicestershire, helping local communities to drive down anti-social behaviour and keep their villages such pleasant places to live.

To view the video on the project and how the funds are being used visit: <https://youtu.be/BKkLujj7qo8>.

Supporting the local Neighbourhood Watch Team in Coalville

On Saturday 25 February I went to the Palitoy Estate in Coalville to support the local Neighbourhood Watch team. Rupert Matthews joined volunteers as they scattered across the estate and nearby green areas with pickers and bags to see what could be found.

We were out for about an hour or so, then slowly gathered back in Action Man Street. We piled up the bags of rubbish for them to be taken away later by the local North West Leicestershire Council. The morning demonstrated clearly

that Neighbourhood Watch can be a force for good across our city and two counties.

This is just part of my on-going commitment to support Neighbourhood Watch groups and Parish Councils across Leicestershire. I sit on my own Parish Council and meet regularly with the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators. I have also persuaded the Chief Constable to establish a full time post within the Leicestershire Police to improve and maintain relations between the police and NHW.



Powerful road safety campaign launches to help protect young lives

A hard-hitting programme to increase the safety of young drivers and road users and curb anti-social behaviour got underway thanks to support from a grant worth £5,704 that I allocated to youth organisation Young Leicestershire Ltd to support the delivery of The Road Revolution Programme.

The project aims to overhaul present road safety education to make it more impactful for young people aged 13-19. Youngsters will be engaged in a way they understand which is fun but also covers serious

issues through discussion and debate and prompts them to think about their behaviour in and around vehicles.

The programme team will also research incidents that have happened in the local area to highlight those to the young audience and really hit home that these incidents do and can happen in their neighbourhoods. Additionally, the programme will address community concerns around the anti-use of motor vehicles by focusing on educating young people as drivers, road users and pedestrians.



STICKERS CUT TRAILER THEFT

In response to a recent spate of horse

and agricultural trailer theft, I have provided highly visible stickers which ask anyone seeing that trailer on the roads between the hours of 10 pm and 5 am to report it to the police swiftly.

I was delighted to personally deliver a bundle of the in-demand stickers to R&R Country in Thorpe Arnold for the company to distribute amongst its customers.

Criminal gangs, opportunistic thieves target rural communities. As one of my key priorities is to tackle rural crime, I was pleased to provide these trailer stickers which have proved effective elsewhere. It is a simple and cost-effective way of deterring would-be criminals.

NEW PROJECT BACKED EMPOWERS GIRLS AT RISK OF CRIME

Young girls at risk of becoming victims or perpetrators of crime are being empowered to switch direction through music, art and media. I have provided a grant worth £19,750 to creative charity Pedestrian Limited for its *We Are Here* project.

Over a 20 month period, the *We Are Here* project will provide face-to-face sessions for girls aged 10 to 16 who are already working with youth justice services. The aim is to increase their self-confidence and self-belief, build up resilience, develop their communications skills, encourage teamwork, and increase their ability to and think before acting to protect them from being drawn into crime.

To view the video on the project and how the funds are being used visit: <https://youtu.be/EqBLSRUWLAI>



OUT & ABOUT

Every week, I spend a full day out of the office meeting people and organisations out in the community to find out what really concerns local people.



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