



**POLICE & CRIME
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Partnership Work Delivering Results at Fosse Park

On one of my recent Community Days in Blaby I was delighted to meet with Nick Coppock, Centre Manager for Fosse Park Retail Park. One of the busiest shopping areas in Leicestershire, Fosse Park also experiences increased levels of anti-social behaviour and shoplifting offences.

It was reassuring to hear of the positive relationship in place between the Fosse Park team and Leicestershire Police.

Working closely together as a partnership, proactive patrols and increased visibility are having a positive effect.

Detection rates are going up, and more offenders are being identified and held accountable for their actions. Tackling Business Crime is one of my top priorities as your Police and Crime Commissioner, and I will continue to support both Leicestershire Police and local businesses combat the issue.

Delivering Neighbourhood Policing across Leicestershire



I'm pleased to tell you that Leicestershire Police are mobilising to deliver the Government's Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee. While it remains unclear if this will be funded by the government, I share the aim to strengthen community policing, putting an extra 13,000 police officers into communities by 2029, including an extra 35 in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland over the next year.

I remain sceptical as to how this is being delivered. These extra 13,000 officers need to be in addition to what we have already, and not simply a reshuffle of existing resource.

I will be holding the government to account robustly on this issue.

Since my election, I've championed strong, visible, and accessible policing. I believe every community deserves a named, contactable officer who understands local concerns and works closely with residents and businesses to address them.

I'm pleased the National Police Chiefs' Council has confirmed that Leicestershire Police already meets this key requirement, including providing 'Your Area' information online and complying with the Named, Contactable Officer Pledge.

Targeted police activity on our streets this summer

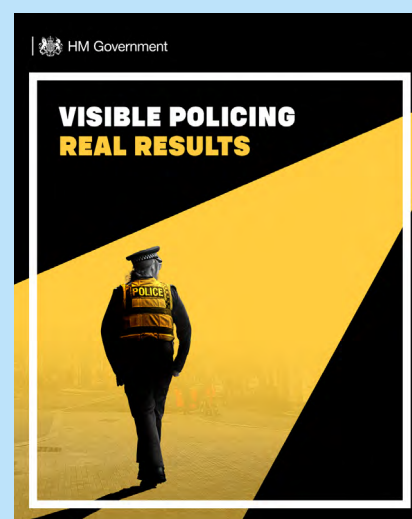
Over the course of the summer, you are going to see increased levels of policing activity in Leicester city centre and major town centres.

This is part of the Government 'Safer Streets Summer Initiative', which aims to make our town centres safer and more welcoming during the summer period by tackling town centre crime and anti-social behaviour.

Leicestershire Police, my office and all Local

Authorities within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland have collaborated and created a plan that will deliver what the Government have requested and more. Retail crime will be a key priority within the campaign, alongside anti-social behaviour and street crime.

I look forward to reporting back to you on the results of this campaign, which runs from the start of July to the end of September.



Uniting Against Knife Crime in Leicestershire

I attended a meeting with members of North West Leicestershire Neighbourhood Policing in Coalville to learn about the work being undertaken locally to combat knife crime. It was an opportunity to raise awareness of the risks of carrying a knife and the devastating impact that knife crime can have in communities as part of Knife Crime Awareness Week,

Together, we painted #LiveNotKnives logos

on prominent street locations such as nightclubs and bars, part of an ongoing anti-knife crime campaign from Leicestershire Police, my office and the Violence Reduction Network.

Knife Crime in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland has remained relatively stable over the last 4 years, with volume in 2024 being at their lowest level over this period, being 9.3% lower than 2023 levels and 11.3% lower than in 2022.



Deterring Shoplifting and Violence on our High Streets



In my Police and Crime, I promised to get tough on business crime. To do everything possible to reduce shoplifting and eliminate assaults on shopworkers.

As part of this campaign, I am funding 110 Body-Worn Video (BWV) Cameras worth £52,000 to independent retailers who are frequently the target of violence and shoplifting. I am inviting Community Safety Partnerships and Business Improvement Districts to apply for up to 25 BWVs for allocation to

eligible retailers in their areas.

The need for tougher action in tackling shoplifting and assaults on shopworkers has been a recurring theme on my Community Days when I meet with businesses and shop workers. These cameras are a simple yet highly effective tool for increasing confidence in shop workers, will capture vital evidence to bring more offenders to justice, and will help create a safer and more secure environment.



Supporting Businesses in Melton

I have provided funding to Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) to bolster the ability of local businesses to both respond to and tackle retail theft. Over £1k of funding is being invested by Melton CSP to continue provision of the DISC app for local businesses, facilitating the Secure Melton Against Retail Theft (SMART) Scheme.

Businesses who are members of the SMART Scheme can use the DISC app to securely communicate with other

businesses with the app, Local Authority Officers and the Police regarding retail thefts and prolific offenders in the area.

The SMART Scheme is growing in Melton, with active users growing by over 55% since DISC was introduced. I am looking forward to seeing the Scheme continue to grow, to support local businesses and to assist the Police in bringing prolific offenders to justice.

£160k Boost for Community Crime Prevention

I have selected sixteen organisations to benefit from £160k worth of grant funding in the second round of my Commissioner's Safety Fund, to support efforts to tackle the root cause of crime and anti-social behaviour in communities.

I believe in a 'prevention over cure' strategy, and will do whatever it takes to protect people from being drawn into crime.

That is why I have sought out and commissioned services that help residents, especially young people, thrive while empowering communities to take ownership of local problems and work together to find solutions.

I am really pleased with the breadth of the projects being supported in this round. For a full list of recipients, click below.



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