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On the Beat in Westcotes

PC Matt and his Westcotes beat officers have been achieving great things, so I went out on a patch walk with them to learn more.

The patch walk covered a wide range of local issues such as anti-social behaviour, drug dealing, fly tipping and reports of sex work. We also visited local businesses to discuss their views on what was affecting them most.

It was great to see the work that the dedicated

Neighbourhood Officers are doing in the Westcotes area to reduce crime and ensure that the community is safe and prosperous for all who live and work there.

Tackling crime in our communities is a key priority within my Police and Crime Plan. I am committed to working in partnership with local authorities and Leicestershire Police to prevent crime and make our communities safe.

New Programme Empowering Communities

I'm proud to launch my flagship initiative — the **Community Action Programme** — putting local people at the heart of the fight against crime.

This bold new approach focuses on prevention, partnership, and practical support. It brings together a series of connected schemes to help grassroots groups tackle crime and disorder before it takes hold.

Toolkits will soon be available, packed with simple, low-cost ideas communities can use to boost safety and resilience. For those needing extra help, the **Community Action Fund** is now live — replacing the Commissioner's Safety Fund — and will deliver funding across six rounds in 2025–26.

This is about giving communities the tools, knowledge and confidence to act — and making sure crime prevention advice is easy to access and apply.

For more information or to apply, visit my website:



Violence Reduction Network Survey



Are you aged 11 to 24 and living in Leicester, Leicestershire or Rutland? Your voice matters — and now's your chance to be heard.

The Violence Reduction Network wants to know what young people really think about crime, safety and community. By completing the Young People's Survey, you'll help shape how local services respond to the issues that matter most to you.

It's quick, anonymous, and takes just 10–15 minutes.

Complete it by Sunday 30th November 2025 and you can choose to enter a prize draw to win one of three £50 vouchers — just leave your email at the end.

Whether it's for you, a friend or a family member, this is a chance to make a real difference.

Click below to take part or share the link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YPSURVEYLLR>

Safer Streets Summer in Full Swing



Tackling anti-social behaviour, street and retail crime in high crime areas has been the focus of the Safer Streets Summer Initiative. This project has run throughout the summer across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

As part of the initiative, there have been over 650 additional patrol hours undertaken in the City Centre. Through "Operation Pedalfast", Leicestershire Police's targeted enforcement campaign against illegal e-scooters and e-bikes, over 300 seizures have taken place in 2025 [so far].

It was thrilling to join the City Centre beat team led by Sergeant Tompkins in July to witness the proactive work being undertaken first hand. It was certainly an eventful day, as the team seized multiple vehicles and two people were also arrested for immigration and burglary offences.

It just goes to show what value proactive policing has in keeping our communities safe. Leicestershire Police undertake proactive patrols across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland throughout the year to keep our communities safe.

Volunteers Supporting Police Scrutiny

Volunteers are the unsung heroes of policing — and their impact is huge. From special constables to cadet leaders, their time and dedication help strengthen the service Leicestershire Police delivers every day.

My office is proud to be supported by volunteers across several schemes. So far this year:

- **Independent Custody Visitors** have completed nearly 300 hours of service, checking on the welfare of over 240 detainees.
- **Animal Welfare volunteers** have carried out 60+ hours of visits, inspecting kennels, training sessions and police vehicles to ensure high standards.
- **Scrutiny Panel members** have reviewed over 30 custody records and hate crime cases, contributing 40+ hours of oversight.

Their work brings transparency, accountability and care to policing. I'm deeply grateful for their insight and commitment.

To learn more or get involved, visit our website.



Funding Secured for Hotspot Policing

I'm pleased to announce nearly £1.5 million in new funding to extend hotspot enforcement patrols across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland — targeting anti-social behaviour and serious violence head-on.

This follows my continued lobbying of Government after the project's clear success: serious violence has dropped by 10.5%, and ASB by 15% in hotspot areas compared to last year.

The funding will support extra patrols, community engagement, and problem-solving work by the dedicated nine-officer hotspot team. Over the past year, police and partners have delivered more than 17,600 hours of additional patrol time.

I hear time and again from residents and businesses how damaging ASB and violence can be — not just to safety, but to mental wellbeing and quality of life. This funding means more visible policing, faster action, and stronger support for communities who deserve to feel safe.



Keeping Teenagers out of Trouble in Leicester

Young people are being diverted away from anti-social behaviour through over £15k worth of funding I provide to Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs). Leicester City in the Community are delivering 28 sessions of their 'Premier League Kicks Roadshow' in partnership with Leicester City CSP throughout the year and into 2026.

The exciting project makes use of newly refurbished courts and city centre spaces to engage young people through free football and sports sessions.

The project aims to reduce anti-social behaviour, by offering constructive and safe recreational alternatives to anti-social behaviour to young people in Leicester City.

The work of the project will also promote positive community involvement, which will create safer spaces and build stronger community ties. Diversionary activities and projects like these are so important, as preventing crime and criminality is far more effective in building safer communities than investing in 'cures' to crime alone.

That is why prevention is the golden thread that runs throughout my Police and Crime Plan, and is at the heart of all the work I do as your Police and Crime Commissioner.



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