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# Newsletter

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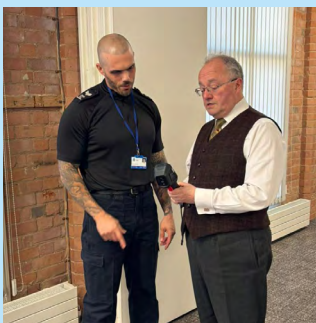
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## Tackling Road Safety in North West Leicestershire

Castle Donington residents are fed up — and they're speaking out. I joined a packed meeting on Diseworth Road to hear first-hand about the problems affecting the area.

The meeting brought together around 15 residents, County Councillor Charles Pugsley, and local officers PCSO Gallagher and PC Martindale. Together, we discussed issues including car cruising, drug use, and road safety.

Residents spoke openly about the impact these problems are having on their community. Officers then shared updates on recent enforcement — including vehicle seizures and warnings issued to those involved in illegal car meets and car cruising.

It was a productive and honest conversation. I'll continue to monitor the situation closely, and I know the Force is committed to tackling these issues head-on.

# 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.

I was delighted to join officers in Syston to discuss the work being undertaken as part of the Safer Streets Summer Initiative. Together, we dropped in on businesses in crime hotspot areas to hear their views and listen to their concerns. A number of instances of anti-social behaviour were reported, which the local

team will be taking firm action on.

As part of the wider initiative, in one particular patrol, officers

in plain clothes targeted repeat shoplifters in Market Harborough. This activity alone resulted in 8 charges which was a fantastic result.

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] in Loughborough and Leicester City Centre.

It just goes to show what value proactive policing has in keeping our communities safe. Leicestershire Police undertake proactive patrols in both hotspot areas and 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.



## Thermal Cameras Catching Criminals



Communities in Hinckley and Bosworth are safer thanks to smart funding from my office to the Hinckley and Bosworth Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

The CSP has bought a thermal imaging camera to help police crack down on suspected cannabis factories. It's already making an impact — helping officers seize £7,000 worth of illegal drugs.

The camera detects unusual heat patterns, helping police gather evidence and secure search warrants quickly. It's a fast, effective way to target premises of concern and stop drug activity before it spreads.

The device is based at Hinckley Police Station and will be used by the local Neighbourhood Policing Team whenever there's a report or suspicion of illegal growing.

## Keep in touch

**Please do not hesitate to get in touch at any time using these contact details:**

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