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Standing Up to Rural Crime

I recently met with National Farmers Union representatives in Stoke Dry to hear directly from farmers about the impact of rural crime across Rutland.

Local farmer Sarah Bell and County Chairman Joe Stanley gave me a harvest update and raised concerns about vehicle theft and other issues affecting their members. I was also asked questions passed on from the wider farming community.

In response, I shared details of the Community Action Fund — now open for applications

— which supports local efforts to prevent crime and help those affected by it.

Sarah and Joe spoke powerfully about how rural crime damages livelihoods and the toll it takes on farmer's mental health. They also shared the widespread praise for the Leicestershire Rural Crime Team, whose work is clearly making a difference.

It was a valuable conversation, and I'll continue working closely with our rural communities to ensure they feel protected and heard.

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 joined PC Dave in Oakham to discuss the work taking place in anti-social behaviour hotspot areas in the town centre as part of the Safer Streets Summer Initiative. Together with PC Dave we also dropped in at local businesses to discuss their views and concerns,

including one that was the recent victim of a burglary.

As part of the wider initiative, there have also been over an additional 2000 patrol hours undertaken across the Force area until the end of August. There have also been nearly 70 arrests across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, following targeted work in crime hotspot areas to tackle anti-social behaviour, street and retail crime.

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.



Tackling Crime and Speeding in Rutland



Rutland residents are raising concerns — and I'm listening. On my latest Community Day, I met with Cllr Christine Wise to discuss crime and safety in Oakham and across the county.

Cllr Wise shared plans for a county-wide speed survey, which I fully support. Speeding is one of the most frequent complaints I hear from Rutland residents, and it's encouraging to see the Council taking action.

We also discussed reports of anti-social behaviour near Oakham's bus station, raised by local businesses. Thankfully, the Council is already on it — with Wardens regularly patrolling the area to prevent further issues.

It's encouraging to see proactive steps being taken. I'll continue working closely with local leaders to support their efforts and ensure residents feel safe and heard.

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