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Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

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Keeping Students Safer in Leicester

Keeping our over 40,000 strong student population safe is no mean feat.

On one of my recent Community Days I met with PC Bausor, the dedicated officer for the University of Leicester. University officers make a big difference. They know the campus. They know the students, and they provide proactive policing that helps keep people safe.

Together, we talked about the work being done to keep students safe and supported as they study and make Leicester their home. My office is also playing its part, by developing and delivering the 'Your Path' Programme.

The 'Your Path' Programme is a mandatory learning package designed for university students, providing effective and inclusive education on harassment and sexual misconduct. It has been co-designed with young people themselves to ensure the content is both relevant and emotive, with the ultimate aim of protecting victims from these dreadful crimes and having to live with the psychological and emotional consequences.

I am proud that this programme is already being rolled out at Leicester Universities, making all our students safer.

Two New Deputies Join The Team



I've appointed two new Deputy Police and Crime Commissioners to help deliver my plans for a safer Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Oliver Bryan will lead on engagement and lobbying. He brings years of experience in public affairs and governance, both in the UK and overseas. His background includes high-profile investigations and award-winning work on accountability.

Neetu Squire will focus on community cohesion. She's an award-winning

specialist who will strengthen consultation and engagement with communities across the force area.

Both roles are part-time, combining different skills to give the best support. This approach is fully in line with Home Office guidance.

I'm delighted to welcome Oliver and Neetu. Together, we'll work hard to prevent crime and keep our communities safe.

Changing Lives, One Kick at a Time



I visited LMA Youth and Community Development in Leicester to see how my funding is changing lives.

I met Faizal Patel and his team at LMA Academy Community Gym. They run projects funded through my Safety Fund to

keep young people away from crime and anti-social behaviour.

One of these is a Friday night youth club. It offers kickboxing, boxing, gaming and more, all free of charge. Every week, up to 100 young people come through the doors instead of hanging out on the streets.

I also saw the Knives Not Lives programme

and a Girls Empowerment project. Both give young people confidence, skills and a safe space to grow.

Parents say their children are happier and more respectful. Young people themselves have said how they feel safe and supported by the projects.

This is crime prevention in action. And it works.

£10k Grants to Tackle Violence and Protect the Vulnerable

I've opened a new round of funding to help stop serious violence and keep people safe.

Community groups, charities, and parish councils can now apply for grants of up to £10,000 through my Community Action Fund. This round focuses on Violence and Vulnerability – a key priority in my Police and Crime Plan.

I want projects to apply that prevent knife crime, reduce harm, and give young people positive choices. That could mean school programmes teaching resilience, street outreach, healthy relationship workshops, youth mentoring, sports, arts, and skills training.

Serious violence affects everyone. By working together, we can guide young people away from crime and build safer, stronger communities.

Applications close 31 March 2026 at 16:59. So don't miss out – apply now and help make a difference.

<https://www.leics.pcc.police.uk/what-we-do/commissioning/current-funding-available/community-action-fund/round-3---violence-and-vulnerability/>



Cracking Down on the Fatal Four

Speeding, drink-driving, distractions and carelessness. They all cost lives.

That is why I was pleased to join Leicestershire Police on a recent Community Day, who were taking action at Abbey Park to tackle the 'Fatal Four' in the run up to the Christmas and New Year period.



Officers from the Roads Policing Unit, supported by volunteers, ran a Fatal Four operation targeting the biggest killers on our roads:

- Speeding
- Drink or drug driving
- Mobile phone use
- Not wearing a seatbelt

These offences cause countless tragedies every year. That's why enforcement and education are vital. Leicestershire Police run these Fatal Four events throughout the year, targeting those who put law-abiding road users and communities at risk.

We all have a part to play. Slow down. Belt up. Stay focused. Never drive under the influence.

Showcasing Prevention at the Midlands VAWG Conference

I was incredibly proud of my team who presented at the Midlands Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Conference. Especially as we were the only PCC area showcasing a young people's prevention project.

Our session focused on two programmes we co-designed with young people, SHUSH and SHARA. These initiatives teach how to recognise harmful behaviours, understand consent, and build healthy relationships.

We shared how this community-led approach is making a real difference. It's sustainable, rooted in early prevention, and designed to create safer communities.

Together, we're laying the foundations for a future in which respect and safety come first.



Another year has reached its end.

As businesses, residents and local councillors, you are a huge part of our success. Thank you for your continued support.

I hope you have an opportunity to enjoy time with your family and friends over the festive period.

Please, stay safe, and enjoy a peaceful and restful Christmas and New Year.

I am excited about what the next year will bring, and I look forward to reporting back to you on all the activity taking place from my Office and Leicestershire Police aimed at preventing crime, and keeping our communities safe.

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