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Rutland's Identity Must Be Protected

Local government reorganisation is on the horizon. Whichever option the Government chooses, it is important that Rutland must not lose what makes it unique.

Any new authority must respect Rutland's ceremonial status. It can't be allowed to be swallowed up or forgotten. Our traditions matter, and our local identity matters.

Rutland is distinctive. Its communities are historic and proud. Decisions must

reflect local needs, not impose a one-size-fits-all approach.

I will fight to ensure Rutland's voice is heard. Whoever takes over must work with local people, protect our heritage, and deliver services that strengthen, not dilute, our way of life.

Change is coming, but reorganisation should serve to strengthen Rutland, not erase 900 years of history.

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.

Standing Up for Rural Communities



I recently met Marie Charles, the new NFU County Advisor, along with officers from our Rural Policing Team.

It was a great chance to strengthen our partnership and focus on what matters most to rural communities.

We talked about tackling rural theft and wildlife crime – both key priorities in my Police and Crime Plan. The team shared progress from targeted operations and extra patrols that are making a real difference across Leicestershire and Rutland.

I also highlighted the lobbying I've done to secure more

national support and resources from central Government for rural crime.

Working together means rural voices are heard. It means communities stay safe and prosperous. My commitment to our rural communities is steadfast, and I will continue to ensure rural communities are not left behind.

£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/>



£70k to Fight Rural Crime



I've committed nearly £70,000 to stop rural crime and keep our communities safe.

This funding is the first round of my Community Action Fund – focused entirely on rural crime prevention. It backs practical tools and education to prevent crime before it happens.

Projects include Datatag property marking at Melton Market, rural crime workshops, and a roadshow at Thurlaston and GWCT's Loddington Estate. Farmers will get alarms, solar lights, CCTV, and other security gear. Schools in Rutland will receive workshops on staying safe and reporting crime.

These initiatives combine technology and education to make communities stronger and more resilient.

Our rural areas deserve the best protection. I will keep listening, lobbying, and investing in solutions that make a real difference.

Together, we can build safer, more prosperous communities.

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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