



## News update

Throughout September our neighbourhood officers carried out licensing checks in pubs and bars throughout the area. They also conducted a number of speed monitoring exercises in the villages surrounding Lutterworth and Broughton Astley.

In addition, the beat team has been following up concerns about HGVs contravening the weight restrictions in villages. Tickets have been issued to HGV drivers who haven't been able to provide a legitimate reason for being within the restriction zone. Further monitoring exercises will be taking place.

Following a recent spate of vehicle crimes and shed break-ins, we have been handing out shed alarms and providing crime prevention advice. If you use a van for work and it is not possible for you to remove tools from your vehicle every day:

- Fit a tool safe and ensure that it is fully secured with good quality locks.
- Ensure that tools and equipment are engraved or security marked and keep an inventory to accurately describe missing tools.
- Wherever possible park in a garage or reversed against a wall. If this is not possible park in a well-lit area or in view of CCTV.

# Top tips to protect your van

#LockItOrLoSeIt

## Celebrate Safely

We will be out and about with our Celebrate Safely gazebo during October.

Celebrate Safely is a campaign which takes place across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to remind people how to celebrate safely during the season of celebratory festivals and keep our communities safe. The campaign runs from the beginning of September all the way through to the New Year and is led not only by the force but Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service, Leicestershire County Council, Leicester City Council and district and borough councils across the county.

### **Come and see us at the following venues:**

Saturday 19 October (10am-2pm) Aldi in Broughton Astley

Monday 21 October (10am-2pm) Morrisons in Lutterworth

Monday 28 October (10am-2pm) Co-op in Broughton Astley

We will be carrying out high-visibility patrols around Lutterworth, Broughton Astley and the villages particularly around Halloween and Bonfire night.

## Desert Rats Challenge

A number of young people from the Broughton Astley area were recently put through their paces on an Army assault course alongside officers as part of a scheme to build positive relationships with the Police.

They joined a group, aged 14-17 years from across Leicestershire and completed the course at Chetwynd Barracks in Chilwell on Saturday (28 September) as part of the Desert Rat Challenge.

The challenge saw them take part in teamwork exercises, laser shooting, Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) activities and first aid training and was aimed at teaching them life skills, testing their thought processes as well as fitness and educating them about the role of the Army.

## Neighbourhood Link

We are trying to get as many people to sign up to the community messaging service, Neighbourhood Link. Leaflet drops have taken place in Broughton Astley, Lutterworth and the surrounding villages which explain the benefits of the service and how to sign up. To make it easier for people, we will have volunteers at Broughton Astley Village Hall on Wednesday 9 October who can take details and complete the registration on your behalf. Signing up will keep you up to date with crime prevention advice and policing news relevant to your area.

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## Crime prevention advice for darker nights

As the darker nights are drawing in, it is important that you keep your home well-lit and give the appearance that there is someone in. Burglars are more likely to target a home that is visibly unoccupied and in darkness:

- Use timer switchers to turn lights on while you are out
- Don't leave curtains closed during the day, only in the evening and overnight
- Lock all windows and doors
- Keep valuable items out of view
- Keep gates well secured