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News update

June has been a very busy month for us. As the restrictions imposed due to the Coronavirus are gradually being eased, people are getting out and about more and we are seeing a rise in the number of anti-social behaviour reports as well as driving offences. We have been carrying out regular patrols in Lutterworth and Broughton Astley Town Centres, surrounding villages and specifically the villages along the A4304 targeting ASB hotspots like the recreation grounds, sports club and large open spaces where people have been congregating. Some of this activity is in contravention to the current government guidelines and we ask that you make sure that you and your families continue to adhere to the advice.

Based on the feedback we received from local residents, you want us to prioritise road safety. During the lockdown period, roads were very quiet and incidences of speeding were widely reported across the county. Now that roads are busier, speeding is unfortunately continuing! Regular patrols are being carried out on all arterial routes in the area and we're carrying out random speed checks. We have engaged the ANPR camera vehicle, resulting in several vehicles being pursued for failing to stop, no insurance and a number of drivers have been found to not hold a valid driving license. We have also engaged the Police Drone Team to assist us on certain incidents.

There has been a report of a suspicious white van driving around the streets of Broughton Astley looking at caravans on driveways. Please help us to keep your property safe by making sure that caravans are secure and no valuables are kept in there. Please report any suspicious vehicles to Leicestershire Police by reporting online: www.leics.police.uk/report-online or by calling 101. Always call 999 in an emergency.

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We'll be restarting our beat surgeries as soon as we're able to. In the meantime, Neighbourhood Link is another great way to keep in touch with your local Neighbourhood Policing Team. Signing up with Neighbourhood Link is easy, free and convenient, once registered you will receive email alerts from the Lutterworth and Broughton Astley Beat Team who will send you policing news relevant to your local area as well as crime prevention advice.

It's also a great opportunity to provide feedback by completing the 'Your Views' survey which gives you the chance to tell us what you want us to prioritise. Neighbourhood Link is free to sign up to, it's a confidential and secure service and you can unsubscribe from it at any time. For more information or to sign up, please visit www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk.

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Sadly, 2,378 victims have lost a combined total of over £7m to coronavirus-related scams - as of Friday, 12 June, 2020. A total of £7,099,441 has been reported lost by 2,378 victims of coronavirus-related scams.

Action Fraud reports that it received 12,323 reports of coronavirus-related phishing emails.

Unfortunately, criminals are continuing to exploit the coronavirus pandemic to defraud innocent members of the public. Currently, coronavirus-related frauds make up less than 2% of all fraud reports received. To keep this number as low as possible, it's important that people are aware of the very simple steps they can take to protect themselves from handing over their money, or personal details, to criminals.

Please visit the Action Fraud website for information on the latest scams we are seeing and advice on how to protect yourself: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>



COVID GUIDANCE FROM 4TH JULY

On 23 June, the Prime Minister announced changes to lockdown measures that would apply from 4 July. The government has set out its plan to return life to as near normal as we can, for as many people as we can, as quickly and fairly as possible in order to safeguard livelihoods, but in a way that is safe and continues to protect our NHS.

From 4 July:

- You can meet in groups of up to two households (your support bubble counts as one household) in any location - public or private, indoors or outdoors. It remains the case - even inside someone's home - that you should socially distance from anyone not in your household or bubble. This change also does not affect the support you receive from your carers.
- When you are outside you can continue to meet in groups of up to six people from different households, following social distancing guidelines.
- Additional businesses and venues, including restaurants, pubs, cinemas, visitor attractions, hotels, and campsites will be able to open - but certain premises will remain closed where the risks of transmission may be higher.
- Other public places, such as libraries, community centres, places of worship, outdoor playgrounds and outdoor gyms will be able to open.
- You can stay overnight away from your home with your own household or support bubble, or with members of one other household.

You should not:

- Gather indoors in groups of more than two households (your support bubble counts as one household) - this includes when dining out or going to the pub.
- Gather outdoors in a group of more than six people from different households; gatherings larger than 6 should only take place if everyone is from just two households.
- Interact socially with anyone outside the group you are attending a place with, even if you see other people you know, for example, in a restaurant, community centre or place of worship.
- Hold or attend celebrations (such as parties) where it is difficult to maintain social distancing.
- stay overnight away from your home with members of more than one other household (your support bubble counts as one household).

For more information, and guidance, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Beat Surgeries

In line with government advice around Covid-19, we have postponed our community consultations and beat meetings. Our officers will continue to be active in your community. We will re-arrange events as soon as we can. Remember you can always report crime by:

- Reporting online via www.leics.police.uk/report-online
- Calling 101
- You can contact the neighbourhood team (not to be used for reporting crime) email: harboroughandwigston.npa@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk