

Stoneygate Newsletter

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Welcome to the April edition of the Stoneygate Beat Newsletter!

As we move into Spring, your local beat team has been working hard to address community priorities and tackle key issues across the area. In this edition, you'll find updates on our recent activities, information on our current focus areas, and details of upcoming engagement opportunities. We're committed to working together with you to keep Stoneygate a safe and welcoming place for all.

You Said— What matters to you

Road Safety: Residents have raised concerns regarding road safety, particularly issues such as dangerous driving, parking on zigzag lines outside schools, and inconsiderate or illegal parking in residential areas. Keeping our roads safe for both drivers and pedestrians is a key priority.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB): We have received reports of groups of youths gathering in certain areas and engaging in behaviour that is disruptive and concerning to the wider community. Tackling anti-social behaviour remains a focus to ensure that public spaces are safe and welcoming for everyone.

Drug-Related Issues: Concerns have been shared around drug-related activity in the area, including drug dealing, drug use, and the cultivation of illegal substances. Addressing this issue is a priority to help reduce associated crime and protect the wellbeing of our community.

We did— What we are doing

Road Safety

The beat team is aware that inconsiderate parking continues to be an issue along Evington Road, particularly near the feeder one-way junctions. From an emergency response perspective, we urge road users to avoid parking across pedestrian dropped kerbs, which is not only illegal (especially where double yellow lines are present) but also delays emergency vehicles trying to access these streets safely.

To help tackle the problem, an ANPR camera has been installed by the Council, and PS Brown has discussed further measures with the local Councillor during a recent meeting. Efforts are also being made to reduce obstructions at bus stops, which create pinch points and cause traffic delays.

We recognise the ongoing challenge of addressing the 'just a minute' parking culture from delivery drivers, riders, and customers visiting local businesses. These issues will be discussed further at the upcoming Ward Meeting on Thursday 8th May, where Sgt Brown and PC Woolley look forward to hearing your concerns and suggestions, including updates on the proposed Red Route and parking permit schemes.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

We are pleased to report that a Pod CCTV camera has now been installed on Abingdon Road. We hope this brings reassurance to residents who have experienced issues with large gatherings near St. Anne's Church, particularly during evenings and at night. The new camera provides excellent quality footage and will support the work of the newly established Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the area.

In partnership with the Community Safety Team, we have issued Community Protection Notice Warnings (CPNWs) to six street drinkers. Exclusion zones are now in place around the top end of Evington Road, near St Stephen's Road and Onslow Park. We are currently investigating a fight involving individuals within these groups, and breaches of CPNWs could result in significant fines issued by the Council.

Additionally, in response to concerns about late-night noise and ASB on Kimberley Road, PCSO Akhtar has conducted a street consultation. We understand the disruption that noise can cause and encourage residents to continue reporting issues to both the police and the Council.

Please continue to report any ASB concerns to us via 101 or by emailing communitysafety@leicester.gov.uk.

Drugs & Crime

We remain steadfast in our commitment to tackling drug-related harm across the Highfields area. The beat team maintains close coordination with the Neighbourhood Priority Team (NPT), who are actively gathering intelligence and targeting individuals involved in organised criminal networks. Regular high-visibility patrols are underway to deter illicit activity and safeguard the community.

A recent incident on St James Road led to the arrest of a male suspect following an assault on a beat officer. The individual is currently on police bail, with strict conditions prohibiting his return to Abingdon Road—underscoring our zero-tolerance stance toward violence against law enforcement.

Our Problem-Solving Team, operating from Mansfield House, continues to engage with vulnerable individuals at the Dawn Centre. Plans are in progress to establish a new multi-agency Hub at the Centre to streamline access to essential services. Simultaneously, targeted operations are being carried out to disrupt those seeking to exploit this vulnerable demographic.

We've also partnered with residents on Bodnant Avenue in response to a property previously associated with cannabis cultivation. In conjunction with the National Grid, the address has been disconnected from the mains power supply. Long-term enforcement actions are being pursued under the Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime Act, based on recommendations from the Community Safety Team.

Following community feedback from a previous street consultation, we are now preparing a search warrant application in relation to a separate matter involving planning enforcement breaches.

We encourage the public to continue providing information – you can do this anonymously through Crimestoppers. Thank you for your support

Community Surveillance:

The installation of a high-definition Pod CCTV camera on Abingdon Road marks a significant step in addressing long-standing concerns about anti-social behaviour in the area. Positioned near St Anne's Church, where residents have frequently reported late-night disturbances and large gatherings, the camera offers 24/7 monitoring and supports both police and community safety teams in identifying offenders and responding quickly to incidents. This added layer of surveillance not only deters disruptive behaviour but also reassures residents that their concerns are being taken seriously, helping to foster a safer and more peaceful neighbourhood for all.





Our dedicated local officers, PC 321 and PC 1527, following the successful recovery of a stolen vehicle during proactive patrol duties. Their vigilance, swift action, and thorough investigative work ensured that the vehicle—reported stolen in another police force area—will soon be safely returned to its rightful owner. A great example of teamwork and commitment to keeping our community safe!

Meet your Team—Upcoming public Engagements

Ward Meeting - Thursday 8th May, 6:00 PM

Join us at the Bowling Club on Kimberley Road for an open discussion on local issues and community safety in the Stoneygate ward. A great opportunity to ask questions and help shape our ongoing efforts to reduce crime.

Beat Surgery - Wednesday 7th May, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

PCSO Akhtar will be available at the Somali Development Centre on Abingdon Road to listen to your concerns and offer advice on local policing matters.

<u>Community Engagement at Nasihah Centre – Wednesday 14th May, 9:00 AM</u> to 2:00 PM

PC Patecka and PCSO Akhtar will be visiting the Nasihah Centre on Mayfield Road to engage with young members of the community and strengthen local connections.