



Issue: Summer 2026

## Your Local Team



PS 1509 David Wilson

PC 1684 Fabian Culverwell

PC 1610 Merryn Western

PC 2955 Callum Dewson

PC 2950 Jess Holmes

PCSO 6858 Phil Grimwood

PCSO 6638 Jasmine Poppy

PCSO 6385 Hafsa Ikram

PCSO 6176 Vaidik Sanjay

## What Matters To You

We have listened to you and the concerns you raised and prioritised the following going forward from July—September 2026:

### Priority 1: To tackle anti-social behaviour at Castle Gardens and surrounding area

*You said:* Although the park is a nice place to visit, there is still anti-social behaviour happening there in sight of visitors

*What we are going to do:* We will increase our visibility at the location to act as a deterrent, as well as utilising other techniques to identify and bring offenders to justice. We will work alongside agencies to ensure all safety measures available are utilised and implemented appropriately. We will hold engagement events at the park to speak to the visitors face to face to better understand their views and concerns, acting on any information or intelligence when necessary.

### Priority 2: Theft of cycles/cycle crime

*You Said:* Summer months mean more people are utilising their bikes to get around and are concerned of having them stolen.

*What we are going to do:* We will regularly hold events, including bike register/marketing events, to engage with the community, passing relevant safety advice and tips to secure their property and reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime. We will also hold specific operations targeting illegal e-bikes and e-scooters in our open spaces, as well as targeting the offenders who we know are stealing or damaging other peoples property.

### Priority 3: Youth anti-social behaviour

*You said:* Coming into summer holidays, youth anti-social behaviour increases due to being out more often

*What we are going to do:* We will patrol the open spaces more frequently and engage with youths out and about. We will investigate reports of anti-social behaviour and enter perpetrators onto the incremental approach, ensuring the most appropriate outcomes are obtained. We will hold engagement events encouraging young people and students to come and see us to offer advice and follow up reports, taking further action when necessary.

## Upcoming Community Engagements

Keep up to date with our website and planned events /engagements on the following link:

[Riverside](#) | [Your area](#) | [Leicestershire Police](#) | [Leicestershire Police](#)

It includes a Bike Register at Castle Gardens @ 10:00am on Monday 6th July, and an engagement at St Andrews Play Association @ 03:00pm on Thursday 6th August.

## What we have done #yousaidwedid



One of our priorities last quarter was that around cycle crime. The reason we've carried it through to summer is due to the volume of incidents involving cycles, whether that be acoustic or electric. One of the ways we are tackling this is getting involved in Operation Pedalfast. The operation targets illegal e-bikes and e-scooters in our public spaces. It's usually ran in the city centre but will be branching out into the Riverside beat area too. Targeting these vehicles helps reduce the risk posed to pedestrians and people enjoying our parks and thoroughfares. Also part of our focus is ensuring people get their property marked. We have held numerous bike registers at different locations across the beat to spread awareness, safety tips and advice.

This quarter, we have started up Operation Oversee on the Riverside beat. This operation focuses on licensing checks at different premises, whether it be pubs, bars, stores or off-licenses. The checks are ad-hoc without prior warning. Each premises has their own license with conditions they must adhere to. If they're not, they're at risk of having their licenses revoked. We have started this to ensure patrons and customers are being looked after correctly and can enjoy the premises safely, especially when alcohol is on sale. We have a large student community from the university on the beat, so doing these checks offers reassurance to people from all over the country, and world, who come to Leicester.



Another one of our priorities this month was focusing on theft from motor vehicles. At the beginning of the quarter, we received numerous reports of thefts from some of our larger car parks. To tackle this, the beat team have been in and around locations with a large amount of visitors and staff, including De Montfort University and Leicester Royal Infirmary, as well as hotels such as Hotel Voco and the Holiday Inn. Doing this allowed officers to not only show a presence, but to speak to visitors offering crime prevention advice and tips on how to keep property safe. We have assisted our investigations teams with outstanding enquiries such as CCTV checks to help identify offenders and bring them to justice.

Our officers will not only focus on the Riverside beat, but are used to police other events within the force area. This month included the annual Download Festival at Donnington, whereby PC's Callum, Merryn, Fabian, and PCSO V were required for a few days. June also saw the beat team police the night time economy within Leicester city centre. Both events are heavily attended by the public so we are in attendance to ensure every one can enjoy themselves safely. We also assist with planned processions, protests and events held by private organisers when required to again, help people attend in confidence of their safety.



Leicester City Police



[leics.police.uk/local-policing/](https://leics.police.uk/local-policing/)



@LPCityCentre



[centralleicester@leics.police.uk](mailto:centralleicester@leics.police.uk)

Look out for our events on our website and social media channels!