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Earl Shilton & Barwell Newsletter

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Your Local Team

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Your Dedicated Neighbourhood Team (DNT) is a group of local Officers

dedicated to serving your community.

The team is made up of Officers based in your area, supported by the wider

Policing family.

Priority 1. #YouSaid - E-Scooters are being used to cause anti-social behaviour in Earl Shilton, by riding on the pedestrian footpaths.
Officers have continued to conduct high-visibility patrols whenever resources have permitted. These patrols have involved monitoring known congregation areas, parks, footpaths, residential estates, and town centre locations where concerns are most likely to arise.

Priority 2. #YouSaid – Youths are causing ASB on Ivydene Close by congregating and being rowdy.
#WeDid – See update below

Priority 3. #YouSaid – Youths are acting in an anti-social manner on Wood Street Park, with reports of them drinking, fighting, setting fires, and causing damage to fences.
#WeDid High-visibility patrols conducted within the area, with engagement carried out where appropriate. No incidents of anti-social behaviour or criminality identified, and no concerns raised by members of the public. The area remains in good order and will continue to receive routine patrols.

News

Last month we said farewell to PCSO 6386 Josh Reed as he left Leicestershire Police to begin an exciting new chapter in Australia, where he will continue his career in policing. Josh dedicated six years of service to our communities, spending the majority of that time on the Barwell and Earl Shilton Beat Team, where he became a well-known and respected figure among residents, partners and colleagues. Through his commitment, professionalism and approachable nature, Josh made a positive and lasting impact on the communities he served. Josh has also asked to share the following message: "I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone I've worked with over the last six years, including colleagues, partner agencies and the communities I've served. I've had some great experiences, made lifelong friendships and learned so much along the way. It's been a privilege to be part of Leicestershire Police, and I'll always be grateful for the support and opportunities I've been given. Thank you all, and I wish you the very best for the future."

More than 30 people have lost their lives on our roads this year. That's why, from 17 October, Leicestershire Police safety camera vans will be carrying out seatbelt monitoring as part of a pilot road safety project. Failing to wear a seatbelt is one of the Fatal Five behaviours most likely to result in death or serious injury. During the pilot, motorists found not wearing a seatbelt will receive a warning letter explaining the dangers. A seatbelt is your best protection in a collision. Make sure everyone in the vehicle is buckled up before every journey.

Reports had previously been received regarding youths entering and causing damage at Ivydene Close. Following identification of those involved, warning letters were issued, and engagement was undertaken to address the behaviour. Since these interventions were put in place, no further reports have been received. The owner and builders were taking steps to secure the site by installing measures to prevent further unauthorised access. These actions appear to have been effective, with no subsequent incidents reported.

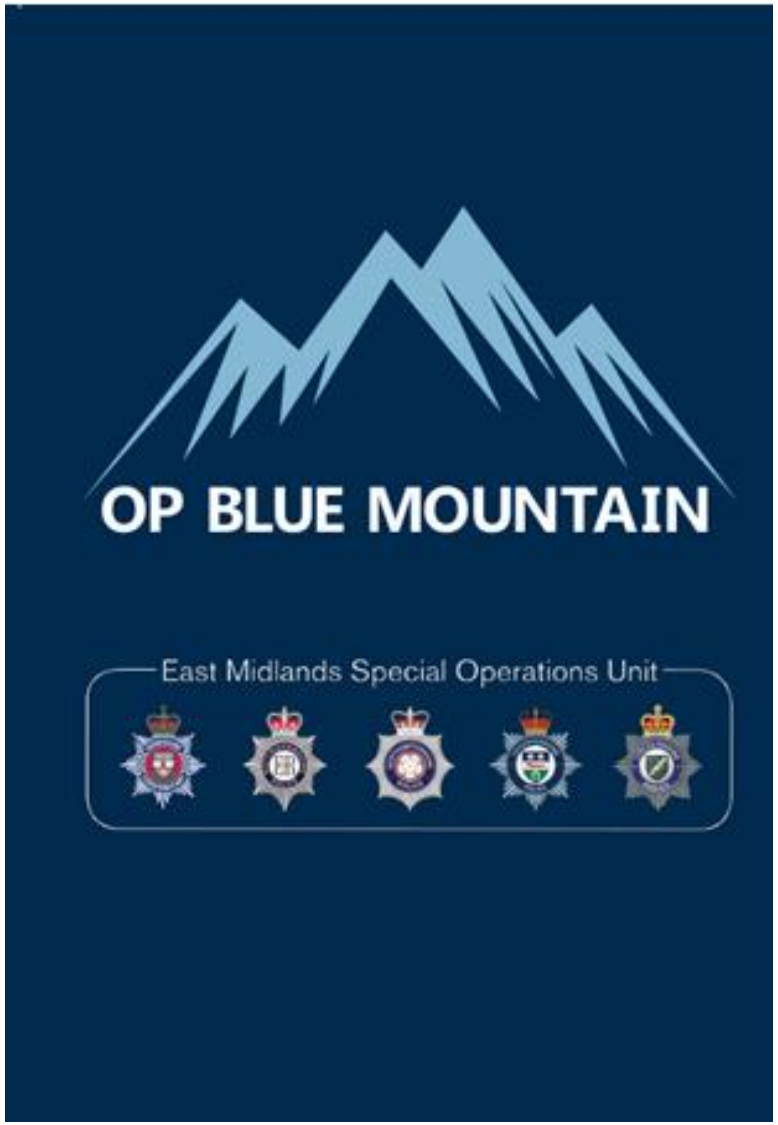
Earl Shilton Youth Café - Come and Meet Your Local Police Team. This is a fantastic opportunity for young people, parents, carers and members of the community to come along, meet your local neighbourhood officers and PCSOs, and discuss any concerns, issues or ideas you may have regarding your community. See the poster for details.

NEIGHBOURHOOD LINK:

Neighbourhood Link is a community messaging service from Leicestershire Police that provides news and information about policing activity or initiatives, crime prevention advice as well as major incidents affecting your area. In order to receive messages, you will need to register your details. Registration is free and simple to follow. Sign up at: https://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk

Please also take the time to let the Beat understand your concerns by completing the survey to the right. Simply scan your camera over the top and click.

We have seen a concerning rise in couriers fraud offending over recent weeks. Despite previous methods to raise awareness within our communities we are continuing to see similar offending continue across the force. If you have elderly relatives or friends, please look at the information on the following pages in relation to Operation Blue Mountain and spread the word.



Operation Blue Mountain aims to tackle courier fraud. This type of fraud targets elderly and vulnerable victims.

How does it happen?

- The victim receives a phone call from a person purporting to be a police officer informing them that there has been fraudulent activity on their bank account. They are instructed to withdraw their savings and hand it over to the bogus police officer for examination. This is a scam.
- The victim may also be informed that bank staff are involved.
- They are told to go to the bank to withdraw their money and may be told to give a false reason for withdrawing their money if questioned at the bank. This journey may be made in their own vehicle or a taxi.
- The victim leaves the bank with their money, sometimes their life savings, and goes back to their home where they are met by a 'courier' (criminal) who collects the money.
- The courier may have arranged to travel in a taxi to meet the elderly victims or the taxi company may have been instructed by criminals to collect a package from a local address.

How can you assist?

- Drivers/taxi companies are asked to be vigilant when asked to take anyone who may be a potential courier to or from rail stations or on any other journey. When asked to collect packages from elderly persons on behalf of unidentified customers.
- If a suspected courier is collected as a passenger, taxi drivers should call the police on '**999**' and quote '**BLUE MOUNTAIN**', providing their taxi registration number, location and destination. The control room of the local force will immediately recognise this as a courier fraud and deploy the appropriate resource and response.
- Taxi drivers are also asked to raise awareness amongst their everyday elderly passengers and to also consider unusual repeat fares to local banks. Should such fares be identified, taxi drivers are again requested to contact police.

Community engagements

Local Officer Drop In

The Cotton Community Centre
6th November 10-11am

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