



Issue: Spring Update April 2026

Your Local Team



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What matters to you

We have listened to you and the concerns you raised and prioritised the following:

Priority 1: Antisocial Behaviour

Priority: Alcohol-Related ASB in Public Spaces

You Said: We've received reports that groups drinking alcohol in public are causing disruption and concern in your community.

What We Are Going To Do: We are setting out to target those who continue to cause harm through disruptive and alcohol-fuelled behaviour. While tackling this isn't always straightforward, we're putting every possible measure in place to prevent further incidents. Alongside the support and intervention options we always promote, we're acting on clear patterns of behaviour and gathering the evidence needed to take enforcement action. Public drinking that leads to anti-social behaviour is unacceptable and has a lasting impact on those affected. Rest assured, we are working tirelessly to address this and restore peace to your community.

Priority 2: Drug dealing and use particularly around residential properties being used to facilitate this.

You Said: You are concerned and frustrated by individuals involved in drug use and dealing in public spaces across our beat.

What We Are Going To Do: We have a number of days of action planned where you will see officers out in force, targeting those involved in drug-related offences. Our focus will be on enforcement, disruption, and working with partners to tackle the root causes and reduce harm in the community.

Priority 3: Retail Crime

Priority: Retail Crime in the Westcotes Area

You Said: We have had an increase of reports relating to retail crime covering both theft and ASB impacting our local businesses.

What We Are Going To Do: We are implementing a dedicated patrol plan to increase police presence in key locations, focusing on deterring those who are causing the biggest issues. We have already identified the repeat offenders and have a plan of action to specifically engage with those offenders and put the spotlight on their specific situations that feed this sort of crime and ASB.

Team Update

We recently said goodbye to PC Stephen "Clarkey" Clarke after 12 years serving the Westcotes beat. His departure was felt deeply by residents, partners, and colleagues alike, and I thank him for the relationships and legacy he leaves behind.

I'm pleased to welcome PC Lukasz Lesniak to the team. Having joined us from a city-centre response role, he has made a strong start—being involved in multiple arrests for drug supply offences and the clearance of several cannabis grows within his first few weeks.

What we have done #yousaidwewdid

Over the last quarter, we've continued proactive work to disrupt drug supply locally, including the identification and removal of several cannabis cultivations. We've also reviewed how we deal with these cases and will be taking a firmer approach with landlords and property owners where warning signs are ignored. Property management comes with responsibility, and we will hold people to account where that responsibility isn't met.

I've also met with local businesses, including Tesco, HSBC and smaller businesses along the Narborough Road corridor, to understand concerns around crime and anti-social behaviour. Actions have been put in place following those discussions, and we'll continue working closely with businesses to monitor the crime trends and ensure we are seeing a positive correlation in relation to our actions and adapt them where we need to.

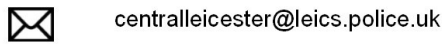
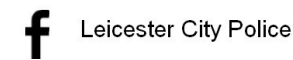
As the weather improves, we know public spaces such as Bede Park can become hotspots for ASB. You may have noticed increased police presence there, including the beat bus, to send a clear message that antisocial behaviour will not be tolerated.

Final Thoughts

While there's far more activity than can be captured here, I want you to know the team is in a good place. The care, professionalism, and pride they take in protecting vulnerable people and making Westcotes safer is something I see every day.

Please keep engaging with us—your information and feedback genuinely shape what we do.

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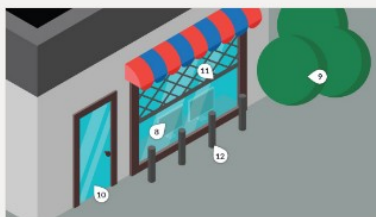
Business crime prevention

Business robbery is where items are stolen from commercial premises such as a shop or a factory using violence or threats. Learn how to help prevent it.



[Securing your shop from shoplifters](#)

Six tips on how to outsmart shoplifters



[Keep burglars out of your business](#)

Advice to deter burglars from entering your business premises

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From shoplifting or non-paying diners to staff theft and burglary

Community engagements

Don't miss out on our events:

22/04/2026—1000-1200—Salvation Army, Narb Rd 17/04/2026—1230-1400—Barclay St Mosque

01/05/2026—1000-1200—Lidl, Upperton Rd 03/05/2026—1000-1200—Shell Westcotes Library