

South Wigston Newsletter #yousaidwedid

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What matters to you:

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

Road Safety

General road safety is an increasing priority for residents of South Wigston.

Antisocial Behaviour

ASB is a frequently raised concern across South Wigston.

Burglary

Burglaries have been raised as a growing concern in South Wigston

What we have done #yousaidwedid

Speeding and **Road Safety** are consistently raised as a top priority in South Wigston, and we continue to tackle these issues as robustly as possible.

This month we have conducted several speed enforcement sessions between Wigston and South Wigston, with traffic offence reports issued for those caught exceeding the speed limit – especially in 30mph residential areas.

PCSO's have also issued Section 59 warnings to drivers and their vehicles who have been seen driving carelessly or inconsiderately – meaning their vehicles will be immediately seized if seen driving antisocially again, no excuses.

We have also submitted intelligence about who we believe are the riders of illegal motorcycles that continue to blight our streets and parks. These intelligence reports help us to identify those responsible and the addresses they store the vehicles at, which ultimately lead to seizure of vehicles and prosecutions.



We are pleased to report that reports of **ASB** (antisocial behaviour) are down significantly compared to the same time last year. Whilst we are still seeing small pockets of ASB in certain areas these are dealt with swiftly through our joint incremental approach, linking with the local authority to identify those responsible and issue warnings, acceptable behaviour contracts and out-of-court resolutions where required – diverting young people away from antisocial behaviour.

There has been a recent spate of **Burglaries** and attempted burglaries in South Wigston. At this time we believe many are linked and are likely to be the same small group of individuals – detectives and neighbourhood priority teams are working hard to identify those responsible through CCTV and witness statements.

There are some simple, and incredibly cheap, steps you can take to help keep your home secure and reduce the number of break-ins:

- Ensure doors and windows are closed and locked at night
- Make sure burglar alarms are set and are operating correctly
- Fit small inexpensive window/door alarm sensors or vibration sensors to points of access
- Use simple twist locks or dead bolts, especially on doors with traditional key barrels



*an example of an inexpensive but effective door latch which helps to secure a door even if the key barrel is broken, removed or unlocked.

We continue to conduct high visibility patrols in vehicles, on foot and on bicycles, and even have plain-clothes officers and unmarked vehicles in certain areas. During night-time hours when local neighbourhood teams are typically off duty we pass areas of particular interest to response officers and specialist teams to ensure patrols are still conducted as frequently as possible.



Following increasing numbers of shoplifting in South Wigston we are pleased to report that numerous high-profile and prolific offenders have been identified, arrested and charged. This month alone:

- Aaron Genders was charged with one theft and other offences in other areas. He was remanded and sent to court the next day. He has been given a 16-week custodial sentence and ordered to pay back compensation to the store.
- Owen Redshaw was arrested earlier this year when eagle eyed officers from Euston Street spotted him on their area. He has now had charges authorised against him for three thefts and a court date will follow.
- Joseph Silcott has been charged with 3 offences shop theft offences as well as other unrelated matters. He was remanded and is awaiting his court date on remand in prison.

Local beat officers and PCSO's continue to work diligently alongside our colleagues who target shoplifters – sharing intelligence, collating CCTV and witness statements and chasing down and arresting those who take what doesn't belong to them!



Engagements and Events

Don't miss out on our events and engagements:

Speak to your Beat Team

Saturday 6th September – 10am – 1pm PCSO Dom will be at the front counter of Wigston Police Station to answer any queries

South Wigston Residents' Forum

Wednesday 29th October – 7pm-9pm Location TBC – keep checking Oadby & Wigston Borough Council for details

Christmas Capers

Saturday 6th December – 1pm - 6pm Elliot Hall/Blaby Road, South Wigston

More community engagements and other events will be listed in the coming weeks – keep an eye on Neighbourhood Link and social media for updates

You can keep up to date with what your local beat team gets up to by following us on social media: Oadby and Wigston Police | Facebook