

# 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:

#### Burglary

Burglaries have been raised as the top priority for South Wigston.

#### **Road Safety**

General road safety and speeding are frequently raised as a priority locally.

#### **Antisocial Behaviour**

ASB – specifically illegal and dangerous motorcycles, have been raised as a concern

### What we have done #yousaidwedid

**Burglary** has been raised as a top priority for many residents in South Wigston, especially with darker nights drawing in. Burglary is a local and force-wide priority for us, with operations and initiatives set up specifically to tackle burglaries as they happen, identify those responsible and help to educate potential victims to improve safety and decrease risk.

In October we conducted a Burglary Awareness Session at Fairfield Community Primary School – this attracted a fantastic turnout and gave residents the opportunity to learn more about home security and to ask the South Wigston beat team any questions they had.

This session followed several reported burglaries on the Fairfield estate, leading PCSO Dom and our Police Volunteers to visit over 300 of the most vulnerable properties on the estate and deliver security advice and equipment. Attendees of the awareness session also benefitted from this advice and equipment.



There are several simple steps you can take to reduce your risk of becoming a target:

- Ensure your homes are well lit especially when you are not home.
- Keep windows and doors closed and locked
- Ensure alarms are fitted and are functioning correctly
- Fit good quality CCTV (especially cameras with motion detection alarms and/or flood lights)
- Hide and secure valuables, including car keys

Anything that reduces the reward and increases the risk for a burglar will do!

**Road Safety** is a year-round priority for many people in South Wigston – including PCSO Dom, who takes a dim view of anyone who puts vulnerable road users at risk.

Dom has been part of a project this year to improve how PCSO's are able to help with this issue and based off this our Chief Constable has now designated PCSO's with more powers to stop and seize vehicles, and report drivers for various offences. This will be put to good use in South Wigston over winter, ensuring our roads remain safe and no innocent person becomes a casualty!



As always we will be conducting random 'Fatal4' operations in South Wigston to combat mobile phone use, speeding, drink and drugs and seatbelt offences – as well as tackling general vehicle safety and document offences. These operations are not for revenue generation as generally fines are not issued and no money from fines comes back to the police. The objective is simple – educate those who can be educated, punish those who cannot.

**Antisocial** and **dangerous** use of illegal motorcycles and illegally modified e-bikes is becoming a nationwide issue, and given the scale of the problem one that the police are generally ill equipped to deal.

In South Wigston we receive sporadic reports of nuisance motorcycles and e-bikes, and regularly patrol near parks and schools to provide advice to dissuade their use. If seen, and especially if seen riding carelessly, we seize them and there is no way to claim them back – they are crushed.

We continue to work closely with our Neighbourhood Priority Teams and Specialist officers such as Roads Policing to gather intelligence and track the worst offenders to their home addresses where their bikes are seized, and they are reported – or arrested if needs be.

Although you may see these bikes riding past police cars and the police not reacting there are several reasons for this-

- Not all officers are blue light trained (including PCSO's who can drive marked cars)
- Even less officers are pursuit trained
- Pursuits are incredibly dangerous and must be continuously risk assessed (we don't want to injure innocent people for the sake of an e-bike)
- We still find out who these people are without chasing them, and pay them surprise visits at home – seizing their bikes and often getting them in trouble with their parents too!



## Engagements and Events

We had the pleasure of attending the South Wigston Remembrance Day parade, and PCSO Dom was honoured to be asked to lay a wreath on behalf of the neighbourhood policing team and Leicestershire Police.



#### Don't miss out on our events and engagements:

Christmas Capers
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December – 1pm - 6pm
Elliot Hall/Blaby Road, South Wigston

More community engagements and other events will be listed soon for the New Year – keep an eye on Neighbourhood Link and social media for updates