



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.

Your priorities are chosen quarterly and are based upon information gathered through NHL (Neighbourhood Link), social media, local engagement, and emerging crime trends. You have stated that the following key themes are important to you. #YouSaidWeDid

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Drugs Offences - Drug dealing and taking drugs	Online reports have been received in relation to drug activity at a specific location. Work by the beat team and partners is underway to establish the validity of the reports and a plan moving forward.
General ASB, congregating youths e-scooters and bikes.	Op Pedal fast is continuing in your area and regular patrols are taking place.
Road Safety including car cruising, anti-social driving and vehicle safety has been highlighted by the public as an issue.	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.

News

We had a fantastic time visiting Springwell Preschool recently and meeting all of the children and staff. The children were full of questions and enthusiasm, and they really enjoyed spending time with the officers. However, the highlight of the visit was definitely getting a close up look at the police car, which proved very popular! Visits like these are a great opportunity to help children build positive relationships with the police from a young age. By engaging with children in a fun and friendly environment, we can help create trust and confidence, showing that police officers are here to help and support their communities.

During the school half-term period, we have received a number of reports concerning the behaviour of groups of young people in and around Trinity Park, Whetstone and Blaby Precinct. Reports include derogatory and abusive language being directed towards members of the public, as well as individuals climbing onto the roofs of buildings in the area. A number of those involved have already been identified and their parents or guardians spoken to. Enquiries remain ongoing to identify others, and we believe some individuals may also be linked to previous reports of anti-social behaviour in the area. Being part of a group does not provide anonymity. Officers are reviewing available evidence, and the CCTV system covering Blaby Precinct and wider village centre may assist in identifying those responsible. The beat team will continue to conduct home visits and work with partner agencies to identify others involved. Where individuals are identified, both they and their parents or guardians can expect contact from officers. Residents should not have to put up with abusive, derogatory or intimidating behaviour while going about their daily lives. From speaking with some of the young people involved, a common theme has been that they were being "dared" to do things by friends or trying to impress others within the group. However, being encouraged by others does not remove personal responsibility for your actions. Whilst some may dismiss this behaviour as "banter", the impact on those on the receiving end can be significant. Being under 18, or acting as part of a group, does not remove accountability or prevent police action where offences are identified. Climbing on roofs is also not only anti-social but poses a significant risk of serious injury. We encourage parents and guardians to speak with their children about their behaviour and whereabouts during any school holidays.



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.

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.



Community engagements



[Leics.police.uk/local-policing/](http://www.leics.police.uk/local-policing/)



BlabyPolice



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Local Officer Drop In

**Attfields Farm Shop,
Countesthorpe Road, Cosby**

15th November 10-11am



OP BLUE MOUNTAIN

— East Midlands Special Operations Unit —



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.