FOREST BEAT parish council report

Police update

1st – 30th NOVEMBER 2022

**BEAT TEAM CONTACTS:**

If you need to contact a member of your beat team and the enquiry isn’t urgent then the easiest way to do this is via email, you can either do this through the Leicestershire Police website or on the details below: **Please do not report crime or Incidents via emails as the messages are not always monitored.**

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Did you know you can report crime and incidents using our online portal?

Please visit <https://www.leics.police.uk/> Click on REPORT.
In an emergency dial 999

Visit our website for details on crime prevention

<https://www.leics.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>

**CRIME FIGURES:** please click the link to show the latest available crime figures in the Forest Beat Area, beat team information, policing priorities and meeting and events.

<https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/leicestershire-police/forest/>

# **Test purchase operation in North West Leicestershire sees all businesses pass**

[News](https://www.leics.police.uk/news/news-search/?ct=News)An operation in North West Leicestershire to test businesses selling alcohol to those under the age of 18 saw all those who were visited pass.

As part of the operation which was carried out 16/11/2022 a total of 14 stores were visited and tested in Coalville, Ashby, Ibstock, Whitwick, Measham and Ellistown.

The businesses were approached by a 16-year-old and 17-year-old volunteer, who acted as test purchasers, and tried to purchase alcohol without any form of identification. All the businesses successfully did not sell any alcohol to the teenagers.

Sergeant Jon Sharpe from Coalville’s dedicated neighbourhood team, said: “We are extremely pleased that all the businesses that were visited and tested passed, especially as six of them had previously failed.

“Test purchasing operations play a key role in ensuring that businesses operate within the law and we want to continue to enforce the message to licensed and unlicensed premises, to remind their staff to conduct ‘Challenge 25’ checks.”

It is illegal to sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 18. Businesses can be prosecuted and fined for doing so and their licence could be at risk.

The Challenge 25 scheme enables a business to request identification from anyone they believe to be aged 25 years or under and request valid proof of age.

**Don’t forget to follow North West Leicestershire Police on Facebook and Twitter for up to date news and events**

**We thank you for your continued support and encourage you to report any incident.**

**By calling 101 (or 999 in an emergency)**

**By e-mailing -** **contactus@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk**

**Or via social media on Twitter or Facebook**

**Alternatively, you can report anything anonymously to Crimestopper’s either online or by calling 0800 555 111.**

**POLICE REPORT 1st to 31st October 2022**

**ACRESFORD**

05/11/2022 – Burton Road – theft of windows left on a pallet at front of house

05/11/2022 – Coopers Close – dog causing injury

**ALBERT VILLAGE**

01/11/2022 – Main Street – theft of tools from back of flat-bed truck

27/11/2022 – Mushroom Lane – car in ditch – no injuries

29/11/2022 – Reservoir Hill – car in ditch

**APPLEBY MAGNA**

03/11/2022 – Atherstone Road Service Station – attempted break into parked up trailer – nothing stolen

03/11/2022 – Mcdonalds- suspicious males

04/11/2022 – Appleby Inn Hotel – tools stolen from company vehicle

06/11/2022 – Shell Garage, Atherstone Road – males refusing to leave and being abusive

11/11/2022 – Church Street – stolen vehicle

16/11/2022 – Mawbys Lane – 2 vehicle RTC – no injuries

**BLACKFORDBY**

13/11/2022 – Main Street – van collided with 2 stationery vehicles

**CHILCOTE**

11/11/2022 – Quarry Berry Lane – single car RTC – no injuries

**DONISTHORPE**

07/11/2022 – Masons Arms, Church Street – suspicious vehicle

09/11/2022 – Hall Lane – vehicle abandoned in field

12/11/2022 – Ramscliff Avenue – damage to car

13/11/2022 – Donisthorpe Woodlands Centre – anti-social behaviour teenagers being rude

17/11/2022 – Ashby Road – theft of motor vehicle

20/11/2022 – Church Street – loose dogs

28/11/2022 – Moira Road – car in ditch

**MEASHAM**

02/11/2022 – Dale Gardens – suspicious behaviour by 2 individuals

03/11/2022 – Mease Close – theft from motor vehicle small amount of money taken

03/11/2022 – Buzzard Close – stolen vehicle

04/11/2022 – Flora Lane – stolen vehicle

04/11/2022 – RTC Lorry and car – no injuries

10/11/2022 – Ashby Road Petrol Station – vehicle filled with diesel and left without paying

12/11/2022 – High Street – dangerous driving

15/11/2022 – Ashby Road – anti social behaviour – youths knocking windows

22/11/2022 – Gallows Lane – vehicle in ditch – vehicle recovered – no injuries

23/11/2022 – Atherstone Road – Jewellery and spare car key stolen

**MOIRA**

06/11/2022 – Canal View Lane – car driven across grass verge causing damage

11/11/2022 – Co-op, Shortheath Road – theft of 1 x bottle of wine

16/11/2022 – Park Road – abandoned vehicle blocking access

19/11/2022 – Ashby Road – attempted theft of vehicle

20/11/2022 – Ashfield Drive – property broken into by smashing window and items from inside stolen

24/11/2022 – School Street – loose goats in the road

27/11/2022 – Rawdon Road – RTC x 3 vehicles no injuries

27/11/2022 – Tandy Avenue – theft of motor vehicle

28/11/2022 – Coronation Avenue – suspicious males looking at motorbikes

28/11/2022 – Conkers Discovery Centre – theft of diesel

30/11/2022 – Blackfordby Lane – theft of van

**NEWTON BURGOLAND**

Main Street – cyclist fallen off bike

**OAKTHORPE**

19/11/2022 – Chapel Street – reports of drink driver

**SNARESTONE**

11/11/2022 – Main Street – theft of caravan

**SPRING COTTAGE**

Spring Cottage Road – abandoned vehicle

**STRETTON-EN-LE-FIELD**

01/11/2022 - A444 – RTC – vehicle in hedge – no injuries

**SWEPSTONE**

04/11/2022 – Newton Road – suspicious vehicle

Please ensure that you safely lock and secure all your property including vehicles, garden sheds and outbuildings and your home. Ensure you leave a light on at night to deter thieves who prefer working in the dark

* We will endeavour to provide regular patrols across the beat and will continue to deal with any reported incidents accordingly.

# **Warning to website and social media sellers following reports of banking fraud**

Leicestershire Police is urging people using selling websites and social media to sell items to remain vigilant following an increase in reports of banking fraud.

Between July and October, a number of reports have been received of sellers using a fake banking app, which makes it look like money has been transferred when it has not.

The incidents have involved the victims being asked to put their bank details into a fake app on a buyer’s phone when meeting to hand over the item. The app produces a screen which states the money has been successfully been transferred.

Victims have reported that when they check their account, no money has been received.

Thirteen reports have been received from victims living in Leicestershire – as well as the West Midlands, Warwickshire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Buckinghamshire and South Wales.

The incidents are being investigated by the force’s Economic Crime Unit (ECU). We are advising sellers to be mindful of the below before agreeing to hand over an item:

Do:

* Check the buyer’s review history and feedback from other reviewers. Beware of accounts that may have been set up very recently with lots of favourable feedback that sounds similar as this could be an indication of fake reviews
* Obtain a name and address of the buyer along with verifiable phone number
* Consider meeting in a mutual location for the handover/sale of goods
* Always use the site’s recommended payment site (such as PayPal) and read the terms and conditions to understand what you are protected against
* Avoid direct bank transfers where possible. Use known third-party payment providers after checking terms and conditions
* If payment is made via bank transfer, always check with your own bank if any payment is shown as pending
* Keep hold of any property until you have received confirmation from your bank that the payment has been received successfully
* Trust your instincts and decline the sale if you have any doubts

Do not:

* Allow a buyer to change the original agreed meeting place
* Hand over any goods until money confirmed in your account. Even if the buyer states they wish to test the item
* Allow the buyer to rush you in an effort to persuade you that payment has been made

Sergeant Pete Nichols said: “The reports we’ve received so far have included victims both from within our force area and further afield. While our investigations are continuing, we want to ensure sellers remain vigilant and are aware of what’s happening.

“If you have family or friends who are selling items through websites or social media, please pass this message on and ask that they too take extra care so they do not fall victim.”

You can make a report by visiting <https://www.leics.police.uk/ro/report/fo/v2/report-fraud-bribery-corruption> or calling 101.

Further information about fraud can be found by visiting the Action Fraud website: [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/)

**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.

Through this service you can receive messages from your local Neighbourhood Policing Team, local police or, in the event of a major incident or event affecting the whole of Leicestershire, from a partnership of agencies known as the Local Resilience Forum.

In order to receive messages you will need to register your details. Registration is free and simple to follow.

• Sign up to Neighbourhood Link <https://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk/>

• If you are already registered you can amend your details

• Request a reminder if you have forgotten your username or password

• You can unsubscribe from the service at any time

Do you use a ‘community whatsapp group’? If so please consider sharing neighbourhood link information on there to encourage others to join.

Neighbourhood Link is not able to receive messages and you should not use it to contact the police. In an emergency always dial 999. If you wish to contact Leicestershire Police in other circumstances, for example to speak to local police or seek advice on police matters, you can call us by dialling 101 on your telephone.

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