



Leicestershire  
**Police**  
Protecting our communities

# Forest Beat Newsletter

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## Your Local Team



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## What matters to you

We have listened to you and the concerns you raised and will prioritise the following in October 2023.

### **Priority 1: ASB and Criminal Damage**

You said: Criminal Damage and Anti-Social Behaviour at Woodlands Way, Moira and surrounding areas is of concern to you.

What we are going to do: \*Targeted Patrols \*Intelligence development

### **Priority 2: Road Safety**

You Said: HGV's breaching the weight limit was of concern to you on the Forest Beat

What we are going to do: \*Targeted patrols - Partnership Working

### **Priority 3: Anti-Social Behaviour**

You Said: Anti-Social Behaviour on High Street, Measham and surrounding areas.

### **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/>

### **NEWS**

To read all the latest news please follow the link

[News | Leicestershire Police \(leics.police.uk\)](https://www.leics.police.uk/news)

## **CRIME PREVENTION**

Visit our website for details on crime prevention

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

## **What we are doing**

- Community Consultations to hear your views which assists us in priority setting in the future.
- Regular patrols of hotspot ASB area's
- Attending Parish Council Meetings
- Visiting schools, youth groups and community meetings
- Officers are regularly conducting patrols in areas where there are reports of HGV vehicles breaching the weight limit
- ASB at the bus stop on Burton Road, Measham—officers will be patrolling the area
- Regular patrols of Moira Furnace, Hicks Lodge and local park areas.
- Patrols of the Norris Hill area after reports of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage

## **News**

- Theft of alcohol from Tesco Express, High Street, Measham
- Lorry broken into and a large quantity of boxes stolen—Service Station, Atherstone Road, Appleby Magna
- Damage to window—Woodlands Way, Moira
- Theft of motor vehicle—Chapel Street, Measham
- Shoplifting- Unknown male enters store and steals multiple items - Tesco Express, High Street, Measham
- Theft of items— Service Station, Atherstone Road, Appleby Magna

Please help the Forest beat to understand your concerns by completing the following surveys

Confidence Survey



Your Views Survey



# Weight limits and restrictions

Weight limits are used to prevent lorries with a gross weight of more than 7.5 tonnes, known as Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) from using roads that are unsuitable. The aim being to improve the environment for residents and encourage walking and cycling.

Drivers and those responsible for running those services which require the transportation of goods and services using HGVs should always use and provide routes that are the most appropriate strategic and primary roads for example motorways and trunk roads, they should avoid (local) A & B roads unless absolutely necessary for access purposes and where possible avoid environmentally sensitive areas. Leicestershire County Council also advocates the use of regularly updated HGV specific satellite navigation systems.

HGVs can cause problems for communities, such as:

- causing excessive noise and vibration when using small residential roads
- getting stuck on narrow roads
- causing traffic congestion on local roads

Although HGVs can be a problem, it is important to note that they're essential in supporting local businesses and communities. In some cases, HGVs must use some unsuitable roads as access is required for local deliveries to certain businesses. Another reason could be due to the vehicle having out of date SatNav information and the driver being unfamiliar with the local area.

You can't prevent HGVs from using your road as lorries are permitted to use any classification of road for access and deliveries.

A HGV weight restriction prohibits vehicles over a certain weight, but with exceptions travelling along a route. These are sometimes known as environmental weight restrictions. These types of restrictions are designed to prevent HGVs regularly travelling through an area without stopping for deliveries or access. Buses are allowed to use weight restricted zones.

The County Council has very limited powers to deal with vehicles who are not abiding by weight restrictions, however this is enforced by the police.

If you believe a HGV to be contravening a weight restriction you can report this to the Police by calling 101 providing details of date, time, location (road name or number and village), direction of travel and identification of the vehicle (registration number or company name). The Police may not respond directly but will log and review the contravention and contact the Haulier or Company to confirm if the vehicle was legitimately travelling within the zone or not.

It is a misconception that an environmental weight restriction will stop all HGV traffic, HGVs can legally enter a weight restricted area to access a premises or to load/unload and once they have entered a zone they can legally exit that zone by any route.

Communities may wish to create a lorry watch type scheme where communities can report incidents of HGVs that are using unsuitable roads to the Parish Council for them to pass the collated information to the Police.

You can report a weight restriction breach by a vehicle in Leicestershire by using the online form: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/weight-restriction-monitoring>

# Significant number of arrests made during County Lines Intensification Week

Leicestershire Police has carried out 43 warrants, arrested 38 people and made safeguarding visits to more than 20 vulnerable people during a national week of action targeting drug dealing and supply.

Officers also recovered cash, drugs and weapons as a result of the warrants carried out across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland during County Lines Intensification Week from Monday 9 October to Sunday 15 October 2023. The intensification week is designed to disrupt the supply of drugs, raise awareness of Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) and safeguard victims.

County Lines is the name given to drug dealing where organised criminal groups from cities exploit young people from smaller towns and rural areas into moving and supplying drugs. The 'county line' is the mobile phone line used to take the orders of drugs.

Operational activity across the week resulted in;

- 38 arrests – 5 individuals were charged with 11 separate offences
- 43 warrants carried out across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland
- An ANPR operation which led to 6 vehicles being stop checked
- Weapons recovered including machetes, knives, knuckle dusters, air rifles, taser and a blank firing pistol
- Over £22,000 in cash being seized
- More than £120,000 worth of drugs seized
- Reached 7393 school pupils and 330 educational professionals with interactive preventative workshops
- 2 cars were seized
- Safeguarded 20 individuals and visited 7 properties suspected of being cuckooed properties
- Intelligence gathered for future warrants
- 38 stop searches and 2 arrests at Leicester Train Station with British Transport Police

# 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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Neighbourhood Link is not able to receive messages and you should not use it to contact the police. In an emergency always dial 999. An emergency is when a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, someone is injured, being threatened or in danger.

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The banner features the 'Neighbourhood Link' logo in white on a dark blue background, with the subtitle 'Police Community Messaging Service' below it. The background image shows a person's hand holding a smartphone, with a blue '101' sticker on the back of the phone. At the bottom, there is a dark blue bar with white text: 'Receive the latest news, updates and events information direct from the police'. To the right of this text is the Leicestershire Police crest and logo. Below the bar, the text 'REGISTER TODAY' is written in red, followed by the website address 'www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk' in white.