



Welcome to your Market Harborough police e-newsletter. Here you will find all of the latest news from a Market Harborough policing perspective and crime prevention advice to help keep yourself safe

## County Lines & Hate Crime Awareness Week

The second week of October (Monday 11 October) was a national intensification week to tackle county lines.

Leicestershire Police conducted investigations for a number of months in order to execute a large number of warrants to target the supply of drugs in the force area.

In Market Harborough, there were two drug warrants carried out. Class A drugs and a quantity of cash were found at one of the addresses, with two arrests being made.

Officers also visited local schools to discuss County Lines with students. The week also crossed over with Hate Crime Awareness Week, so officers took the opportunity to touch on Hate Crime awareness and the importance of reporting hate crime. This was in addition to a number of hosted beat surgeries around the district.



## Darker nights



### Shed Breaks:

We received 3 shed break-in reports in late September. Please consider what is in your shed and your security around it. Mark valuable garden furniture/ornaments, by painting or etching them with your house number and postcode.

### Top tips for keeping your home secure:

- Leave your property well lit, especially when you're not home.
- Lock all doors and windows before going out .
- Be careful when posting on social media that you are away from home for long periods of time.
- When de-icing your windscreens in the morning, please don't leave it unattended with the engine running. It invites potential thieves to take your car.

## Alcohol awareness week

Alcohol Awareness Week (15 November—21 November) is a chance for everyone to think about drinking alcohol. The annual theme for Alcohol Awareness Week 2021 is 'Alcohol and relationships'.

Alcohol and relationships are closely linked. Many of us associate alcohol and socialising, and alcohol can become a big part of our connections and interactions with those around us. But when our own or a loved one's drinking starts to negatively affect our relationships, or stands in the way of us taking action on our own drinking, it can have a huge impact on our lives.

On top of this, research shows that many of us have found ourselves drinking more to deal with feelings of loneliness and isolation during the pandemic. As we leave lockdown and return to normal life there will be new pressures too – pressures to drink, 'sober shaming', and pressures we put on ourselves to get back to 'normal' socialising.

Sign up to do something positive or to find help and support if you are concerned about your own/a loved one's alcohol use at <https://alcoholchange.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/alcohol-awareness-week-1> or call our local service providers <https://www.turning-point.co.uk/services/leicestershire>

## ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour)

New legislation powers have been introduced to tackle the use of psychoactive substances and 'legal highs', such as nitrous oxide, linked to anti-social behaviour.

In a joint initiative, Harborough District Council and Oadby and Wigston Borough Council have brought in a "Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)" - which prohibits the use of psychoactive substances in public places.

Breaking the order would be a criminal offence, and could result in a fixed penalty notice of £100 or prosecution.

## Speeding whilst driving

It is a priority of Harborough Police to keep our roads safe as well as our streets. By doing so, we regularly send out a mobile speed camera van to monitor the driving of Harborough's residents.

In October, we had one visit to Tilton with two offences & one visit to Great Glen with one offence.

Please continue to abide by the area's speed limits to keep yourself and those around you safe.

### Mobile Speed Camera Van Enforcement Summary – October 2021

Road	Area	Summary	
		Visits	Offences
Oakham Rd	Tilton	1	2
Old London Rd	Great Glen	1	1

**The next edition will be out soon!**