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BURBAGE BEAT NEWS. PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBOURS AND FAMILY TO HELP EACH OTHER PREVENT CRIME AND WORK TOGETHER.

CONTACT AND INFORMATION

Welcome to the Burbage Beat

Latest News

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Welcome to 'The Beat'! The Beat will be a regular publication sent by your local policing team to provide you with updates on crime, investigation results and activities & events that your local policing teams have or are involved in.

our local policing team for Burbage is Neighbourhood policing Sgt Dave Cleaver, PC Wendy Gilliver, PCSO Darren Stretton.



Sgt Dave Cleaver



PC Wendy Gilliver



PCSO Darren Stretton

To Call the police,

999 Emergency

101 non-emergency

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Reports of Suspicious vehicle/people <https://leics.police.uk/advice-and-information/>



We actively encourage our community to keep a log, and/or report suspicious vehicles. This comes in useful if there have been recent crimes. If you believe they are in the act of committing a crime please call 999. If you would just like to pass on some information then you are more than welcome to call 101 or Email myself. The information you provide may go towards building a bigger picture and may be the piece of information we are missing. Regarding vehicles, please try to provide an accurate VRM and description of the vehicle. Please also remember that these suspicious vehicles or people can have very innocent reasons for being somewhere. Please remember to NEVER put yourself in any danger when obtaining details. If you hear of local crime and feel you may have some information such as suspicious vehicle VRM's please let us know. This month has seen several high value vehicles stolen with a couple of further attempted thefts, please stay aware and review your security.

You can find information on scams through the following link <https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/>

Burglary and non-Dwelling <https://leics.police.uk/advice-and-information/crime-prevention/burglary/home-security>



We offer a huge range of advice around home security and how to protect your homes. We speak to our community by visiting our residents with advice and promoting home security during the beat surgeries. Please be mindful all year round as to your home security. Please also consider your home when going on holiday and consider joining a local neighbourhood watch group. We also have a supply of security stock at the local office and lots of advice and ideas to help you. This month has seen an increase in residential burglaries, mainly when residents are on holiday. PLEASE check our links for advice.

You can also report suspected criminal activity at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org>

Car theft and Theft from vehicles <https://leics.police.uk/advice-and-information/crime-prevention/vehicle-crime>



Types of vehicle crime often change, so it is important that we look at all aspects of vehicle safety. These range from what we leave in our cars to where we leave our keys. It is also important to remember that vehicles can be targeted all year round so bad practices such as leaving car windows open in the summer or keys in the engine in the winter, can make you become an easy target. There is also lots of great advice for van owners on the above link. We have a small supply of key defender wallets available and also VRM plate screws at our local office. Please contact me if you would like any help.

Anti-Social Behavior <https://leics.police.uk/advice-and-information/information-zone/what-antisocial-behaviour>



ASB can be a variety of different issues. We work alongside HBBC to tackle local issues. We visit local schools to educate young people around what anti-social behavior is and the consequences of it. We also educate children around the dangers of things like drugs, bullying and the internet safety. We also deal with other types of ASB such as neighbourhood disputes and general community concerns. If you would like to know more about this subject please go to the link above. Limiting the amount of ASB makes our communities happier and I would ask us all to support in reducing these issues. As the dark nights are drawing in please consider your safety and the safety of younger people when out and about in the evening or at night.

<http://leics.police.uk/advice-amp-information/information-zone/crimestoppers>

Top Christmas crime prevention tips for grown ups

At home;

- * Put Christmas presents out of sight
- * Always Lock your windows and doors
- * Leave a light on in the evening



Your vehicle

- * When you leave your vehicle make sure you lock it
- * Put your Christmas shopping in the boot
- * Park in a well-lit area

Out and about

- * Enjoy your Christmas party and book a cab to get home
- * Going for a drink? Have fun and drink sensibly
- * Coming back late? Think of your neighbours

* **lock it or lose it**
Don't let criminals steal your Christmas



Local crime

Please be alert to recent crimes that have happened in Burbage. These have included residential burglaries whilst residents are on holiday. Being pro-active around home security can support with deterring criminals. Security measures that can help include some of the following

- Get involved with local neighbourhood watch groups
- Do not leave valuables unattended such as cash and jewelry
- Do not make it obvious you are away from home, consider light timers, a friend or family to check on your property, curtains being open/closed, vehicles on your drive, post on view, CCTV, lighting.
- Limit who you tell you are going away
- Consider home/vehicle alarms
- Do not leave products on show in your window or vehicle
- If you have a keyless car, review security as in where you leave keys, keyless defender wallet, can you park in a garage?, vehicle tracker
- Also in the run up to Christmas please see our leaflet for advice.

Listen up! We're warning people to #StayTunedToFraud in our latest campaign:

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/news/stay-tuned-to-fraud-as-6.5m-is-lost-to-gift-card-fraud-aug18>

How to protect yourself from gift card fraudsters:

Gift cards, including App Store and iTunes gift cards can only be used to purchase goods and services from the retailer named on the card. Never provide the numbers on the back of iTunes Gift Cards to someone you don't know. No genuine organization will ask you to pay taxes, bills or fees using iTunes Gift Cards, or any other type of voucher. If you're contacted by anyone that asks you to do this, you're very likely the target of a scam.

- Always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information in case it's a scam. Even if someone knows your basic details (such as your name and address), it doesn't mean they are genuine.
- Genuine banks or other trusted organizations won't pressure you to make a financial transaction on the spot. If something feels wrong then it's usually right to question it.
- If you think you have been a victim of fraud, [report it to Action Fraud online](#) or by calling 0300 123 2040.



If you suspect someone of being involved in illegal activity, please report it to Leicestershire police.

Crime can have a massive impact on the victims, so please help solve these issues.

Anybody can contact CrimeStoppers to anonymously report a crime or suspicious behaviour by visiting their website <https://crimestoppers-uk.org> or calling 0800 555 111.

<https://www.police.uk/information-and-advice/reporting-crime/>



We currently have a supply of "Lions message in a bottle". They are a very useful and potentially a very important item. If you know anyone who would benefit from one then please contact me. They are free and easy to fill in.
<https://www.lions105d.org.uk/projects/miab.html>

We also have a supply of "defender blocker wallets" for keyless cars. These are a great idea in preventing vehicle theft and would encourage anyone with a keyless car in Burbage to get one. They are £2 each and available from the police office at the Millennium hall.



The Beat Surgery gives our local residents the opportunity to speak to us about any local issues or concerns.

At the Beat surgery we also offer advice on a range of subjects from home safety to stranger danger and crime prevention. The advice we offer covers all ages.

I would encourage anyone that wishes to have a chat to drop along to the Beat surgery, or if you would like me to attend a group to have a chat around any subject please ask.

The following dates are planned.

Co-op, Boyslade road, Burbage

Friday 26/10/2018 15:00-17:00

Saturday 24/11/2018 17:00-19:00

Wednesday 12/12/2018 18:00-20:00

Three Pots Post Office, Wolvey road, Burbage

Friday 5th Oct 14:00-16:00

Friday 2nd Nov 10:00-12:00

Monday 17th December 10:00-12:00

Please come along and have a chat.

New Leicestershire Police website

Please take some time to look at the new website. It is full of useful information and shows you how to report crime online and who to report a range of issues to.

<https://leics.police.uk/>

On this site you can do amongst other things:

Report crime online.

See local news.

View advice for a range of issues from online security to vehicle crime.

Other useful links

ACTION FRAUD <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

DOMESTIC ABUSE SUPPORT <https://leics.police.uk/advice-and-information/victims-witnesses/domestic-abuse>

ADDICTION SUPPORT <https://leics.police.uk/advice-and-information/information-zone/drugs-and-alcohol/family-and-friends-support>

Child Exploitation and Online Protection command <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

This month's hot topics. What can we do to help? *What can the community do to prevent/help?*

Vehicle crime

Please be aware of vehicle thefts. High value cars are being targeted and there are several security precautions that can be taken to reduce the risk. These include key defender wallets, parking your vehicle in a garage, vehicle trackers, locking your vehicle and not leaving car/house keys on display or easy to get to. If you have CCTV please park your vehicle in view of it and try to have the area lit. Also theft resistant number plate fixers can help prevent your number plate from being swapped easily if it were to get stolen. We have some of these at our local office if you need support with this.

MVAS (moveable vehicle activated sign) up and running in Burbage

We have managed to get the MVAS sign up and running again in Burbage. The sign is owned by the Parish council who work with ourselves to put up the sign and analyze data recorded on it. This data is then reviewed by the county council who decide if further action is needed to reduce speed on the road. We locate the box at sites allocated by the county council based on public concern.

Traffic matters, to report speeding issues or traffic concerns in your area.

If you would like to report concerns around potholes or signage please contact,

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel>

If you would like to report ongoing speeding or vehicle issues in your area please contact:

Call on 0116 3057953 or simply email concerns over to customerservices@leics.gov.uk

Pavement parking <https://www.askthe.police.uk/content/Q387.htm>



Please be mindful of pedestrians and other motorists when parking your vehicle. Sometimes it may mean you have to walk for a few seconds to get to your location. Remember that **IT IS AN OFFENCE** to drive on a pavement. **IT IS AN OFFENCE** to block pedestrian access on a pavement. **IT IS AN OFFENCE** to cause an obstruction on a road. The majority of road issues around parking boil down to common sense and curtesy for those around us. This issue affects all of us, let's work together to fix it.



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