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# The Beat

Your local policing  
update

## September 2018

*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

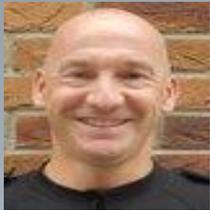
### Latest News

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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*

*[Leics.police.uk/local-policing/Burbage](http://Leics.police.uk/local-policing/Burbage)*



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whatever your  
question may be.*





**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.

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

This month we received **14 calls** regarding suspicious vehicles/people.

**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. The above link will give you some vital support in home security, please have a look. Please also consider your home when going on holiday and consider joining a local neighbourhood watch group.

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

This month we have dealt with **7** residential burglaries and **1** non-dwelling breaks.

**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.

This month we have suffered **3** vehicles stolen and **4** thefts from vehicles.

**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.

This month we have received **6 calls** concerning ASB

# #Summersafe

<https://leics.police.uk/advice-and-information/safer-summer-2018>

Why not Visit the above link and spend a few minutes to look at how you can protect yourself this summer. You will find a wide range of hints and tips on how to help yourself. The site focuses this year on issues such as Antisocial Behavior, Civil issues, Vehicle crime, Burglary, Personal safety and online safety.

This month we held a crime prevention event in Burbage at the Hanson Cab and received a very good response. Thank you to all those who helped spread the word and visited us, it was great to see you.

We also organized a bicycle marking event at the Millennium hall which also offered security and safety advice.

We have also completed several talks around crime prevention, anti-social behavior and drugs with our local youngsters including events at the Britannia hall and at local churches in Burbage. Once again if anybody would like any support please contact me.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 14:00-16:00

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 10:00-12:00

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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?*

## Home security

PLEASE review your home security especially if you are going on holiday, even if it is just for a few days. Have a look on the below link for some great advice on how to protect yourself.

**PLEASE DO NOT** leave cash lying around in your home, this is what thieves want.

PLEASE keep your jewelry safe. Keep it out of sight and ideally in a safe.

**DO NOT** leave items such as sun glasses, sat nav's, loose change in your vehicle.

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

## Please read and remember, it could save a life.

Across Europe distraction is emerging as a very regular causation factor in serious collisions despite the publicity and advice that drivers have received over a protracted period. In this Force area numerous serious collisions have recently occurred where distraction is a factor. The penalty for using a phone whilst driving is **6 penalty points** and a **£200 FPN**.

## 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](mailto: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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