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Welcome to the Burbage Beat



The Beat
Your local policing
update
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Burbage beat news. Please share with family, friends and neighbours to support each other with crime prevention and creating communities.

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

Call 999 Emergency

Call 101 non-emergency

[Leics.police.uk/local-policing/Burbage](https://leics.police.uk/local-policing/Burbage)



Community Bear

Community bear has been made by residents of Burbage and will be visiting local schools to promote what a great community is.



A fantastic APP that will give you information of 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. If you hear of local crime and feel you may have some information such as suspicious vehicle VRM's please let us know. Please be aware of door to door sales and rogue traders. Please NEVER hand over cash at the door and please keep an eye out for your neighbours. 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. Please do not keep large amounts of cash in your home and keep your jewelry in a safe place. Don't tell people where you keep it. PLEASE check our links for advice.

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



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 continue to ensure you are not leaving valuables in your vehicle even if they are not in view. If you have a garage, please use it. 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 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. We are patrolling the parks in Burbage throughout the winter nights to monitor any ASB.

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

Rogue Traders

Please be mindful of possible rogue traders over the coming months. Never pay any money to anyone at your door. If you need work doing to your property then please speak to family or friends for advice and do some research into a reputable company. If you feel you are being pushed or forced into paying money then please call the police and do not hand over any money. Do not let strangers into your house. Never go to the bank to fetch money. If you are concerned for someone, then speak to them or a family member. Banks can support in helping to protect people from these tactics. We also offer advice to individuals or give talks to groups if you would like further support.

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

Domestic Violence

As we head into Christmas and the New Year, it can be a happy time of the year for many, but please remember the sad effects for some of the impact of alcohol. Please report domestic violence if you are aware of any and offer support where appropriate.

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

Mental health – Every mind Matters

This time of year can be difficult for a number of reasons. If you are struggling or know someone that is, there are lots of places you can go to seek advice. Below is an NHS site that you may find useful. Remember it is good to talk and share your problems.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

Be safe be seen

I have spoken on many occasions about Bicycle safety but will again anyway. Please, if you know anyone who cycles in the dark or runs, ask yourself,

- Do they wear hi visibility clothing?
- Do they have lights and reflectors on the front and back of their bike?
- Do they carry a mobile phone or personal alarm if they need help?

If you are buying Christmas presents then buy something useful that could save someone's life. Items like Hi-Viz rucksacks, bicycle lights, alarms, phones, helmets can be very cheap but very useful. The following link offers some great advice on bicycle security.

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

We at Burbage police wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas.



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.

If you would like to see our full range of crime prevention products, please contact me and I can send you the catalogue to look through. There is everything from window alarms, personal attack alarms, UV pens, hi viz backpacks and patio door locks.



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

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

Three Pots Post Office, Wolvey road, Burbage

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. This month it has been located on Coventry road and Greenmoor road.

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

This month's events Burbage Christmas Market



On Friday 30th November, me and Jackie Saunt (police volunteer and neighborhood watch) attended the Christmas market and had a stall with lots of crime prevention products. It was a fantastic few hours of speaking to familiar faces and also providing the residents of Burbage with products such as personal attack alarms, Hi-vis bags, key safe and UV marking pens amongst other things. We also spent time giving advice on home and vehicle security. Thankyou from Burbage police for making it a fantastic night.



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