

# CSP e-newsletter



Safer communities

## Community Safety Partnership e-newsletter autumn 2022 edition

### Welcome

We are pleased to present the latest edition of the Blaby and Hinckley & Bosworth Community Safety Partnership (CSP) e-newsletter, which will keep you up to date with the work of the partnership and how it is helping to keep individuals and neighbourhoods safer.

The CSP brings together a collection of people and organisations that have a real commitment to do everything in their power to have a positive impact on reducing crime, the fear of crime and to work closely alongside local communities in bringing about a sense of safety for all.

The CSP has published a three-year Community Safety Strategy which is available for download at <http://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk> and [www.blaby.gov.uk](http://www.blaby.gov.uk)

If you have your own community networks or magazines please feel free to pass on this newsletter or print articles from it.

Joint Chairs of the Community  
Safety Partnership



Cllr Les Phillimore



Cllr Michael Mullaney

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## Community Safety Consultation is now live

If you're over 16 and live in Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland a Community Safety Survey is live until October 28<sup>th</sup> 2022 that gives you the chance to have your say on crime and anti-social behaviour in your area.

In Blaby and Hinckley & Bosworth the Community Safety Partnership will use resident's views from this survey to inform the Crime and Community Safety Priorities for the area for the next three years, 2023-2026 ensuring a focus on issues that are of most concern to our residents.

Cllr Michael Mullaney, Joint Chair of the Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth Community Safety Partnership said: "It is important that as a Partnership we are addressing the issues that are of most concern to the people of Hinckley & Bosworth and Blaby. We would really like to encourage residents to get involved and give their opinions so we can focus on what local people feel are important to them."

The survey can be accessed on the following link [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LNNPJMY](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LNNPJMY) or by scanning the QR code.



Paper copies of the survey can be picked up from the following places:

The council offices at Hinckley Hub or requested from Community Safety on 01455 238141.

A number of community buildings including the community houses in Earl Shilton, Barwell and Wykin.

Blaby District Council reception in Narborough, or call 0116 272 7725.

Please feel free to share widely with your networks.

## Partnership awarded £67,000 Safer Streets Funding

Blaby District Council and Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council have been awarded £67,000 to help them to continue their work in tackling anti-social behaviour. Working together as part of a joint community safety partnership, supported by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and Leicestershire Police, funding has been secured as part of a 'Safer Streets' bid.

The funding will be used to enable the councils to continue improving public places and ensuring that the night-time economy is safer for women and girls.

The Safer Streets Fund is a Home Office fund which enables PCCs and local authorities to bid for investment in initiatives that have been proven to prevent neighbourhood crime.

The funding will help deliver specialist training to licensees and staff in local venues to 'spot the signs' and to call out inexcusable behaviour to address unwanted sexual and violent behaviour to women and girls; CCTV improvements and a range of measures to tackle youth antisocial behaviour including educational campaigns and enhanced youth outreach activities and mentoring.

The projects will be delivered in locations across Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth where there have been increased reports of youth antisocial behaviour or violence against women and girls.

Cllr Les Phillimore, Joint Chair, Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth Community Safety Partnership said: "Everyone has the right to feel safe in their local area. We hope these improved measures will make our public spaces and venues safer and give increased confidence to women who rightly want to feel comfortable on a night out.

"This funding is excellent news and will enable us to enhance our work in reducing anti-social behaviour. The work will involve working positively with young people in our area via a diversion and mentoring initiative and I want to express my thanks to everyone involved in developing and securing the grant funding."

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Police and Crime Commissioner Rupert Matthews said:  
“This is wonderful news for the communities of Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth and will fund a variety of new safety resources to increase public confidence when using our public spaces, especially among women and girls.

“We know that preventative measures such as enhanced CCTV can deter crime and violence and reduce the fear of crime. Alongside proactive training for night-time staff and educational work with young people, this funding will ensure problems are tackled at the earliest opportunity before they escalate or cause future harm.

“Keeping people safe is a top priority and I am determined to reduce the risks and threats that not only impact on safety but cause fear and uncertainty. I am grateful to our local authority partners for helping to secure Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland the money it deserves to make a difference.”

## Safety initiative highlights perils of drink and drug spiking

Hinckley & Bosworth and Blaby community safety teams, along with Hinckley police, are promoting a campaign aimed at the dangers of spiking.

Talks have been given at Hinckley and Blaby Pubwatch meetings and posters distributed to more than 50 licensed venues across Hinckley, Blaby, Burbage, Earl Shilton & Barwell.

The posters are part of a national response to recent issues involving spiking, specifically incidents involving needle spiking or spiking through drinks.

Spiking is when someone puts alcohol or drugs into another person's drink or body without consent. The most common way is by adding drugs or extra alcohol to a drink. Needle spiking is where drugs are injected with a syringe.

Spiking can make someone extremely vulnerable and ill and have a long lasting effect on their life and wellbeing.

There are several reasons why someone might spike someone else, to rob them or to assault them physically or sexually, for example.

Symptoms might start to come into effect within 15 minutes and can last for several hours. They can include:

- Feeling sick
- More drunk than expected
- Feeling confused or disorientated
- Feeling sleepy
- Having hallucinations
- Loss of balance or co-ordination

### **What you can do if you or someone you are with suspects being spiked:**

Go to a safe place – have a trusted person with you.

Keep a close eye on anyone who has had their drink spiked.

Call an ambulance if their condition deteriorates in any way (for example, if they lose consciousness).

Contact police as soon as possible after a suspected incident of drink spiking.

**For further information or a copy of the poster please contact the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council community safety team on 01455 238141 or Blaby District Council community safety team on 0116 272 7725**



## Partnership working helps reduce town centre crime

Partnership working between Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, the police, retail venues & licensed premises and Hinckley BID is working well to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in Hinckley town centre.

With additional CCTV cameras installed across the town, secured from the Home Office Safer Streets fund and retail radios linked into the CCTV room, offences are identified early and tackled by the police to enable positive outcomes.

A few examples of recent incidents that were caught on camera which led to arrests include:

- A group of young people were captured on CCTV spray painting graffiti on the children's play equipment in Argents Mead, an investigation is taking place in relation to this matter which has found numerous locations where further graffiti has been sprayed some of which is around the Town Centre. From the CCTV the main perpetrator has been identified by the Beat Team and ongoing work is being carried out to identify the others.



- A young male ingested a cake laced with cannabis which resulted in him receiving emergency medical attention. Three young people were identified by the Beat Team as being the persons concerned in supplying the male with the drugs. Whilst the CCTV footage was being reviewed by the police one of the males was seen on live footage cycling through the town centre, police were able to locate the male and arrest him. The investigation into the offence was dealt with swiftly by the CID Team at Hinckley who have subsequently dealt with all three males.
- In the early hours of the morning a group of three people set fire to the photo booth and children's ride in The Crescent which consequently damaged one of Costa Coffee's windows, they also set fire to the ATM at The Coventry Building Society, a wheelie bin in Granville Park and attempted to set fire to the play equipment in Argents Mead.

From CCTV the Beat Team quickly identified and arrested the 3 persons who are believed to have been responsible. Investigations are still ongoing.

Cllr Mullaney, Executive Member for Community Safety said: “Whilst we would prefer not to have to waste time and resource on this type of crime and anti-social behaviour the use of CCTV and working closely with our partners is proving successful. My thanks to all involved.”



Police Sergeant James Cross, Beat Sergeant for the Town Centre added: “Over the last 12 months we have been working closely with our partners to improve communication and sharing information. Without doubt this has been embraced by all and with real-time updates via the CCTV operators we are reaping the rewards.”

“People should be thinking twice before they commit a crime in the town centre as it is more than likely that they will be seen, identified and quickly arrested.”

## New commander for Blaby & Hinckley NPA

A new inspector is overseeing the Blaby & Hinckley Neighbourhood Policing Area (NPA).

Steve Palmer has replaced Inspector Jamie Osborne in overseeing the patch which stretches from Glenfield to Hinckley – including Narborough, Stoney Stanton and Market Bosworth.

Insp Palmer – a former deputy NPA commander for East Leicester – became NPA Commander in August. Insp Osborne, who became NPA commander in August 2020, is moving to a new role in local policing and partnerships.



Insp Palmer joined the Army at 16 years old, serving 14 years with the Royal Engineers before becoming a police officer in 2007, starting his career working in Blaby District.

He said: “I am delighted to be the Area Commander for Hinckley and Blaby, the area where I started my policing career 15 years ago.

“I look forward to using all my experience to build a strong policing team that works together with partners and our communities to make our area safer, putting the public first in all that we do.”



## Section 59 Warning Signs placed across the district

Residents across the Blaby District have reported to both the council and the police about issues of vehicles being driven in an anti-social manner, particularly mopeds and e-scooters. E-scooters are against the law to ride on a public road or pavement as they are classed as motorcycles as defined in Section 185 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and means that they must abide by the same traffic legislations as mopeds and motorcycles.

The issue was discussed at Blaby's Tactical Operations Group which is attended by Blaby District Council staff as well as partners from Leicestershire Police and Leicestershire Fire & Rescue.

Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002 refers to vehicles being used in a manner which causes alarm, distress, or annoyance to members of the public.

The Police can issue a warning against both the driver and the vehicle which lasts for 12 months. If the vehicle is again witnessed driving in an anti-social manner, the vehicle can be seized.

Using the Police Locality Funding from the Police & Crime Commissioner, it was agreed through the Tactical Operations Group to purchase Section 59 signs to be placed in locations identified through the complaints received.

The signs act as the warning which means if the vehicle is witnessed being driven in an anti-social manner, it can be seized immediately which enables the police to act much quicker to address the issue.



Cllr Les Phillimore, Joint Chair, Blaby and Hinckley & Bosworth Community Safety Partnership said: "It's excellent news that we have been able to work with our partners to respond so quickly to this spate of anti-social behaviour. By putting up these signs it highlights to the users of our parks and open spaces that we are taking positive and proactive action."

To report vehicles driving in an anti-social manner, contact the police online at [www.leics.police.uk](http://www.leics.police.uk) or call 101. To report to Blaby District Council Community Safety Team online, visit [www.blaby.gov.uk/ASB](http://www.blaby.gov.uk/ASB) or call 0116 272 7725

## Community houses back up and running

After the stop-start of the groups during Covid19, we are very pleased to say we are back up and running and welcoming back old and new members to the projects.

The week starts with the men's cooking group in Burbage and the craft group in Desford and continues throughout the week with further cooking and craft sessions as well as knitting, crocheting, mindfulness, support sessions plus much more. You can now find the community house staff working in venues in Newbold Verdon, Ratby, Desford, Groby and Burbage alongside the bases in Earl Shilton, Wykin and Barwell.

Whether you want to learn a new skill, make friends or just create time for yourself, you can join our friendly groups as and when you want, no commitment needed, affordable and local.

For more information contact Rachel, Shirley or Militza on (01455) 255942 or 255942, 07969 916620

Email: [earlshiltoncommunityhouse@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk](mailto:earlshiltoncommunityhouse@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk)

Find us on Facebook.



## Bid to halt rogue drivers from blocking access roads

Agencies have joined forces to tackle irresponsible parking which prevents refuse lorries and Emergency Fire Appliances from gaining access to properties within parts of Hinckley.

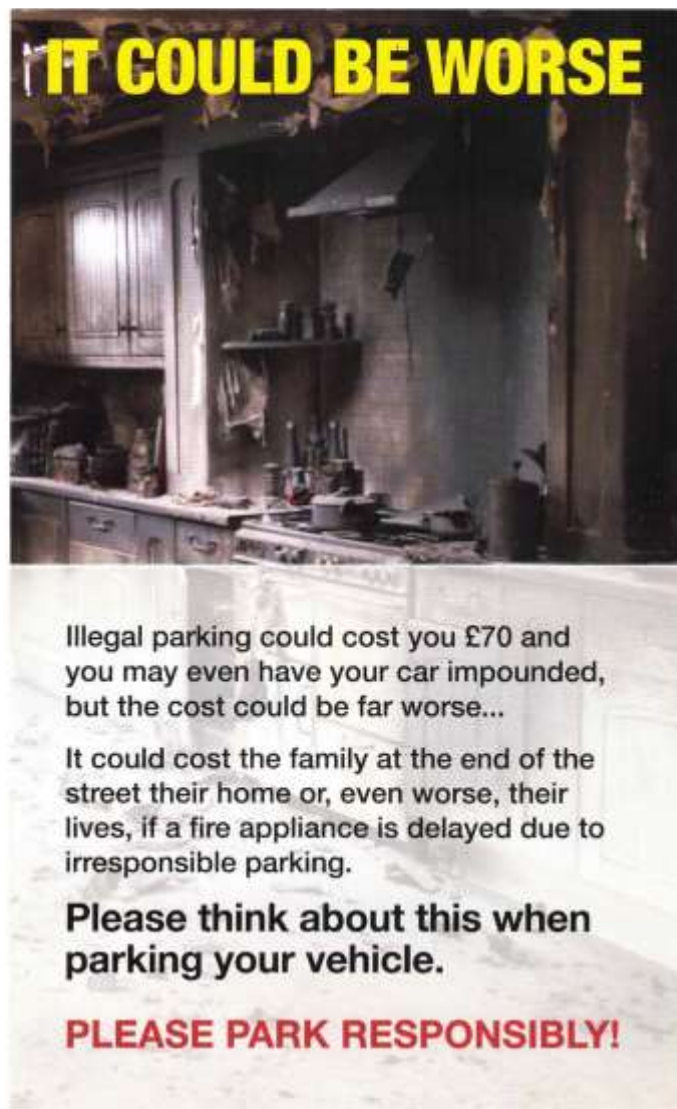
Recently, Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service (LFRS), Hinckley Police and Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council's community safety team & the recycling/ refuse team came together to target vehicles parked irresponsibly on Manor Street, Bunneys Meadow and on the junction of Princess Road and Clarence Road.

With vehicles causing an obstruction in places, access to the streets was not possible, also it was often dangerous for the lorries and emergency appliances to reverse out of streets which are sometimes quite long and narrow .

LFRS have since ticketed vehicles that were causing an obstruction with advisory notices. The 'fake notices' explain that if there was an incident that needed an emergency response an appliance would be unable to get through and this could cause danger to life! Since the campaign was launched the parking in these areas has improved significantly with drivers parking more responsibly allowing access to properties.



'Fake parking ticket'





Wayne Gale, Station Manager for Hinckley & Bosworth added: “ In the event of an emergency seconds count, if we cannot gain access to streets, fire crews have to carry kit and run hoses out for long distances leading to a delay in our response.”

“Please think..could a fire appliance get through in the event of an emergency when parking your vehicle”



## Hinckley & Bosworth and Blaby Domestic Abuse Outreach Services and Children & Young People's Services Update

The Hinckley & Bosworth domestic abuse team have now delivered the new Healing Together trauma informed group, created by Innovating Minds. They have delivered this group work with protective parents and their child and on a child only basis. The Blaby Children's Service have delivered the group to children in two schools. All groups have been well received with positive feedback given afterwards.

A further offer of the Healing Together Group is being organised for later in the year.

The programme itself, looks at how children (and safe adults) can understand what emotions they are feeling and are given techniques to be able to calm their body and brain to feel safe. Sometimes both children & adults do not take the time to acknowledge the emotions we are experiencing or why, nor have the resources to be able to cope with them. The group explains about some of these feelings and emotions; of which we all experience but we don't always know how to cope with. The group where a protective adult attended with a child, also helps both the adult to be able to support their child and the child to know that they can talk about what they are feeling, encouraging healthy attachment and ongoing emotional resilience.

The outcomes from the children were that before they attended their group, they found it difficult to know whether they felt sad, angry or something else; that when they were upset, they could not distinguish whether they were sad, scared or angry. Most of the children said that if they were upset or angry, they will try to hide this and did not recognise that their bodies feel different when they are upset about something.

After attending the group the children said that they were more able to understand what they were feeling, how it affected their bodies, things that they could do and be able to communicate this to their parent.

The adults learnt to acknowledge their emotions and feelings and how they impacted on their wellbeing. The adults all agreed that the group has helped them to be able to understand both their own feelings and be better able to recognise this in their children, be on the same page, and enabled to put techniques in place together.

**For more information or support please contact the Hinckley & Bosworth Domestic Abuse Outreach Service on 07966202181 or the Blaby District Domestic Abuse Outreach Service on 0116 272 7637**

Here are some messages from children and a parent regarding the group

The group helped me to talk about my feelings, all my feelings - good and bad.

It showed me ways to help calm my body with breathing, pressure point and smells. I liked that it was a small group, it helps others feeling different and to be able to talk about this and how normal all feelings are



I have found this group extremely helpful for both myself and my child. It has helped us both recognise our feelings and shown us ways to calm ourselves down in stressful situations

I would recommend this group to someone else because I learned to be able to take a breath and be able to do things while in school. It has helped me understand my feelings, be able to express them in different ways, found different way of dealing with what I am feeling AND THAT I KNOW IT'S OKAY TO FEEL ALL THESE FEELINGS

## Detached youth work

Following reports from residents of anti-social behaviour involving young people, Blaby District Council commissioned Streetvibe Young Peoples Service to carry out detached youth work sessions.

The Community Safety Team started receiving complaints from concerned residents regarding young people gathering on parks in Narborough, Littlethorpe and Blaby, causing a nuisance by littering, leaving broken glass and underage drinking.

Streetvibe Young Peoples Service was commissioned to engage with young people and offer informal education, support, and advice. Deployed to the 'hotspot' areas every Friday evening from the beginning of April, the team have so far engaged with almost 300 young people across the three locations.

The topics of littering and drinking were discussed across the various sessions. The team spoke about the dangers of alcohol and about staying safe, and the consequences leaving broken glass in the park could have on others, for example children playing and dog walkers.

Streetvibe workers reported that they had received positive responses overall, from those that engaged and that they had witnessed no anti-social behaviour from the young people during the sessions, saying the majority of groups spoken to cited they were just 'chilling with their mates'.

Blaby District Council Community Safety Team Leader, Carol Parker said; "Detached youth work is recognised as an effective method of engaging with young people, offering informal education, advice, and support. The Streetvibe team are excellent at building these positive relationships and feeding back to us when they capture the voices of our young residents".

Streetvibe are also out and about in Hinckley & Bosworth providing detached youth work in areas where young people are congregating on the streets, in shopping areas or in parks. The team are currently out twice a week in Hinckley town centre engaging and interacting with young people as well as providing 1-1 mentoring. Since April the team have carried out more than 30 detached youth sessions, engaged with over 400 young people and carried out mentoring with 2 young people.



## Our pledge to help protect you from scams

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council have made a pledge and signed up as a Friends Against Scams Organisation. The following short video on the Friends Against Scams website online learning page [www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/elearning/hinckley-bosworth](http://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/elearning/hinckley-bosworth) will show you the different types of scams and how to spot and support a victim.

With increased knowledge and awareness, people can make scams part of everyday conversation with their family, friends and neighbours, which will enable them to protect themselves and others.

A number of elderly people within the Borough have been victims of fraud where someone has claimed to be a police officer from the London area.

In the majority of cases victims have been contacted by fraudsters claiming their bank cards have been cloned and to verify that their cards haven't been compromised they are asked to purchase high value jewellery or gold which suspects then arrange to be collected by a courier. The fraudsters sound very plausible and tell the victims not to inform anyone of their contact. In one recent report, the elderly victim suffered complications of a mini-stroke during the incident due to the stress. This highlights the physical and mental harm that is caused on these elderly victims who are being coerced by the fraudsters.

There are various different scams used in an attempt to take money from the elderly and vulnerable.

In some cases, the victims have been contacted and informed that an attempt was made to access their bank account fraudulently. The fraudsters asked the victim to transfer the money in their account to another bank account they provide details for.



We know the people who are the most likely to be targeted might not have social media so we are asking people to share this information with elderly or vulnerable friends or relatives to make them aware. They should be advised that police officers would never contact them in this way. If they are called they should disconnect the call straightaway and report the incident to the police using another telephone, as on some occasions calls can remain connected.

For more information on how to protect yourself from becoming a victim of scams, please visit [friends against scams \(friendsagainstscams.org.uk\)](http://friendsagainstscams.org.uk)

- Citizens advice: [check if something might be a scam \(citizensadvice.org.uk\)](http://citizensadvice.org.uk) or call the citizens advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 11 33
- Action Fraud: to report fraud if you have been scammed, visit [Action Fraud's website \(actionfraud.police.uk\)](http://actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040

Remember to contact your bank if you think you have been scammed.



## Test Purchases in Blaby

A test purchase is when Camelot, Trading Standards, the police, or another public body employ an underage customer who will visit your bar or shop and try to purchase age-restricted goods. This is to check that they are complying with the law. Business owners can face fines of thousands of pounds if they are found to be selling restricted items underage.

Listed below are examples of products whose sale is controlled by age restriction.

Alcohol

Cigarettes, tobacco, shisha and other smoking based products

E Cigarettes and Vaping Products

Fireworks - sparklers, party poppers, caps, cracker snaps

Dangerous chemicals - cigarette lighter fuel, glue, aerosols

Acids

Certain DVDs, Blu Rays and computer games

Dangerous Weapons - air weapons, crossbows, knives

Lottery tickets and scratch cards

Petrol

Bookmakers

Sunbeds

### Age restricted Goods

ITEM	MINIMUM AGE	MAX FINE
 Knives, Blades, Razors and Box Cutters	<b>18</b>	£5,000
 Alcohol	<b>18</b>	£5,000
 Cigarettes, Tobacco, Pipes & Papers	<b>18</b>	£2,500
 Solvents and lighters, including refills (containing butane)	<b>18</b>	£5,000
 Fireworks	<b>18</b>	£5,000
 Spray Paints	<b>16</b>	£2,500
 Lottery Tickets & Scratch Cards	<b>16</b>	£5,000
 DVD's and Computer Games	<b>15</b> <b>12</b> <b>5+</b>	£2,500

Following reports of young people drinking alcohol in Blaby District parks the Police and licensing colleagues have recently carried out test purchases on 10 licensed premises across the district. This involved a 16 year old male attempting to buy alcohol to test if the premises were following rules about requesting identification proving age. All 10 premises passed which was extremely positive and reassuring.

If you have concerns that a premise is selling restricted items to underage customers, you can contact Leicestershire Trading Standards <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/business-and-consumers/trading-standards>

## Police crackdown on cycling in pedestrian area

Hinckley & Bosworth's Community Safety team, Hinckley Police and the Road Safety Partnership have joined forces in a bid to stop people cycling down Castle Street in Hinckley town centre.

PC Darren Measures said: "There has been a large number of 'near misses' as Castle Street is on a steep hill so the cyclists gather speed as they cycle down during the day which can be very busy with shoppers walking on the street and on certain days this is restricted more with market stalls which causes a number of complaints. Whilst we recognise cycling is environmentally friendly and good for your health we must also recognise both the safety of the pedestrians and the cyclists on Castle Street"

Castle Street is a pedestrianised zone where cycling is prohibited the Order came into force in 2003 which was made under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the 'no cycling' sign is clearly signposted in both directions.

PC Darren Measures added: "A large number of the perpetrators are young people who are travelling to and from school or are just out with their mates, we have put out social media messages, worked with local schools, put stencilling on the floor in Castle Street to try and get the message across but unfortunately it is still happening".

With the promotion of the flyer this will help promote awareness and to actively encourage cyclists before entering Castle Street to dismount and walk their bike through the street. It is hoped the situation will improve, and enforcement action will not need to be taken against those that continue to cycle within the pedestrian area.

**Did you know? ...**  
Castle Street in Hinckley is a pedestrianised zone which means that you are **not allowed to cycle** on Castle Street.

 These **NO CYCLING SIGNS** are on Castle Street, Hinckley

**This means ...**  
That it is **against the law to cycle on Castle Street**. The Highway Code for cyclists, rule 69 states: 'You must obey all traffic signs and traffic light signals.'

**You must ...**  
Get off your bicycle and walk it through Castle Street.

**Why is this? ...**  
A pedestrian zone protects pedestrians walking in the town centre from being involved in an accident with vehicles and bicycles.

**What if I am stopped by the Police? ...**  
If you are stopped while riding your bicycle, you may be given a warning by an officer and your details will be recorded. If you are stopped a second time you may be given a **Fixed Penalty Notice** (on-the-spot fine) of **£50**.

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## Hate crime on the increase

Hate crimes have continued to rise in the last year, according to new statistics and within Hinckley & Bosworth & Blaby NPA they have increased by 13.7% in the last 12 months. There have been large increases in racial hate crimes (rising by 25.7%) and hate crimes against the transgender community (50%)

However, crimes committed against people due to their religion, sexual orientation or disability have fallen.

A hate crime is anything that targets a person for their race, ethnicity or nationality, for their disability, their gender or sexual orientation, or their religion, faith or beliefs. Hate crime not only harms its victims, but it also harms their families and communities.

A hate crime can include verbal abuse, intimidation, threats, harassment, assault and damage to property.

Both Hinckley & Bosworth and Blaby Community Safety teams continue to support local initiatives that tackle hate crimes.

These include:

- Carrying out diversity workshops in primary schools to help children understand how people are all different and unique.
- Raising awareness of hate crime in partnership with the police at events eg at a recent pop up shop in the Britannia Centre in Hinckley
- Promotion of the national campaign hate crime awareness week
- Visiting and speaking to local community groups to help educate and promote community safety initiatives
- Promote the Keep Safe Places scheme. Places across the borough where anyone can go if they feel upset, scared or in need of help. The safe spaces are available in shops and other public areas to help people to deal with any incidents that take place when they are out and about. For a listing visit [www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/keepsafeplaces](http://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/keepsafeplaces)
- Support hate crime reporting centres located within the community where an individual can report a hate crime. Places can be found at [www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/hatecrimereportingcentres](http://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/hatecrimereportingcentres)

Councillor Michael Mullaney, Executive Member for Housing and Community Safety at Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council said: “We all have the right to go about our lives without the fear of being abused, threatened or attacked just because of who we are. Sadly, however, we know some individuals ruin the lives of others by inflicting hate.

“Being on the receiving end of hateful abuse can be a deeply traumatic experience and can have a huge impact on your life so it is easy to understand why some people feel they cannot report it. However with the education and people knowing that there is support and help available we will continue to do all that we can to stamp hate out”.

Hate crime and hate incidents can be reported online by visiting:

<https://www.leics.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/hco/hate-crime/how-to-report-hate-crime/> or by calling 101.

For more information contact Community Safety at Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council on 01455 238141 or Blaby District Council on 0116 272 7725.

## Anti-social behaviour awareness week 2022

ASB is targeted every day by Hinckley Police and Hinckley & Bosworth's Endeavour team with the national campaign putting it in the spotlight.

Each day of the awareness week centred on a set theme, these were empowering communities, best practise, partnership and local delivery and the impact of ASB on young people. The types of activity planned by Neighbourhood Policing Officers, PCSO's and Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council included meeting members of the community during dedicated 'Patch Walks' and raising awareness on social media. This provided an ideal opportunity to provide education and literature about ASB, how to report it and patrols of areas where it is known to take place.



During a recent patrol of Clarendon Park, where there has been a reported increase in ASB, thefts, attempted breaks from properties near to the park, the police were joined by colleagues from HBBC's Endeavour team ASB Officer Les Clark, Councillors David Bill, Kevin Lynch, Linda Mullaney and Ann Pendlebury. Local residents were spoken to and offered reassurances that the issues were being proactively monitored, identified perpetrators dealt with accordingly and give them the opportunity to discuss their fears. It proved a very worthwhile event for all involved.

If you have **any concerns** about ASB in your area, witnessed ASB or are a victim of ASB please do not hesitate to report it to the police on 101 or 999 (In an emergency) or Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council on 01455 238141.

