

CSP e-newsletter



Safer communities

Community Safety Partnership e-newsletter spring 2023 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

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Agencies work together to keep people safe over the festive period in Hinckley town centre

During the festive season which also saw England making it to the quarter finals in the World Cup, Hinckley & Bosworth's Community Safety Partnership commissioned street marshals who are trained door staff to support local police to keep people safe when they were out and about in Hinckley town centre at night.

On busy nights over the festive period partners provided a presence in the town centre which enabled improved communication and information sharing to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour. With the additional CCTV cameras installed across the town centre secured from the Home Office Safer Streets fund and retail radios linked into the CCTV room, offences are identified early and tackled to enable positive outcomes.



PC Sarah Francis-Lang, designated neighbourhood officer for licensing in Hinckley added: "A police presence was provided in the town over the festive period and for the World cup coverage. We offered assistance and support to our licensed premises working in partnership with the street marshals to ensure that all people using the town were able to do so safely. It is pleasing to see that people were able to enjoy the town with very little police intervention required".



A number of premises support the Ask for Angela Scheme and during the festive period a further four venues signed up to support the initiative. People who feel unsafe, vulnerable, or threatened can discreetly seek help by approaching venue staff and asking them for 'Angela'. This code phrase will indicate to staff that they require help with their situation and a member of staff will assist them. For a list of participating venues visit [Planning a date? | Ask for Angela - Get help during a date | Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council \(hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk\)](https://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/ask-for-angela)

Cllr Michael Mullaney, Executive Member for Community Safety added: "Working closely with our partners is proving successful and it was reassuring to hear that most people were sensible and enjoyed being out over the festive period. My thanks to all involved".

Police and Crime Commissioner visits Blaby Community Safety Team

In November 2022 Rupert Matthews, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland visited Blaby District Council to meet with Councillor Terry Richards and members of the Community Safety Team. The meeting enabled the team to highlight the work Blaby undertake with regards to Community Safety. Commissioner Matthews also kickstarted the annual White Ribbon Campaign by signing the White Ribbon pledge



Surprise inspections to ensure licence compliance



A series of surprise, proactive inspections have been carried out by Blaby District Council to ensure pubs and taxis are complying with their licences.

On Thursday 15 December, Licensing Officers worked with Leicestershire Police and the Council's Community Safety Team to visit a number of pubs in a variety of locations across the district. The officers inspected licence conditions, including age verification policies, correctly displayed licences, recording of incidents and service refusals and CCTV where installed.

The Council is pleased to confirm that all premises passed their inspections. Three premises also volunteered to join the local Pubwatch Scheme where they will be able to share best practice with other premises in the district.

All of the pubs visited were handed advice about the national Ask for Angela Campaign and 4 new pubs signed up.

Ask for Angela encourages people who feel unsafe, vulnerable or threatened to ask pub staff for 'Angela'. The phrase helps staff to support and assist to keep the person safe. All premises volunteered to promote this important campaign.

On Saturday 17 December a number of taxis were mechanically and visually inspected at the Council's Whetstone Depot.

Of the six vehicles that were inspected, two passed without issue, while one was advised to get minor issues fixed.

Three vehicles had major faults and their taxi plates were immediately suspended until the issues could be fixed.

These faults included defective tyres, a handbrake not working, headlights not working, a horn not sounding and one vehicle being unclean internally with significant evidence of smoking.

The Police issued one vehicle with a prohibition notice due to it likely to cause injury or danger to others (tyre and handbrake defects), while one driver will be issued with a summons for driving a vehicle which had three defective tyres.

Since April this year all taxi's licensed by the Council have been inspected at the Whetstone depot. Following this introduction, the pass rate for vehicle inspections has improved by approximately 26%.

All taxis in the district must be inspected every six months to help protect the safety of both taxi passengers and other road users. The Council continue to work with vehicle owners to continually increase the pass rate.

Councillor Les Phillimore, Portfolio Holder for Housing, Community and Environmental Services, said: "These were two very important evenings for us in the run-up to Christmas. Both pubs and taxis are used heavily over the festive season and this was a perfect time to test out the compliance rate.

"We are so pleased with the pass rate of the pubs but disappointed with some of the taxi inspection failures. However immediate action was taken in order to protect the public. I'd also like to thank Leicestershire Police for their assistance in helping this crucial exercise take place.

"Taxis and pubs play a huge role in boosting the local economies in Blaby District and Leicestershire and we will always work proactively with them to ensure they are compliant and offering the best service to the public."

Serious Violence Duty started on 31 January 2023

The Government has introduced a Serious Violence Duty through the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022. This requires authorities to work with existing partnerships to prevent and tackle serious violence in their areas. Section 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act has also been amended to ensure Community Safety Partnerships prioritise tackling and reducing serious violence, starting from 31 January 2023. Authorities have 12 months to deliver on requirements. The Community Safety Team is now working to ensure it meets the duty and will hold briefings with other council services to improve their understanding.

Young people create videos to help others during the cost-of-living crisis

Members of Hinckley and Bosworth's Voice Forum have developed two short videos to provide much welcomed advice for residents during these difficult times.

The first video focuses on warm spaces and sees the young people from the Voice Forum interview Faye Clarke from Elohim Church in Barlestone who provides a warm space to help those struggling to heat their homes as the energy costs continue to rise. The video can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbN6om81j6v0pSYbvvhVB1w>

Faye explains that a warm space is where anyone can go to keep warm, enjoy the company of others and have some hot refreshments.

The list of warm spaces which is regularly being updated for the Borough can be found at:

[Where can I find a warm place? | Warm places | Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council \(hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk\)](https://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/where-can-i-find-a-warm-place?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social)

The second video was filmed in conjunction with the Rural Community Council (Leicestershire and Rutland) which shows the journey food takes when it is donated to foodbanks to when someone collects their food parcel. This highlights the importance of volunteers who help prepare and distribute food parcels as well as collecting the stock. The video can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVaiwSiLH4E>

Cllr Robin Webber-Jones, Children & Young People's Champion added: "It is great to see young people from Hinckley and Bosworth highlighting such important topics and making people aware of how and where to get support if needed".



Cllr Michael Mullaney, Angela Egan and Amy Casey from Hinckley & Bosworth's community safety team, Faye Clarke from Elohim Church in Barlestone, Cllr Ross Hills and Lauren and Amy from the Voice Forum.

Cllr Michael Mullaney, Executive Member for Community Safety said: "The Voice Forum have focused their efforts on helping others in their community and they should be very proud of what they have achieved which will help others during the cost-of-living crisis".

Further advice and support is available via:

[Cost of living support | Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council \(hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk\)](https://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support)



Hinckley & Bosworth Voice Forum

Are you aged between 11 to 19 years?

Would you like to have your voice heard?



Are you passionate about local politics and making a difference to the community you live in?

Come and join our voice forum on the **first Wednesday of every month!**

We discuss a range of topics such as:

- Climate change
- Mental health
- Food poverty
- Crime and Anti-social behaviour
- CV opportunities - volunteering etc

The voice forum will give you opportunities to be involved in projects relating to some of these topics, as well as speaking to local councillors and council staff.

If you or someone you know is interested in getting involved all they need to do is get in touch via email:

Amy.casey@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk

or call Community Safety on:

01455 255746



Operation Sceptre at Countesthorpe Academy

Operation Sceptre is a national police campaign highlighting the risks that carrying a bladed weapon can bring, as well as targeting offenders who use and carry knives.

As part of this knife crime awareness week, colleagues from local beat teams and Blaby's Community Safety Team worked in partnership at an event at Countesthorpe Academy.

It was rather wet and windy on the morning of 17th November and pupils were waiting in the hall outside the auditorium expecting the usual assembly when they spotted numerous police officers and a knife arch! Each pupil walked through the arch to get to assembly and on a real positive, there were no issues with anyone being found to be carrying anything they shouldn't be!

Leicestershire Police's long-standing anti-knife crime campaign 'We Don't Carry #Livesnotknives' has been developed with teenagers and young people specifically in mind and aims to educate them about the dangers of carrying a knife as early as possible.



Teachers were being encouraged to sign up to one of a series of anti-knife crime digital workshops for secondary schools across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The free one-hour workshops will cover a variety of knife crime related information and have been designed to support the Personal and Social Education, (PSE) curriculum objectives with material that will engage students.

Councillor Les Philimore, Portfolio Holder for Housing, Community and Environmental Services, said: "Violent crime, including knife crime, is everyone's responsibility and this campaign provides an excellent opportunity to work with partners in order to educate our young people and make our communities safer places to live and work".

People can also surrender any unwanted knives and blades safely at special amnesty bins located at police station front counters. The bins allow anybody to dispose of knives without the fear of being punished unless it is found to have been used for a criminal act.

Both Braunstone and Hinckley Police Stations have amnesty bins.

Domestic Abuse Campaigns

In November 2022 Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council's Domestic Abuse Support Service & Blaby's Domestic Outreach worker held a series of events to raise awareness of the services provided.

Hinckley & Bosworth held the annual domestic abuse awareness partnership networking event, reminding professionals of the resources that exist within our locality to support victims and survivors of domestic abuse. They were fortunate to have some survivors present at this event to educate, support & encourage professionals with understanding survivor voices.

Blaby District Council held an information session at the Police Headquarters to provide an update to the local team about the services the Community Services team provide. They also focused on how sports events such as the World Cup can have an adverse effect on the number of reported domestic abuse incidents and a number of pubs in the area showed support by displaying posters for the annual White Ribbon Campaign.

In December the Hinckley and Bosworth's domestic abuse team raised awareness of the support services by sending out leaflets & hand delivering campaign information to 100's of local businesses, pubs, restaurants & GP surgeries. In January 2023 the team offered online Domestic Abuse awareness training for partners, coinciding with National Stalking Awareness Month, to ensure all partners continue to be aware of services available and continue to work together effectively to provide appropriate domestic abuse support for survivors. The team also raised awareness via the national Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness Week which took place between the 6th-12th of February, supporting the #itsnotokay campaign, offering additional preventative work within schools alongside social media awareness posts.



The Domestic Abuse Outreach Service is available to support adult & child survivors of domestic abuse. The service offers ongoing one to one support, group work via Freedom Programme & Recovery Toolkit; group support programmes supporting domestic abuse survivors to overcome domestic abuse, by learning more about their experiences and how to break the cycle for future relationships. Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council and Blaby District Council also offer the Healing Together Programme, a group to support young people that have experienced domestic abuse to strengthen their existing positive attachments, build on coping strategies & individual resilience.

Domestic Abuse Support is available:

If you or someone else is in imminent danger, please call the Police on 999. For non-urgent enquiries call 101

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Domestic Abuse Outreach Service

Based at The Hinckley Hub, part of the Community Safety Team Office - 01455 238141 or 07966 202181

Blaby District Council Domestic Abuse Outreach Service

Domestic.Abuse@blaby.gov.uk

0116 272 7637 or 07900226875

Community Safety Event Enderby



On a crisp Saturday morning, the Community Safety Team and Enviro-Crime Officer from Blaby District Council, were joined by police colleagues from the Enderby beat team to provide community safety advice and some useful promotional items to members of the public attending the Enderby Leisure Centre.

Using funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, we purchased anti drink spiking kits, mini keyring torches, credit card protector sleeves and reflective cycling kits for children. We had educational anti-social behaviour workbooks with pencils and rulers, stretchy keyrings to use inside bags as well as the ever-popular purse bells. Together with police colleagues, we provided information about celebrating safely over Christmas, home security and encouraged residents to sign up to Neighbourhood Link with Leicestershire Police to keep up to date on priorities in the local area.

This was a very successful partnership event with a high level of engagement with members of the public, providing free items to assist with community safety and delivering important messages to a real cross section of the community.

Loan Sharks Training

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council has been working with the Illegal Money Lending team (also known as Stop Loan Sharks) to deliver awareness sessions to staff and partners to help them understand the world of illegal money lending. This is especially important as the cost-of-living crisis hits. Training sessions have taken place for on-line and face to face at the depot. The training sessions have had excellent feedback and reached over 100 staff and partners.

The illegal money lending team also attended two money advice & wellbeing events held in the rural areas of the Borough in February along with 20+ other agencies to deliver informal and friendly advice and help to navigate the impact of the cost-of-living crisis.

[Stop Loan Sharks](#) have helped thousands of people escape the clutches of illegal money lenders. People can speak to the support team in confidence by calling 0300 555 2222 (24 Hour), emailing reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk, or via live chat on their [website](#).



Successful Prosecutions of Community Protection Notices

If acts of anti-social behaviour continue following the issue of a Community Protection Warning then a Community Protection Notice, (CPN) can be issued to an individual over 16 years or over, or a body, if the Police or Local Authority are satisfied on reasonable grounds that:

(i) the conduct of the individual or body is having a detrimental effect, of a persistent or continuing nature, on the quality of life of those in the locality; and

(ii) the conduct is unreasonable

Registered Housing Providers do not have the authority to issue notices unless designated by the Local Authority.

A CPN imposes requirements on the recipient to stop doing specified things, to do specified things or to demonstrate reasonable steps to achieve specified results. Failure to comply with the CPN is an offence.



Between November 2021 and October 2022 Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council's anti-social behaviour team issued 14 CPN warnings and 5 CPN's.

Blaby District Council's Community Safety Team have issued a number of CPN's in 2021/2022, in partnership with Leicestershire Police and have had a 100% success rate at prosecution when the notices have been breached. CPNs were issued to individuals for their conduct towards their neighbours or their general conduct out in the Blaby District.

In one case, the individual was verbally abusive to their neighbour out in the street and this was captured on CCTV as well as being supported by witness statements. The impact of the behaviour led residents to be fearful to leave their homes. When prosecuted in court, the individual received a fine in excess of £600.

In the most recent case, the individual had persistently continued to behave in a manner causing harassment, alarm and distress to neighbours. The behaviour was affecting their ability to sleep, perform well in their employment and significantly impacted their mental health. The breaches of the notice were evidenced with CCTV and witness statements. When prosecuted, the individual received a fine in excess of £2700. In both cases, there have been no further complaints from the victims who were grateful for the support and action taken by both Blaby District Council and Leicestershire Police.

Councillor Les Philimore, Portfolio Holder for Housing, Community and Environmental Services, said: "Residents of our district are entitled to feel safe and happy in their homes and out in the community. Through working in partnership, the victims have been supported, communities reassured and the unacceptable behaviour resolved".

School workshops offer expanded across Hinckley & Bosworth and previous targets are exceeded

Since the start of the new academic year officers from Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council have been delivering a wide range of workshops to primary and secondary schools engaging with more than 1000 young people in a variety of different ways.

Working with schools in new ways including a litter pick during Great Big Green Week and the delivery of two new workshops; one with school student councils and one focusing on climate change.



The new climate change workshop asks students to think about what activities they do that emit carbon, the students are also asked to think about what activities happen in school that emit carbon. They then look at how they could reduce the amount of carbon they emit at home and at school.

The new student council workshop allows officers to meet with school student councils to discuss what projects they have been doing and look at various services and whether they would be looked after by parish councils, borough councils, county councils or parliament.



Last January a new wellbeing workshop for Year 6 and Year 9 students has proved a welcome addition for schools with the workshop already being delivered to over 500 pupils. Now more than ever it is extremely important for young people to be offered the appropriate support for their general wellbeing.

The diversity workshop for pupils in KS2, ages 8-11 years old raises awareness of hate incidents and why it is important to recognise and celebrate differences.

In October during Hate Crime Awareness Week officers delivered this workshop to pupils at Martinshaw Primary School in Groby.





The Safety Crew workshops focuses on healthy relationships, vulnerability and exploitation and anti-social behaviour, alcohol and cannabis.

In partnership with Hinckley Police, we delivered this workshop to 130 sixth form students at The Hinckley School on Safer Internet Day in February and highlighted the importance of staying safe online.

More Safety Crews in secondary schools are scheduled to take place over the next few months.

Finally, a new 'Working with Us' setup has been developed to showcase the careers available in local government. This will assist Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council in continuing to support schools with work experience, apprenticeships and at career events. We have recently supported 3 school careers events and a further 3 more are planned for the next few weeks.

For more information about school workshops contact Amy Casey in Community Safety on amy.casey@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk

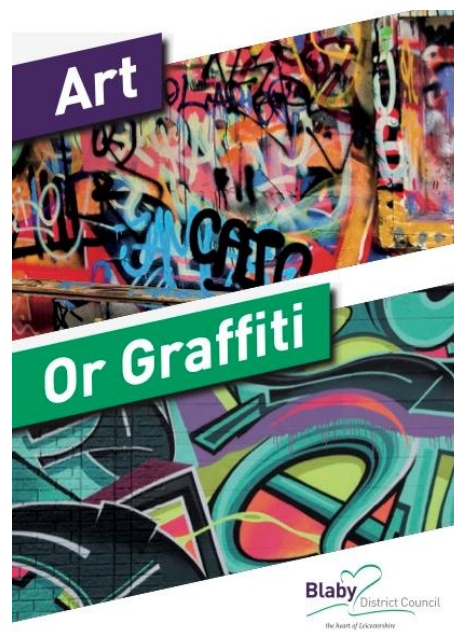
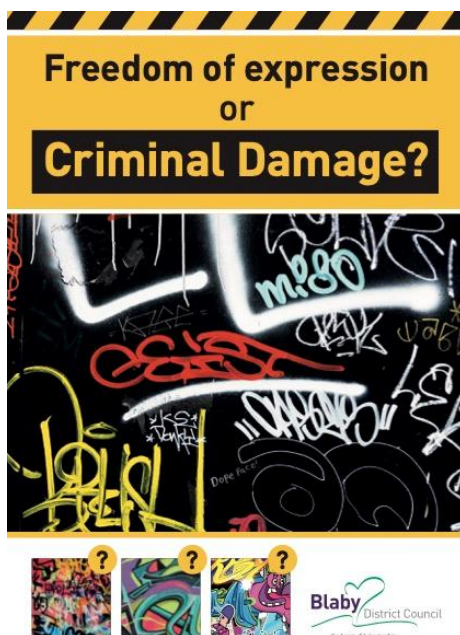


Tackling Graffiti across Blaby

Over the last few months there has been a significant increase in reports of graffiti around the Blaby District area.

As a result of this Blaby District Council and neighbourhood police officers that work in the Blaby area have teamed up to tackle the issue with a multi-agency approach. The aim of this is to raise awareness of the negative impact graffiti has on communities and businesses and the part it plays in the fear of crime. Officers from both the Council and Police are holding joint beat surgeries around the area to offer reassurance to those affected by graffiti.

They are also talking to local schools to try and get across the message that graffiti is not art, its criminal damage and that this damage is making our neighbourhoods look squalid, damaging people's property, and when its racist or offensive, it causes fear or heartache.



Update on Safer Streets Funding

Blaby District Council and Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, as part of a joint community safety partnership were awarded £67,000 to continue with their work in tackling anti-social behaviour, improving public places, and ensuring that the night-time economy safer for women and girls.

Supported by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and Leicestershire Police the partnership secured the funding as part of a 'Safer Streets' Home Office fund to prevent neighbourhood crime.

Work is already underway in both areas and specialist bystander training is being rolled out to licenses and staff working in the night-time economy as well as anyone who enjoys the night-time economy and wants to help make the districts a safer place to visit, live or work. The purpose of the training is to provide people with the tools and skills to act in an event and explore why quite often people don't act. A series of training sessions are taking place delivered by Graham Goulding of Cultivating Minds who brings a wealth of experience as well as practical advice and skills.

Targeted mentoring sessions with young people are being delivered by Streetvibe Young People's Services who have many years of experience working with young people in both areas and work will shortly be underway to tackle youth antisocial behaviour through educational campaigns.

Cllr Michael Mullaney, Executive Member for Community Safety added: "The funding enables us to carry out projects which have a positive effect on neighbourhoods and the wider community which can reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour and it's reassuring to hear that many people are already starting to benefit from taking part in these projects".