

CSP e-newsletter



Safer communities

Community Safety Partnership e-newsletter Summer 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

Joint Chairs of the Community
Safety Partnership



Cllr Les Phillimore



Cllr Michael Mullaney

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PREVENTATIVE WORKSHOPS IN SCHOOLS

As the academic year comes to an end, we look back at the number of children and young people and schools that we have worked with which has increased to a record high since we started delivering workshops many years ago!

Working alongside our key partners Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council have delivered a variety of workshops including diversity, ASB Busters, health & wellbeing, safety crew, safer driving events, student councils to name just a few from our school offer.

This year we have engaged with more than 3200 children and young people within 33 educational settings which include primary schools, secondary schools and sixth forms.

Our new school offer will be reviewed during the summer to ensure that we are delivering workshops that children and young people benefit from which provides them with the information and guidance to make better informed choices and decisions. We look forward to continuing the good work in the academic year.

PRIMARY ENGINEER

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council have funded Primary Engineer to allow teachers in our primary and secondary schools to access training courses and resources to undertake engineering projects.

Some of our schools that were involved in this year's projects attended a celebration event in the borough to showcase what they had built during the project.

Executive member for Hinckley & Bosworth Community Safety, Councillor Michael Mullaney attended the celebration event and said: "It is great to see children with so much passion for this subject and to see them have the opportunity to engage with engineering from a young age."



LICENSEE FORUM

The pub trade was in the spotlight as Blaby District Council hosted its first Licensee Forum in June. The event held at the Council offices in Narborough was attended by managers and landlords of venues from across the district and featured a diverse list of guest speakers and organisations, including the British Institute of Innkeepers (BII), Licensed Trade Charity and National Pubwatch. Experts in the night-time economy hosted presentations on vulnerability for women and girls, and partner agencies – the Police and Fire Service also took part.

Recently the government confirmed Martyn's Law will become legislation in the near future. This new law will place a requirement on those responsible for certain venues to consider the threat from terrorism and implement appropriate and proportionate mitigation measures. The legislation will ensure that people are prepared, ready to respond and know what to do in the event of an attack. The forum was shown a presentation by Figen Murphy who campaigned for this legislation following the death of her son Martyn who was killed in the Manchester Arena attack.

A legal overview of gambling and gaming in licensed premises was also given by a representative from Popplestone Allen Solicitors. The event has been supported by the Institute of Licensing and Everards of Leicestershire and was held during National Licensing Week 12th-16th June.

Councillor Phillimore: "As always, leisure and hospitality is close to my heart and in my blood, it was a huge pleasure to welcome everyone to this inaugural Licensee Forum at Blaby District and look forward to this becoming a hugely successful and productive annual get together.

RETAIL WATCH

The partnership in Hinckley and Bosworth have provided funding via the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner to help support Hinckley Business Improvement District launch a system called DISC, which enables retailers within Hinckley town centre to report shoplifting incidents with key stakeholders in a timely way. This follows the successful and ongoing Hinckley BID initiative to set-up and finance a 'PUBWATCH' DISC scheme 3 years ago.

As further support to attack Hinckley town-centre crime and in an ongoing drive to share information via a direct communication link with CCTV – Hinckley BID have issued the police, licensed venues and key retail businesses with more hand-held radios which are suitably located so that when issues happen in any area they can be dealt with in a timely manner by CCTV and the police.

The CSP provided a contribution towards the funding needed to set up the DISC scheme and to help purchase more retail radios, with the BID covering the remainder of the cost. The Retail-Watch scheme went live in June and will increase chances of positive outcomes in terms of apprehension, victim and public protection and successful prosecution. Executive member for Hinckley & Bosworth Community Safety, Councillor Michael Mullaney added: "This is fantastic news for the town centre, the retail-radio scheme has been created to meet local needs and for individuals to be able to share information about issues or incidents quickly. This is a great form of partnership working and having more radios will enable early identification of issues and crime". Hinckley BID report an enthusiastic response to this initiative with 100 signed up so far. BID Director Steve Wegerif said 'We are delighted to have received this additional support and to continue to work so closely with the OPCC and HBBC. If our town-centre businesses are to prosper, we need to help them protect against thieves and to increase the number of successful convictions. Our town-centre Police officers work very hard, we just needed to provide the tools that help them achieve the results.'

BID WRITING WORKSHOPS



The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) invited organisations within the borough of Hinckley & Bosworth to a bid writing workshop. The event was aimed at organisations looking to learn the tools they need to submit successful and innovative bids to the Commissioning Safety Fund and other grant funding opportunities.

The Commissioners Safety Fund channels funding into community projects that reduce the risk of crime, increase public safety and to support the achievement of the objectives within the

Police and Crime Plan. As part of this grant programme, there is £10,000 available for a 12-month period/project, and there will be three funding rounds opening in July, September and December.

Whilst the workshop was run by the OPCC and was specific to the Commissioner's Safety Fund, the skills developed can be applied to any future bidding process. The event also explained the OPCC application form for the Commissioner's Safety Fund, step by step, with a variety of workshop activities to ensure all attendees got the best out of this event and all questions were answered.

The workshop included general tips, common mistakes, best practice, the scoring criteria, the application process with timescales and an interactive exercise on scoring two mock grant application forms.

We would like to thank Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council for the use of their meeting room and the fantastic support we received before, during and after the event.

The Commissioners Safety Fund is an important funding stream to support activities and projects from Community based groups, grassroots organisations, Registered Charities, Parish Councils and Schools and the workshops help to showcase the funding opportunities and attract applications from wide reaching and diverse communities.

ACTIVE BYSTANDER TRAINING

Both staff, licensee's and members of the public of the Blaby District and Hinckley and Bosworth Borough were invited to a free online training session presented by Graham Goulden of Cultivating Minds who is an experienced and committed leadership and violence prevention trainer. The session was funded by the Home Office as part of the Safer Streets 4 funding. It focused on how to manage and deal with escalating or aggressive situations that people may come across particularly within the Night-time Economy. The session aimed to give people the tools and skills to be able to act appropriately in an event. This training also promoted the government's priority of tackling violence against women and girls. There were practical tips as well as the chance to practice some of the scenarios.



YOUR POLICE AREA

I have been your Neighbourhood Policing Area Commander for over a year now and have made it my priority to deliver on what you tell me is important to you.

We are supporting the County Council in their work to reduce parking issues around Schools.

The Community Safety Partnership has funded pouches to prevent theft of cars with keyless entry systems. Protecting your keys in a pouch defeats opportunist thieves who scan the signal from outside your home.

We have reduced burglaries by targeting offenders, providing crime reduction advice and equipment. Simple steps can significantly reduce the chances of being burgled.



HAVE YOUR SAY

You can influence policing priorities in your Neighbourhood, receive updates and see what we are doing.

Sign up to Neighbourhood Link by visiting www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk or visit one of our police stations.

Find out what we are doing in your area by visiting the Leicestershire Police website at www.leics.police.uk, use your location to find out crime statistics, the priorities you have raised and what we are doing about it.

If you have a car with keyless entry (the door unlocks when you get near it without having to use the key) use a signal blocker pouch or box to store your key or fob.



BEAT THE SCAMMERS

Fraud is when a person lies to you, or 'scams' you, to gain an advantage, such as taking your money or learning private information about you. This could be via email, text, phone or in person, either on the street or on your doorstep.

Remember these ten golden rules to help you prevent fraud and beat the scammers:

1. Be suspicious of all 'too good to be true' offers and deals. There are no guaranteed get-rich-quick schemes.
2. Don't agree to offers or deals immediately. Insist on time to get independent or legal advice before making a decision.
3. Don't hand over money or sign anything until you've checked someone's credentials and their company's.
4. Never send money to anyone you don't know or trust, whether in the UK or abroad, or use methods of payment you're not comfortable with.
5. Never give banking or personal details to anyone you don't know or trust. This information is valuable so make sure you protect it.
6. Always log on to a website directly rather than clicking on links in an email.
7. Don't just rely on glowing testimonials. Find solid, independent evidence of a company's success.
8. Always get independent or legal advice if an offer involves money, time, or commitment.
9. If you spot a scam or have been scammed, report it and get help.
10. Don't be embarrassed about reporting a scam. Because the scammers are cunning and clever there's no shame in being deceived. By reporting it, you'll make it more difficult for them to deceive others.

*If you think you've uncovered a scam, been targeted by a scam or fallen victim to fraudsters, contact Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040***



ROAD SAFETY




Blaby Police Facebook 05 June


BLABY BY-PASS & SURROUNDING AREAS

Last week, myself & Inspector Palmer attended a joint agency meeting in regards to the ongoing issues surrounding racers on the by-pass.


We were joined by Carol Parker from Blaby District Council, our Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire Rupert Matthews, Alberto Costa MP and Counsellor Findlay.

- ✓ A discussion was had in relation to recent incidents, intelligence, and police powers.
- ✓ Ongoing operational orders and patrols around the area. Also building intelligence for future issues and repeat offenders.

 I would like to take this opportunity to reassure the local residents who are affected that we are and continue to take this matter seriously. Offenders will be dealt with robustly.

 There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes...Watch this space!

- ✓ A positive and productive meeting, where we can now move forward with multi agency working to combat this issue.

 If anyone has any information or any video footage which you think may assist, please get in touch!

Thank you!

 PC Jodie

#PartnershipWorking

#CarRacers

#BeatOfficer



KICKS PROGRAMME

With funding from Hinckley & Bosworth Community Safety Partnership free county football sessions called Premier League Kicks continue to be delivered by Leicester City in the Community from Green Towers Hinckley Club 4 Young People. The project works in partnership with the local beat team for young people aged between 11-16 in term-time only.

Working across 2 pitches once a week the team have engaged with 81 young people during 2022/23 with a group of upwards to 30 persons regularly participating each week.

The Kicks programme in Hinckley has provided a consistent place for young people to take part in safe and physical activities after school in their community and has been an effective tool for breaking down barriers between young people and the police.

PC Darren Measures added that: “The sessions have given the police an excellent opportunity to engage with local young people where we can provide support and build positive relationships. Leicester City has been the catalyst that draws the young people to the project, the young people that attend have a great respect for the coaching staff and have a willingness to learn. This is a fantastic incentive for the young people to come and socialise in a safe environment, to learn new skills and to have good open conversations with the Police that attend on an individual basis but at the same time have fun and play football”.

Joe McSharry, Kicks County Lead said:

The positive engagement of young people has led to exciting opportunities, including the chance to take part in County Kicks tournaments at Loughborough University and LCFC’s training ground in Seagrave, and to have their voices heard in our consultations on the Kicks programme”.

The Kicks Programme will also be delivered within the Blaby District Area over the summer holidays to provide a free diversionary activity. The sessions will happen at Mossdale Meadows in Braunstone Town.

The sessions will take place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons between 3:30pm 5:30pm on the following dates:

- 25th and 27th of July
- 1st, 8th, 10th, 15th, 17th, 22nd and 24th of August



VENUE	DAY	TIME	AGE	REGISTER HERE
MOSSDALE MEADOWS PARK LE3 2TW	Tuesday & Thursday	15:30 - 16:30	8 - 11	
MOSSDALE MEADOWS PARK LE3 2TW	Tuesday & Thursday	16:30 - 17:30	12 - 16	

NEW COMMUNITY KITCHEN LAUNCHES IN BARLESTONE

While attending the Rural Money Advice & Wellbeing event in February at Barlestone we were asked by the Pastor of Barlestone Baptist Church about setting up and running a community kitchen at the church.

The first session was held on Thursday 18 May, and we were very surprised and pleased, to welcome 10 people to the group (we usually start a new group with a few people). We cooked Greek yoghurt pizzas and courgette muffins, which everyone enjoyed, and we stayed and ate together.



The community kitchen runs fortnightly from 10am – 12 noon at the Barlestone Baptist Church, W End, Barlestone. Everyone is welcome.

COMPETITION BROADCASTED ON RADIO LEICESTER

We were asked by Leicestershire County Council to be part of a competition where they asked for people to send in their 'use it all' recipes; in total 14 were selected and our community kitchens in Newbold Verdon, Ratby and Earl Shilton were asked to cook, taste, give feedback and rate each recipe. The sessions were very hectic, however, everyone embraced the challenge and enjoyed trying a variety of dishes ranging from left over Sunday dinners, toasties to left over lime loaf!

Following the successful challenge, Radio Leicester came out to take part and record people's thoughts. The broadcast went out on Ben Jackson's breakfast show and can be found on catch up. We can't reveal the winner yet, however, it was the favourite for all the groups and one we have already repeated!

For further information on any of the above contact Rachel Duncan, Community Development Co-ordinator on 01455 255941/255942 or email earlshiltoncommunityhouse@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk

MOBILE HOME PARK OWNER FINED OVER NUISANCE DOGS

The owner of a mobile home site in Enderby has been ordered to pay £2570 after being prosecuted at Leicester Magistrates' Court following a spate of incidents involving nuisance stray dogs.

Bernadette McDonagh was prosecuted by Blaby District Council in partnership with Leicestershire Police for non-compliance of a Community Protection Notice (CPN). This was enforced due to continuing issues with dogs from the site, Grange Park, causing problems in the local area.

She was fined a total of £1000 and ordered to pay costs of £1470 plus a £100 victim surcharge. Magistrates also requested she hand over the three dogs named in the prosecution.

Councillor Les Phillimore, Portfolio Holder for Housing, Community and Environmental Services, said:

"When sentencing, the Magistrates specifically recognised the significant impact McDonagh's non-compliance with the CPN has had on the wider community, particularly in terms of endangering highway and pedestrian safety and the actual and further potential threat to the welfare of other animals and people."

"We have long been aware of the problems caused by stray dogs in Enderby and it has taken some time to prove that the dogs were escaping from Grange Park. Our work with Leicestershire Police in imposing the CPN has provided a platform for us to not only gather that evidence but be able to act."

"We hope this will prove a deterrent but will continue to work alongside the Police in monitoring the situation with nuisance stray dogs from Grange Park. And we would urge local residents to report any issues they might experience."

KEEP SAFE PLACES



You can go to a Keep Safe Place if you are out and about and need to go somewhere to feel safe, get reassurance or help. They will call for help or help you call someone i.e. a friend, carer, relative, police or the emergency services. If you have a Keep Safe card you can show this the staff. A Keep Safe card will have important information about you such as your contact details, your medical details and contact details of someone that can be called in an emergency. You should carry the card with you when you are out and about. You can get a Keep Safe card from police stations and council offices.

For further information about this in the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough area please contact Angela Egan from Community Safety on 01455 238141. For Blaby District please contact Ian Parry from Community Services on 0116 2727626.

[Find a Keep Safe Place | Leicestershire County Council](#)

CALL OUT FOR ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS

Could you make a difference to your community, and help contribute to 'safer people, safer places'?

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service is currently recruiting for On Call Firefighters at: Ashby (LE65 2GW), Melton (LE13 0NP), Coalville (LE67 3PU), Shepshed (LE12 9QE), Wigston (LE18 1PD), Billesdon (LE7 9AA), Oakham (LE15 6BQ), Uppingham (LE15 9RL), Market Harborough (LE16 9QG), Kibworth (LE8 0HQ), Hinckley (LE10 1LW), Lutterworth (LE17 4DZ) and Market Bosworth (CV13 0LT) Stations* Visit [Fire and Rescue Services in Leicestershire - Job list \(leics-fire.gov.uk\)](http://leics-fire.gov.uk)

As an On-Call Firefighter, you must live or work within four minutes of these stations, with the exception of Billesdon and Market Bosworth station, which is six minutes.

*Please note that all stations advertised are subject to current vacancy availability.

You can find more information about the job role and how to apply by visiting: leics-fire.gov.uk/on-call

WARNING TO PARENTS ON SUMMER WATER HAZARDS

We are asking residents and parents to stay aware of the dangers of swimming outdoors as the weather improves.

There have recently been some reports about people accessing the water at Hill Hole Quarry in Markfield, at Jubilee Park Enderby, Stoney Cove as well as the moat around Argents Mead in Hinckley. All stretches of water present hidden dangers and are also cold and deep. They are also fenced off for safety reasons and should not be accessed by anyone who does not have permission. The steep slopes on Argents Mead are slippery and could present an additional danger for children/young people playing on them.



Warning signs have been placed around all sites advising people what to do if someone does get into danger and needs help.

You can find more information about water safety here:

[Water Safety \(leics-fire.gov.uk\)](https://leics-fire.gov.uk)

ASK FOR ANGELA



As well as what to wear and a list of conversation starters, make sure you also take some time to think about the best venue.

Across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, the Ask for Angela scheme is available in various pubs and bars. If you're on a date and find yourself in an uncomfortable situation, such as feeling unsafe or finding that your date isn't who they said they were, or even if things just don't feel quite right, you can go to the bar and ask for Angela.

Staff in various venues have been trained to recognise that the safe word 'Angela' means that there may be a problem.

They can then offer to call a taxi for you, provide a safe place for you to call a friend, or help you to leave the venue discreetly if you are feeling unsafe due to your date's actions, words or behaviour.

To find a venue that offers Ask For Angela visit [Ask For Angela | Leicestershire County Council](https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/ask-for-angela)

ASB AWARENESS WEEK

ASB awareness week took place from July 3rd to 9th to encourage communities to take a stand against ASB and highlight the actions that can be taken by those experiencing it.

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council's anti-social behaviour team in partnership with local police organised two patch walks to identify issues of concern and communicate with residents around ASB and wider community safety issues. These took place within a northern parish of the borough and one in Hinckley.

The Community Safety Team in partnership with Turning Point and cultural services arranged a 'healthy holidays' session at The Hinckley School with sixth formers aged 16–17-year-olds. The session took place during a lunch time period and focused on a variety of topics including ASB and the consequences, water safety, BBQ safety, substance misuse and healthy relationships.

Staff from Blaby District Council's Community Safety Team were joined by Leicestershire Police in the shopping precinct in Blaby village for ASB Awareness Week.

They chatted with shoppers and local people to offer advice and handed out some leaflets as well as some useful freebies to help keep people safe such as door and window alarms, purse bells and anti spiking straws.

Officers there also discussed Neighbourhood Link and how this can help residents keep up to date with matters that are relevant to their area.

For further information #AsbAwarenessWeek [ASB Awareness Week \(resolveuk.org.uk\)](https://www.resolveuk.org.uk)



RURAL TEAM

In the summer of 2021 Leicestershire Police, Rural Policing Team was formed as part of the Forces commitment to strengthen policing in rural areas.

Initially the team consisted of three officers based at Force Headquarters in Enderby and then in the summer of 2022 the team was increased to eight officers to allow greater coverage and presence in rural areas.

Currently the team consists of a Sgt and PC based at HQ and the other offices being based at the five rural NPA's (Neighbourhood Policing Areas) across Leicestershire and Rutland. They are Hinckley and Bosworth, North West Leicestershire, Charnwood, Melton and Rutland and Market Harborough.

Although the officers on each are largely responsible for managing the rural crime on their areas the team has the flexibility to be able to work together in any part of the county to combat a particular issue or work together on proactive operations when required.

The team is fortunate to have a fleet of Ford Ranger 4 x 4 pickups which allow them to access areas that officers in standard patrol vehicle would not be able to access. All the officers on the team are trained and certified in off road driving to allow correct use of the vehicles.

Day to day the officers on the team deal with rural crime, visit farms and other rural business and assist the staff at their NPA's with general work as required. As well as this, the Rural Team provide Rural Crime training for staff across the force to ensure that those attending and taking calls have a greater understanding of rural crime and the impact it has. Since January 2022, the team has recovered approaching £1 million of stolen rural items vehicles and plant or suspect vehicles involved in rural crime.



Most of the Rural Team are trained to investigate Wildlife Crime. This is a vast area of legislation which covers anything from badger sett disturbance to the storage and transportation of protected species and restricted materials such as ivory.

The Rural Team is also responsible for investigating Heritage crime which is defined as 'any offence which harms the value of heritage assets and their setting' and includes offences like lead theft from churches, damage to ancient monuments and illegal metal detecting.

The rural officer who is based at Market Bosworth and covers the Hinckley and Bosworth area is PC Mike STATT. PC STATT is a farmer's son and has knowledge and interest in rural matters. Since being in post he has been keen to assist the rural community and has worked hard to tackle the issues that matter to them most. PC STATT has worked at Hinckley and Bosworth since 2009, first as a response officer and then as a beat officer on various beats so he has a good understanding of the Borough and the issues it faces in relation to crime.

In Hinckley and Bosworth, the Rural Team have worked hard to tackle issues reported to the Police. Traditionally from the end of the harvest until the spring is hare coursing season. Hare coursing is the chasing and killing of hares with dogs which since 2005 has illegal. Lately officers have been given powers to allow seizure of dogs, vehicles and other items from people suspected of hare coursing which have been used in the Borough.



Issues have been reported of illegal fishing on the River Sense. The Rural Team in conjunction with the Beat Team regularly patrol the area in an attempt to catch offenders. They currently are working with the Environment Agency on an operation to tackle the problem.

If you have any questions in relation to Rural Crime in Blaby District or Hinckley and Bosworth Borough email michael.statt@leics.police.uk

Left to Right: PC Mike STATT, PC Lauren De Wett, PC Kelly TONES, PS Paul ARCHER, PC Chris VICKERS, PC Matt HOUGHTON, PC Rob CROSS, PC Riannon SIMPSON.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MENTAL HEALTH

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council have partnered with the NHS in delivering work around Neighbourhood Mental Health for the Integrated Care System.

HBBC Officers Amie Carroll & Jodine Legg have taken on the role to encourage collaboration with statutory and VCS partners within the borough to help support residents to access more mental health support at a neighbourhood level. Work has gone in to support local Neighbourhood Mental Health Cafes, Hinckley being lucky to have a café within Hinckley and one soon to be available within Earl Shilton. [Neighbourhood Mental Health Cafes - Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust \(leicspart.nhs.uk\)](https://neighbourhoodmentalhealthcafes.leicestershire.nhs.uk).

Neighbourhood Mental Health Leads are also ensuring strong partnership links are in place to encourage networking & interagency collaboration with health colleagues now attending our local Joint Action Group. They have also been working closely with housing colleagues to offer residents access to BEAM, a crowdfunding resource that encourage residents into work and/or training opportunities.

Neighbourhood Mental Health Lead's also attended the recent CSP priority planning event, working closely with our CSP partners to recognise crossover, avoiding duplication by closer working together and ensuring Mental Health is a priority considered amongst plans for 23-24.

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Monday 17th July 2023

10am - Glenfield
The Annexe LE3 8BQ

1:30pm - Glen Parva
Co-op Hilsborough Road LE2 9PT

Tuesday 1st August 2023

10am Croft

1pm - Enderby
Various Locations

Monday 7th August 2023

10am - Sapcote
The Red Lion Pub
LE9 4FG

11:30am - Stoney Stanton
St Michaels Car Park

2:30pm - Braunstone
Various Locations

Bring People Together

Bridge The Gaps

Build The Connections

Out & About in your Community

Better Mental Health For all
In Leicestershire, Leicestershire and Rutland

Come and join us!

Register your interest:
Hannah.Williams@blaby.gov.uk
WhatsApp - 07443496173

For further information contact Jodine Legg at jodine.legg@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk, Amie Carroll at amie.carroll@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk or Hannah Williams hannah.williams@blaby.gov.uk

In the Blaby District the "All is Well" van will be visiting different areas in the upcoming weeks. The purpose of this initiative is to reach out to families and potentially vulnerable individuals who may be feeling isolated or disconnected from their community. The van will be packed with fun activities, resources, and friendly faces ready to engage and connect with people.

Whether you're looking for a bit of entertainment, seeking information about local services, or simply want to meet new people, the All Is Well Van has got you covered. It's a fantastic opportunity to get out, have a great time, and feel more connected to the community.

ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK

Monday 3 July saw the start of Alcohol Awareness Week - a week of events raising awareness and a chance to get the UK thinking about drinking. The theme for 2023 was 'alcohol and cost', and asked people to think about the cost drinking has on their health, their relationships, and their finances.

Blaby District Council supported Alcohol Awareness Week this year by hosting events: a summer mocktail party for staff over lunch, and a mocktail event for the Armed Forces Veteran's Wellbeing and Coffee morning.

Staff and guests were able to sample alcohol-free beers, ciders and mocktails. They also took part in some challenges using our drunk-simulation goggles - scoring a goal and playing ring toss!

The events were enjoyed by all attendees and got staff and guests talking about tasty alternatives and even swapping recommendations and mocktail recipes.



DOMESTIC ABUSE OUTREACH SERVICE 2023 – 2024

Since the beginning of the year Hinckley & Bosworth and Blaby District's Domestic Abuse Outreach Teams have attended partner agency networking events with both the Children and Family Wellbeing Service and for Mental Health awareness. The service has also provided information for events which have been attended by members of the public regarding the Cost-of-Living crisis.

During the year we highlight awareness raising, offer support and signposting for notable dates such as World Elder Abuse Day, which was 15th June, Mental Health Awareness month in May, with a focus on Anxiety whereby survivors who attended a coffee morning made Glitter Jars. We are planning future campaigns to raise and deliver awareness and offer support jointly with the Domestic Abuse Outreach Service in Blaby, such as World Suicide Prevention Day on 10th September 2023, the White Ribbon Campaign (WRC) which begins on 25th November (every year) and our annual Christmas Campaign.

Within our 16 days of action for the WRC in November besides our usual social media messages we will be hosting a networking event for professionals, also we are very excited to be exhibiting artwork by our service user group *Behind Closed Doors* depicting their interpretation of "My Recovery from Trauma". We are hoping to display this across our public buildings within the borough.

We are working on delivering 6 hybrid awareness sessions between September 2023 and March 2024 (dates to be confirmed) with partner services and agencies on relevant subjects such as –

- **Domestic Abuse and Homelessness**
- **How children are impacted by Domestic Abuse**, *this will include new legislation regarding children to be classed as victims, and Adverse Childhood Experience's (ACE's)*
- **Coercive control within relationships – what is it?** *We think this would be very useful for our colleagues working within schools and colleges when they deliver their healthy relationship work.*
- **Economic abuse within an abusive relationship – How far does it go?** *This will highlight the extent of how economic factors are used and how they impact, as well as where to access further help, advice, or support.*

Our domestic abuse groups plan is to deliver –

- The Freedom Programme - September to December 2023, and January to March 2024
- The Recovery Toolkit – September to December 2023, and April to July 2024
- The Unbreakable Course - June to July 2023. Future dates to be confirmed but possibly February to March 2024 and September to October 2024.
- The Healing Together Programme (Adult & Child) - October 2023 to November 2023
- The Healing Together (Child only) – dates to be confirmed.

For further information please use the following contact methods:

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough:

- 07966202181 or via 01455 234141
- domesticabuseoutreachservice@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk
- [Domestic abuse | Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council \(hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk\)](https://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/domestic-abuse)

The Domestic Abuse Outreach workers provide practical and emotional support to all survivors of domestic abuse, regardless of background. The outreach worker will listen to you in confidence, take things at your pace and discuss the various options available to help keep you and your loved ones safe. Support can be provided face to face or over the phone. We welcome self-referrals and professional referrals. Blaby District currently do not have a waiting list.

We also plan to run a Recovery Toolkit group programme for survivors of domestic abuse in Summer/Autumn 2023. For more information/referrals please contact the outreach worker on 0116 272 7637.

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MOBILE BUS PROVIDES ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Young people can hop onboard a mobile youth bus in Hinckley town centre this summer to enjoy video games, DJ equipment and more. The bus will be based in Argents Mead, thanks to funding secured by Hinckley & Bosworth and Blaby's Community Safety Partnership (CSP) from the Police and Crime Commissioner. The funding is aimed at continuing to improve public spaces and prevent neighbourhood crime and will be used by Streetvibe Young People's Services.



As part of this, youth workers will be on board a mobile youth bus which has a range of activities, such as games consoles, i-Pads, a space to relax, DJ equipment and much more. The bus will be parked at the top of Argents Mead next to the play area on Thursdays from 6-8pm and Fridays from 3.30pm-5.30pm until the end of August.

Cllr Michael Mullaney, Executive Member for Community Safety at the Borough Council said: "This is a great project, and we are delighted to have secured the funding for it. I would urge families to let their young people know about this facility, not only is it fun but the support and expertise of the youth team is highly valuable."

Laura Hill, manager for Streetvibe, said: "We are thrilled to be part of this project and provide much needed activities and opportunities for young people, and it is exciting that we will be working from the mobile bus which has lots of different activities for them to engage with." Streetvibe will also be working with young people on a one-to-one basis to help them improve their lives by providing mentoring, which is a process of listening as well as offering practical solutions to issues such as housing, finding employment and signposting to relevant services.

Streetvibe and the mobile bus will continue to run through the summer holidays at Mossdale Meadows Park in Braunstone Town on Tuesday's and Thursday's alongside the Premier Kicks programme.