



Welcome to the November 2020 edition of the North West Leicestershire Police newsletter. Despite these strange times the policing team have had a busy few months.

The team are still here delivering 24/7 policing and continue to work with a number of partners including NWLDC, the fire service and East Midlands Ambulance. The force was restructured in March which has been excellent for North West Leicestershire as we now have 24/7 policing operating out of Coalville which gives us greater resilience particularly for proactive work.

Leicestershire's first Tri Emergency Service Hub. The official "socially distanced" opening of the emergency services hub at Coalville took place on Saturday 15 August to welcome East Midlands Ambulance Service to the building following the move from their previous station earlier in March. This is the first tri-service station in Leicestershire with all three 999 services under one roof. This arrangement brings some excellent operational benefits when dealing with significant incidents such as road traffic collisions.



A Chief Superintendent Award has been given to two of our Officers to recognise the work they did dealing with a serious Road Traffic Collision, PC's Smith and Jones came across the accident whilst out on patrol and delivered first aid in very difficult and challenging circumstances. Their actions prolonged life sufficiently for other medical resources to attend and Leicester Fire and Rescue Service to extract the injured persons. The accident which happened on the A511 between Ashby and Coalville 6th July 2020.

Sergeant Matt Hutton who also attended said *"The RTC itself is one of the most devastating I have seen outside of a motorway / dual carriageway environment, with the devastation and damage I observed to both vehicles it is a miracle that anyone involved left the scene alive"*





New Recruits for North West Leicestershire area.



PS Catherine Fletcher, has transferred to Coalville taking over H shift in our 24/7 response team. "I have been a Police Officer for 12 years and recently promoted to Sergeant. My career has mainly been in a 24/7 Response role, starting out at Coalville in the good old days and more recently have worked in Loughborough. I am local to the area and have been all my life. In my spare time I take an active part in the community running a local Guide unit through Girlguiding UK.

I am looking forward to the new challenges ahead and continuing to serve the folks of the North West Leicestershire! "



PS Tim Bennett – "I joined West Midlands police in 2003 doing response and neighbourhood roles based in Coventry. I transferred over to Leicestershire in 2008 and worked in Market Harborough on a Response team. In 2010 I moved over to Hinckley Neighbourhood team and later joined the Neighbourhood Priority Team in 2015. I am now looking forward to my next chapter and fortunate enough to be taking over G Shift at Coalville as 24/7 response team Acting Sergeant."

Since the start of April, Coalville Police station have seen an additional 20 new police officers who have joined the organisation arrive to assist in Policing the local area, including



two who were previously Police Community Support Officer's, back two of our Police Community Support Officers, PC Aldona Wolska and PC Rich Willett who have completed their initial training to become Police Officers. Having worked with both for several years it is great to see them return to us as 24/7 response



officers.

With new officers arriving, comes with invaluable ongoing training days! One of those days have included providing officers with the skills to effective entry safety into property, examples include where needing to force entry to help someone in medical need through to enforcement on warrants.





Enforcement

The local Police continue to work very closely with the community we serve and also the partner agencies within North West. A great example of this concerns reporting of drug dealing across North West, Officers from Coalville have been listened to the communities concerns and have acted on intelligence and completed over 60 enforcement warrants, these have led to significant drug seizures and a high number of suspects being arrested.



NO NEED TO SPEED #FATAL4 – Key facts **Road safety week – 16-22 November 2020**

Roads policing in the UK focuses on the ‘fatal four’ major causes of death and serious injury on the roads:



- Speeding
- Drivers using mobile phones;
- Not wearing a seat belt
- Drink/Drug driving;

Leicestershire Police hold Fatal4 events on a regular basis across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland along with the road safety partnership, local authority and other emergency services.

OP Pioneer

Forest beat officers held a crime prevention roadshow in Measham, offering advice to the public about vehicle crime and burglaries in the area. The beat team had been spreading the message about Neighbourhood Link and inviting people to sign up and enter our competition to win a **Ring** doorbell camera and chime.





Wildlife Crime

Wildlife crime is dealt with by our own Rural Crime Team, but what types of incident come under wildlife crime we hear you ask...

- Poaching
- Coursing
- Persecution of badgers, birds and bats
- Egg theft and collection
- Collection of or trade in protected species and animal products
- Not registering animals which require a licence
- Taking protected plants
- Use of poisons, snares or explosives to kill or injure animals
- Animal cruelty
- Hunting with dogs
- Introducing invasive species
- Killing or capturing, damaging or destroying the habitat of any protected animal



If you think a wildlife crime has been committed then contact us by reporting a crime online <https://www.leics.police.uk/> If you're deaf or hard of hearing, use our textphone service on 18001 101. If a crime is happening or someone is in danger, call 999.

You can also report wildlife crime anonymously to Crimestoppers, by calling 0800 555 111.

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Neighbourhood Link is a free email messaging service from Leicestershire Police, Neighbourhood Watch and other partner organisations, providing news and updates on policing matters that are relevant to you. So far Over 10,000 residents have signed up to our email subscription service!

To sign up and receive email alerts about policing activity and initiatives in your local area, crime prevention advice and information as well as have the opportunity to reply directly to your neighbourhood team and provide feedback via surveys.

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Cyber - Cyber crime

Cybercrime, or computer-oriented crime, is a crime that involves a computer and a network. The computer may have been used in the commission of a crime, or it may be the target. Cybercrime may threaten a person, company or a nation's security and financial health.

You are more likely to be a victim of cyber than any other crime, In the UK alone, cases of online fraud each year run into the multi-millions – from the hacking and misuse of personal information to the distribution of viruses and malware to victims' devices. The total cost of this kind of crime is around £27 billion per year. The global total is thought to be around £456 million per year.

Most people are now familiar with the concept of hackers, and it's rare for anyone with an email address to have avoided fraudulent spam mail entirely. But with cybercrime on the increase worldwide, are we too complacent when it comes to considering risks? Please report all scams to action fraud to remove as much as possible to stop others being scammed.

Since COVID-19, government agencies have reported a reported a 300% increase in reported cybercrimes As if a pandemic wasn't scary enough, hackers leveraged the opportunity to attack vulnerable networks as office work moved to personal homes.

Cyber criminals seek to exploit human or security vulnerabilities in order to steal passwords, data or money directly. The most common cyber threats include:

- Hacking - including of social media and email passwords
- Phishing - bogus emails asking for security information and personal details
- Malicious software – including ransomware through which criminals hijack files and hold them to ransom
- Distributed denial of service (DDOS) attacks against websites – often accompanied by extortion

Most cyber attacks could be prevented by taking these basic security steps:

- Choose strong passwords and don't reuse them for multiple logins
- Install security software such as anti-virus and two-factor authentication. This kind of software is often available for free.
- Keep all security software and operating systems updated (this can be set to update automatically)

For further advice on how to stay safe online please visit Cyber Aware, Get Safe Online or the National Cyber Security Centre.





Remembrance Sunday



For last year's Coalville Remembrance

Day I was honoured to represent the police at last year's Remembrance Day parade in Coalville. The turnout for this event is always significant and reflects how grateful the local community are of those who paid ultimate price in protecting our freedom and those who serve or have served

in the military. Sadly this can't run this year however I look forward to the team participating at the next event.

