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Welcome to your Melton Mowbray police e-newsletter. Here you will find all of the latest news from a Melton Mowbray policing perspective and crime prevention advice to help keep yourself and others safe.

Courier Fraud

What is Courier Fraud?

It occurs when a suspect makes contact a victim by phone, pretending to be a law enforcement official or bank staff.

The victim is persuaded to co-operate with an "operation" designed to gather evidence or identify offenders responsible for a fictional offence.

Victims are requested to:

- [Withdraw money from their bank](#)
- [Purchase an expensive item](#)
- [Provide their bank card /details to assist with the operation](#)

The money or item is then handed over to a "courier" who attends the victim's address or meets them nearby.

If you receive any calls that make you suspicious, you should disconnect the call straightaway and report the incident to the police using another telephone, as on some occasions calls can remain connected. The victim needs to report the crime on 101 and not 999 unless it is an emergency. Please remind elderly people of this crime to prevent more people becoming victims.



Thanking our Volunteers

On Saturday, ACC Kerry Smith and the High Sheriff of Rutland inspected cadets on parade at a family day celebrating all volunteers in policing. It was our chance to thank our volunteers for all the work that they do to help the force.





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Anti-Social Behaviour Week

As part of our recent ASB week, the Melton Town north beat team conducted a patch walk with members of platform housing around Dieppe Way, Shepherds Croft, Bramley Close and Russet Way. Patch Walks enable offices and partner agencies to discuss any ongoing anti social behaviour issues and come up with joint plans to tackle them.

Melton Town south beat team also conducted a patch walk and met with victims of ASB to provide updates and reassurance.

PCSO Emma Prothero and Amelia Baily (Melton Borough Council) are pleased to report that ASB at the multi use games area at The Edge on Dalby Road has decreased since increased patrols were carried out.



Op GALILEO - Illegal Hare Coursing

The Rural Policing team joined 31 other forces to discuss new legislation around hare coursing.

The national approach is: if you are hare coursing, expect to lose your dogs, vehicles and anything else connected to hare coursing.

- If you see hare coursing please ring **999**
- If you have information on hare coursing please ring **101** or report online at: www.leics.police.uk/reportcrime

Signs of hare coursing are:

- ◆ Hare coursing often takes place in areas where hares call home. This is usually in large, flat rural landscapes
- ◆ Listen out for the barking of large groups of dogs late at night
- ◆ The vehicles they drive will typically be larger estate cars, four wheel drives or vans
- ◆ The group will often travel to and from the location in a convoy



The next edition will be out soon!