



Your Local Team



- Sgt 778 Steve Downes
- PC 1574 Amelia Nicholson
- PCSO 6144 Jade Martin
- PCSO 6130 Gaynor Colley

What matters to you

We have listened to you and the concerns you raise

Our beat priorities continue to be:

Priority 1: ASB. What we are going to do: The beat team aim to tackle incidences of ASB within the villages including the parks and beauty spots of Charnwood West utilising ASB and civil legislation and patrols in locations identified as subject to ASB.

Priority 2: Speeding and Road safety. What we are going to do: The beat team will deal with issues of road safety and speeding in Charnwood West villages. If you believe that there is an issue in your area, let the beat team know.

Priority 3: Drugs. What we are going to do: The beat team will deal with incidences of drug use and dealing across the beat area. Patrolling identified areas, utilising stop search powers where available and develop intelligence to allow us to target dealing within your area.

Charnwood West covers the below areas

- Rothley
- Quorn
- Woodhouse Eaves
- Woodhouse
- Swithland
- Thurcaston
- Newtown Linford
- Cropston
- Ulverscroft



We are delighted to introduce Sergeant 778 Steve Downes as the new Sergeant for the NL56 beat. Steve is very excited to be joining our Beat, and we are looking forward to showing him around our fantastic villages and helping him get to know the community. We feel incredibly lucky to have him as part of the NL56 team! While we do have to share him with our colleagues on NL58 (covering Anstey, Cropston, Thurcaston, and Newtown Linford), we're confident we'll see plenty of him - especially as we've stocked the office with snacks to keep him going!

Sgt Downes brings a wealth of experience, having originally joined the force as a Special Constable in 2011 before becoming a Police Constable in 2013, eventually progressing to Sergeant. Sgt Downes has worked in and out of the Charnwood area for most of his policing career. His previous beat was very different from ours, giving him a broad range of knowledge and experience that will be a real benefit to our team and community.

We'd like to extend a very warm welcome to Sgt Downes.

July 2026

The Charnwood West Dedicated Neighbourhood Team have been working throughout January to tackle our chosen priorities of Speeding and Road Traffic Safety, Anti Social Behaviour and Drugs (including use and drug dealing).

All the team featuring Sergeant Downes, PC Nicholson, PCSO Martin and PCSO Colley have been working both out on the beat engaging with the community, and completing essential behind the scenes administrative work on the below and other aspects of policing:

Drugs and Drug Dealing

Throughout July, the NL56 Charnwood West Beat Team has remained proactive in addressing drug-related issues across the beat area. A combination of high visibility patrols and plain clothes operations have been conducted in Quorn, Rothley, Swithland and Woodhouse Eaves, aimed at disrupting suspected drug activity, gathering intelligence and preventing associated anti-social behaviour. Officers have continued to work closely with partner agencies and specialist departments, developing intelligence to identify individuals involved in the use and supply of controlled substances and to target locations causing concern within the community. This intelligence-led approach has enabled focused activity in areas where reports and information indicate the greatest risk of harm. In partnership with Charnwood Borough Council, safeguarding visits were carried out at two addresses in Quorn following concerns regarding potential cuckooing. These visits form part of our ongoing commitment to protecting vulnerable residents from exploitation and ensuring that support is provided where needed. Tackling drug related crime remains a priority for the team, as such activity often has a wider impact on community safety, including anti-social behaviour, acquisitive crime and the exploitation of vulnerable people. We continue to encourage residents to report suspicious activity and share information with us, as community intelligence remains invaluable in helping us identify issues, take positive action and keep our neighbourhoods safe.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Throughout July, the NL56 Charnwood West Beat Team has continued its efforts to address anti-social behaviour across the Charnwood West area, working to prevent issues from escalating and maintain community confidence. With schools breaking up for the summer holidays, the team is aware of the increase in reports that can occur during this period and has adjusted patrol activity accordingly, focusing on locations highlighted through community feedback and recent incidents. Officers have carried out targeted patrols in Quorn, Rothley, Woodhouse Eaves and surrounding villages, providing a visible presence in areas where concerns have been raised. During the month, reports have been received relating to young people kicking doors and deliberately starting small fires. These incidents are being actively followed up, with enquiries ongoing to identify those responsible and take appropriate action where offences have been committed. The team has also continued to engage with local residents, carry out follow up visits to victims, and utilise the incremental approach when dealing with repeat ASB offenders. Where appropriate, advice, warning letters and partnership interventions have been used to address behaviour at the earliest opportunity and prevent further incidents. Working alongside partner agencies remains a key part of our approach, ensuring that both enforcement and preventative measures are considered to achieve long term solutions. We would encourage residents to continue reporting anti-social behaviour and suspicious activity, as information provided by the community helps us identify trends, target patrols effectively and take positive action to keep our neighbourhoods safe throughout the summer months.



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Speeding and Road Traffic Safety

Throughout July, the NL56 Charnwood West Beat Team has continued to address concerns around speeding and road safety across the local area. Targeted speed enforcement activity was carried out following concerns raised by residents regarding vehicle speeds on Mountsorrel Lane, Rothley. During the operation, the vast majority of motorists were found to be complying with the 30mph speed limit, demonstrating generally good levels of driver awareness and responsible road use. However, two vehicles were detected travelling at 38mph and were subsequently stopped by officers and dealt with accordingly. Road safety remains a key priority for the team, particularly during the summer months when there is often increased traffic, more pedestrians and cyclists using the roads, and children spending more time outdoors during the school holidays. Officers will continue to monitor locations highlighted by the community and conduct enforcement and educational activity where appropriate. We would like to thank residents who continue to report concerns and provide information about speeding hotspots. Community feedback helps us identify areas requiring attention and supports our ongoing efforts to make the roads within Charnwood West safer for everyone who live, work and travel through the area.

Community and Beat Engagements

Please see our beat surgery locations below. Feel free to pop in and chat with us if you have time.

<https://www.leics.police.uk/area/your-area/leicestershire/charnwood/charnwood-west/meetings-and-events/top-reported-crimes-in-this-area>

Otherwise we can be contacted on the link below.

<https://www.leics.police.uk/area/your-area/local-policing-team-contact>

Get involved!

Please take this opportunity to raise any concerns you may have and to find out what we are doing to tackle the issues that matter to you.

We urge you to call 999 in an emergency - if you or someone else are in immediate danger, or a crime is in progress.

Please take the time to visit the site in order that you can come and share your views, and help to develop the priorities that concern you. This can be done using the QR codes below.

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Your Views Survey



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July in Pictures



