

# South Wigston Newsletter #yousaidwedid

#### Issue: June/July 2025



### Your Team:

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### What matters to you:

We have listened to you and the concerns you raised and prioritised the following:

#### Speeding

Speeding remains a top priority in some areas of South Wigston.

**Road Safety** General road safety is an increasing priority for residents of South Wigston.

Antisocial Behaviour ASB is a frequently raised concern across South Wigston.

### What we have done #yousaidwedid

**Speeding** and **Road Safety** remain a top priority for many residents of South Wigston – and rightly so. As an emergency service we are all too aware of the dangers associated with excess speed and poor driving standards and we take a dim view of anybody flouting the rules of the road.

We continue to undertake random speed checks across South Wigston, generally in locations raised as a concern by members of the public. With these we generally find that our presence alone deters most from applying a heavy right foot – but those who are caught will be dealt with appropriately. Contrary to popular belief, we do not aim to generate revenue from speeding tickets and certainly do not receive any of the funds locally – in fact, most first-time offenders will be offered a driver awareness course instead of points on their license, as often education is the best fix!

We also continue to plan our 'Fatal 4' operations periodically in South Wigston which focus on other offences including not wearing seatbelts, mobile phone use and document offences – again, with our sole aim to be public safety and catching those who use our roads illegally (which put costs up for the rest of us)!



In July we conducted a Patch Walk with Tom Maccabe from Oadby & Wigston Borough Council. This was to ensure our local workstreams were aligned and local priorities were discussed. We discussed shop theft, ASB, CCTV and illegal vehicles and were able to share thoughts and information about specific incidents and cases to ensure we handle situations appropriately and learn from each other.

#### ASB (antisocial behaviour) is a focal point for us presently.

Fortunately, due to hard work undertaken by the beat team throughout 2024 and early 2025 we have seen a reduction in general ASB calls. This is in part due to our partnership working with the council, introducing young people to sports and social clubs, and partly down to the most prolific offenders being caught and dealt with using our incremental approach to ASB.



We have also attended both Fairfield Primary School and Parkland School in South Wigston to discuss antisocial behaviour and outline the consequences of disruptive and nuisance behaviours before the summer holidays commenced.

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the Fairfield School Fun Day earlier this month as well, with plenty of interest in the police vehicle and equipment, and lots of questions for PCSO Dom about his role.

#### **Shop Theft**

This year (so far) we have achieved a 27% increase in arrests on last year, for reports of shop theft. This is down to building better working relationships with our local stores, and ensuring a better understanding of the processes involved in theft investigations.

We have a dedicated team who focus their time on the most prolific offenders, ensuring cases are linked, case files are buttoned down and evidence is strong – leading to several custodial sentences!

Your local PCSOs continue to gather as much evidence as possible through CCTV and statements, and conduct high visibility patrols in the worst affected areas.



## **Engagements and Events**

#### Don't miss out on our events and engagements:

Speak to your Beat Team Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July – 9am – 4pm PCSO Dom will be at the front counter of Wigston Police Station to answer any queries

> **Community Engagement** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2025 – Tesco Café, Blaby Road – 12pm – 1pm

Speak to your Beat Team Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September – 10am – 1pm PCSO Dom will be at the front counter of Wigston Police Station to answer any queries

South Wigston Residents' Forum Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October – 7pm-9pm Location TBC – keep checking Oadby & Wigston Borough Council for details

#### **Christmas Capers**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December – 1pm - 6pm Elliot Hall/Blaby Road, South Wigston

More community engagements and other events will be listed in the coming weeks – keep an eye on Neighbourhood Link and social media for updates

You can keep up to date with what your local beat team gets up to by following us on social media: <u>Oadby and Wigston Police | Facebook</u>