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Loughborough East Newsletter

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Priorities and what we have done #yousaidwedid

BURGLARY REDUCTION

Priority: Reducing burglaries across Loughborough East.

Action Taken: Burglary can have a significant impact on victims, affecting not only property but also feelings of safety and wellbeing. To tackle this, officers are carrying out increased patrols in hotspot areas, providing crime prevention advice, and working with partners and the community to identify and disrupt offenders.

Update: Burglaries have reduced by 50% over the last 28 days, showing positive results from ongoing policing activity. Recent arrests include:

- A male wanted for four burglaries across the area.
- A male arrested after being found with a crowbar and weapons, suspected of intending to commit offences.
- Two males arrested in connection with a burglary on the beat who are currently on bail.

What this means for residents: Officers will continue focused patrols in affected areas to maintain this reduction and provide reassurance to the community. Residents are encouraged to keep homes secure and report suspicious activity.

TACKLING VEHICLE CRIME

Priority: Reducing vehicle theft, TWOC (Taking Without Owner's Consent), and anti-social behaviour involving vehicles.

Action Taken: Dedicated overt and covert patrols are taking place across the beat, supported by specialist units including traffic officers and dog handlers. Targeted operations aim to deter offenders, disrupt criminal activity, and improve road safety.

Update: During the last month, officers conducted a road safety operation focused on offences regularly reported by local residents. This resulted in:

- Several traffic offence reports being issued.
- Multiple vehicles being seized.
- Stop searches of vehicles linked to suspected drug-related activity.

What this means for residents: These operations help make local roads safer, reduce anti-social driving, and disrupt criminality linked to vehicle use.

TACKLING DRUG DEALING & CUCKOOING

Priority: Targeting drug dealing, the exploitation of vulnerable people through cuckooing, and the anti-social behaviour associated with this activity.

Action Taken: Officers continue to use intelligence-led policing to identify offenders, safeguard vulnerable residents, and work with partner agencies to tackle drug-related crime. Community information remains vital in helping us identify those involved.

Update: During the last month, officers have conducted welfare visits to several vulnerable individuals believed to be at risk of cuckooing. Two addresses were identified as key concerns, and officers arrested a number of males found using these properties for criminal purposes.

What this means for residents: Tackling cuckooing helps protect vulnerable members of the community, reduces anti-social behaviour, and improves neighbourhood safety. We encourage anyone with information about drug activity or exploitation to continue reporting it to police.

AFTER MANY YEARS SERVING OUR COMMUNITY, IT'S TIME TO SAY GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK TO PCSO 6542 PATEL ON HIS RETIREMENT. A FAMILIAR FACE TO SO MANY ACROSS THE BEAT, PATEL HAS DEDICATED HIS CAREER TO SUPPORTING RESIDENTS, BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS, AND MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. HIS COMMITMENT, KNOWLEDGE OF THE AREA, AND FRIENDLY APPROACH WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY BOTH COLLEAGUES AND THE PUBLIC. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND DEDICATION.

On **Monday 10th August**, **PC 1173 Charlie** and **PC 4806 Harry** from the Neighbourhood Priority Team got stuck into another day of patrols, seizing a vehicle for no insurance and arresting a male on suspicion of stealing a motorbike in Derbyshire. Meanwhile, **PC 88 Ed** and **PC 4417 Craig** got hold of a vehicle known to be linked to criminality across the beat. The vehicle also turned out to be uninsured so was promptly seized.

On **Tuesday 11th August**, officers conducted a Road Safety operation set up by **PC 1173 Charlie** along with the Roads Policing Unit on Derby Road, targeting the Fatal Four offences. As much as we would love to report that everyone drove sensibly and we spent the day drinking tea and waving a motorists, unfortunately it was not quite like that. People were still using mobile phones, still forgetting seatbelts exist, still driving uninsured and some people had registration plates that appeared to have been designed using creative writing skills. The results speak for themselves: **16 Traffic Offence Reports issued, 6 mobile phone offences, 6 seatbelt offences, 3 no insurance offences, 3 illegal registration plate offences, 2 speeding offences**. Officers also carried out 2 stop searches and 1 vehicle search under the Misuse of Drug Act, while gathering intelligence linked to suspected drug dealing in the area.

On **Monday 24th August**, **PC 1408 Ilona** and **PCSO 6053 Sophie** attended an address following a report of suspected cuckooing to carry out enquiries and check on the welfare of a vulnerable resident who has previously been identified as being at risk of cuckooing. Cuckooing is a form of exploitation where criminals take over the home of a vulnerable person in order to facilitate criminal activity, most commonly drug dealing. During the visit, officers located a male who appeared to have settled comfortably into the property despite having no legitimate reason to be there. Officers were aware that he had a perfectly good address of his own elsewhere, raising the obvious question of why he had chose to make himself at home in someone else's. Checks revealed he was wanted for multiple offences, as a result he was arrested.

Last week, somewhere in Loughborough, more than 100 individually packaged wraps of suspected Class A drugs were waiting to hit the streets. Unfortunately for the suspected suppliers, so were **PC 1173 Charlie** and **PC 88 Ed**. Two suspects were arrested. Cash and mobile phones were seized. A knife was also recovered nearby. The phones were buzzing, but the suspected deal was off. The stock was seized, the line was disconnected and prospective callers were left listening to a very different hold message: "Your call is important to us. However, the suspected dealer is currently unavailable due to circumstances involving the NL65 Beat Team." From the officers who brought you Not on Our Beat comes this week's Loughborough blockbuster: "That's a Wrap: Line Disconnected". Enquiries continue.

On **Wednesday 26th August**, **PCSO 6185 Amey** and **PCSO 6938 Kelly** met with the manager of The Carpenters Arms in Loughborough to discuss how we can work together to support people on their rehabilitation journeys. We also spent the afternoon at The Hello Help Hub, chatting with local residents about any concerns they have in the area and offering advice and support where needed.

Upcoming Local Officer drop-ins:

-  11:00AM-12:00PM, Wednesday 23rd September 2026
-  Altogether Place, 72 Warwick Way, LE11 4UG
-  11:00AM-12:00PM, Tuesday 22nd September 2026
-  Marios Tinneti Centre, 91 Russell Street, LE11 1BJ
-  11:00AM-12:00PM, Friday 18th September 2026
-  Willowbrook Retail Park, LE11 5HG
-  18:00PM-19:00PM, Friday 25th September 2026
-  Fearon Hall, Rectory Road, LE11 1PL

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