



Leicestershire  
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# Ashby de la Zouch Newsletter

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## What matters to you



### Working Together for a Safer Community

We remain committed to listening to your concerns and targeting the areas that matter most to you.

📌 We are due to change our beat priorities, which will run for the next three months. Please feel free to drop us a message with your ideas, concerns, or any issues you feel should be prioritised.

Your feedback helps shape our work and ensures we focus on what matters most to the community.



Ashby Community Policing –Monthly Review (March 2026)  
Working together for a safer, stronger community

## Beat Priority Update

So far, we have completed 23 dedicated School Parking Patrols in response to ongoing concerns raised by parents, residents and staff across several schools within the NN46 area.

School parking continues to be a common issue, and we recognise the impact it has on safety and congestion within the community. We are committed to working with local residents, schools, and parents/guardians to help reduce these concerns and promote safer behaviour around school sites.

Our activity so far includes:

-  **Increased patrols** at peak school times
-  **Engagement with drivers** to provide advice and education
-  **Appropriate action taken** against several motorists for parking offences and speeding in Ravenstone
-  **Several proactive speed operations in Ravenstone**, targeting known hotspots and resident-reported areas. These operations resulted in multiple drivers being spoken to and educated about their speed, supporting our ongoing work to improve local road safety.
-  **School safety education** delivered to promote awareness and protect children around busy school environments

We have carried out 13 engagements with retailers and partners as part of our priority to: “Target retail crime at Flagstaff Island retail premises, particularly around under-reporting.”

With the growing retail footprint on the outskirts of Ashby, several businesses have told us they are concerned about being targeted by opportunist and organised thieves. We want to ensure these concerns are addressed and that stores feel confident in reporting incidents to us.

Our approach includes:

-  **Strengthening partnership working** between retailers, local authorities and neighbourhood policing
-  **Supporting and expanding the retail radio system**—currently used in Ashby Town—up to the Flagstaff Island retail park
-  **Encouraging better use of BWV, CCTV and loss-prevention systems**
-  **Providing clear, well-publicised reporting pathways**
-  **Building stronger relationships** with store managers and loss-prevention teams

## 🌟 ASHBY 20 — THANK YOU FROM YOUR LOCAL POLICE 🌟

We would like to thank everyone for their time, patience and understanding during the Ashby 20 run which took place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

With road closures stretching throughout Ashby — including Swepestone, Heather, Normanton and Packington — we know the event caused delays, detours and the occasional last-minute route change. With 19 of the 20 miles affected by closures, your cooperation really helped us keep everything running smoothly and safely.

We're also proud to say that one of our very own took part in the challenge — Sgt BELL, who swapped his uniform for running gear and was *off like a siren!* 📲

He kept a steady pace, didn't exceed any "speed limits," and we can confirm there were no reports of him resisting a rest at the finish line! 🏃

And although he normally catches offenders, this time he was just catching his breath!

A huge thank you once again to residents, runners, volunteers and marshals for helping us keep the event safe, supported and "by the book." 🚔 ❤️

Your patience kept things lawful, and your smiles kept things cheerful.



## 🚨 You Said – We Did! 🚨

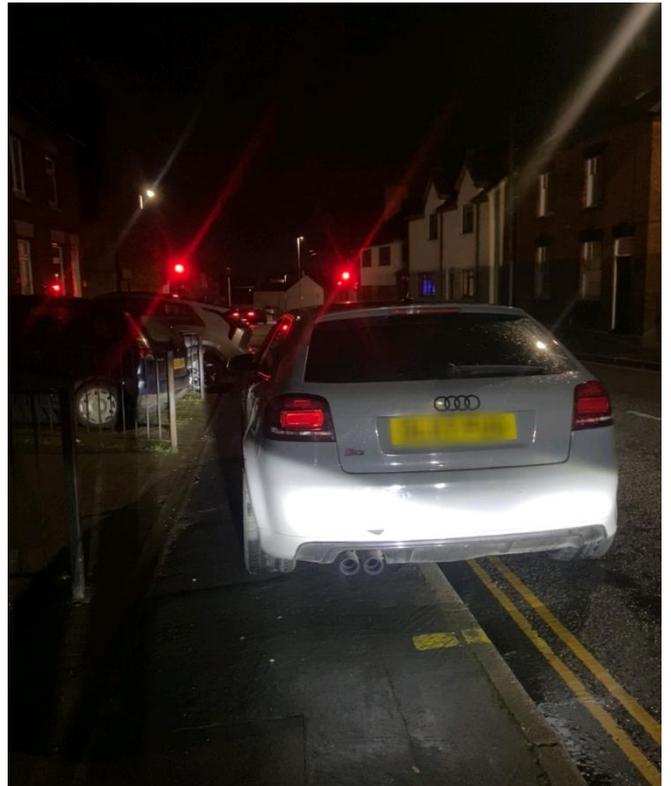
### Saturday 13th March — Pavement Parking, Ashby

Following complaints about pavement parking along Wood Street / Nottingham Road—one of the main routes into Ashby—officers have taken action.

This driver has been issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) for *wilful obstruction of the highway*. 🚗

As shown in the photo, a mobility scooter or double buggy would not have been able to pass, forcing pedestrians into the road and creating a clear safety risk. ⚠️

We will continue to monitor the area 👁️



### A reminder about police powers and responsibilities

We want to reiterate that:

- 🚫 Parking enforcement is primarily the responsibility of the local authority, not the police.
- 🚗 We can only take action when a clear obstruction is present—for example, when pedestrians, wheelchair users, mobility scooters or pushchairs are unable to pass safely.
- 🟡 Cars parked on double yellow lines are usually a council matter, not a police matter as we do not have the appropriate powers to deal with this.
- 🚶 If a vehicle is on a pavement but still leaves enough space for a wheelchair or buggy to pass, police officers do not have the power to issue a notice.

Our involvement is reserved for cases where parking poses a significant safety risk or forms part of wider community concerns raised by residents.

## BEAT SURGERIES, MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR APRIL 2026

- 07/04/2026 14:00-15:30 Ridgway Road Community Hub, Ashby, LE65 2PL
- 09/04/2026 10:00-12:00 Pathways, Holy Trinity Church, Kilwardby St, Ashby, LE65 2FR
- 16/04/2026 10:00-12:00 Sanctuary Housing Association, Stowe Close, Ashby, LE65 2NY
- 26/04/2026 12:00-16:00 Ravenstone Community Day, Village Green

 **Stay connected – Follow us on social media or speak to your local officers to share your concerns or ideas.**



Neighbourhood Link is a community messaging service from Leicestershire Police that provides news and

Information about policing activity or initiatives, crime prevention advice as well as major incidents affecting your area.

Through this service you can receive messages from your local Neighbourhood Policing Team, local police or, in the event of a major incident or event affecting the whole of Leicestershire, from a partnership of agencies known as the Local Resilience Forum.

In order to receive messages, you will need to register your details. Registration is free and simple to follow.

- Sign up to Neighbourhood Link <https://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk/>
- If you are already registered, you can amend your details
- Request a reminder if you have forgotten your username or password
- You can unsubscribe from the service at any time

Please click the link to show the latest available crime figures in the Ashby Beat Area, beat team information, policing priorities and meetings and events.

<https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/leicestershire-police/ashby/>