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November Newsletter – Inspector Ryan Ludlam

Welcome to the November edition of the Leicester City Centre Newsletter. Thank you to our officers, staff, volunteers, partners, businesses and communities for your continued support in helping make Leicester a safe and welcoming place to live, work and visit.

This edition focuses on two November weeks of action: SABA, supporting our city centre business community, and Operation Sceptre, focusing on knife crime prevention and community safety. Both updates highlight the importance of engagement, prevention and reassurance alongside enforcement.

You will also find crime figures covering 1 April to 22 November 2026, an update on Operation Pedalfast and our plans for increased patrols in the build-up to Christmas. Thank you for your continued engagement and partnership.

Crime Figures – April to 22nd November 2026

The November newsletter reported the following reductions across Central Leicester for 1 April to 22nd November 2026 compared with the same period in 2025.

- Overall reported crime is down 1.6% compared to the same period last year, representing more than 150 fewer victims in the city centre.
- Sexual offences is down 7.6% which is over 25 fewer victims
- Business burglary is down 18.1%, which represents more than 40 fewer businesses becoming victims.
- Residential burglary is down 23.0%, which represents more than 30 fewer victims
- Theft of motor vehicle is down 15.2%, which represents more than 15 fewer victims.
- Theft from motor vehicles is down 38.5%, which represents more than 210 fewer victims.
- Robbery offences are down 10.5% which is over 20 fewer victims
- Shoplifting has increased 14.3% sadly with over 170 additional offences
- Violence against the person has increased by 1.7% with over 40 more victims.

Thank you to the community, neighbourhood officers, city centre response teams and partners for your continued work to improve safety across Leicester.

SABA – Supporting Our Business Community

During November's SABA week of action, officers and PCSOs visited retailers across the city centre, including fast-food premises, to discuss anti-social behaviour, retail crime and community safety. These visits provided an opportunity to listen to concerns and reassure staff affected by crime and anti-social behaviour.

The conversations helped strengthen relationships with businesses and created opportunities to gather information about local concerns. Supporting retailers and their staff remains an important part of keeping our city centre safe and welcoming.

Dedicated videos were also created for business retailers to highlight the work being carried out to support

them and explain our use of Criminal Behaviour Orders. A separate video was shared with the public, highlighting the week of action and partnership working.

Thank you to the businesses and staff who spoke with officers and PCSOs during the week. Your feedback helps us understand the issues affecting the business community.

Operation Sceptre – Tackling Knife Crime

Operation Sceptre ran from 16 to 22 November 2026, with a programme focused on knife crime prevention, hotspot policing, engagement, enforcement and safeguarding.
The update provided during the week described enforcement, engagement, prevention and reassurance activity across Leicester city centre, focusing on knife crime, weapon-related offending and wider community safety.

Officers and PCSOs visited retailers, licensed premises and fast-food outlets, and spoke with members of the public, to raise awareness of the dangers of carrying knives and offensive weapons. These conversations also provided opportunities to hear local concerns and gather information.

Operation Pedalfast – Earlier Update

Previous newsletter reported continued Operation Pedalfast deployments targeting the illegal and dangerous use of modified e-bikes, e-scooters and other vehicles in the city centre. Following a recent deployment we have sadly now seized over 1000 illegal vehicles from within the City. .

That update highlighted education and enforcement in response to risks to pedestrians and other road users. It also reported links between some vehicles and wider criminality, including drugs, weapons and wanted individuals.

Increased Patrols in the Build-Up to Christmas

In the build-up to Christmas, we will be increasing visible patrols across Leicester City Centre. Our aim is to provide reassurance to residents, businesses, staff and visitors, help deter crime and anti-social behaviour, and support a safe and welcoming festive season.

Whether you are visiting to shop, work or enjoy time with friends and family, we want you to feel safe. If you see our officers and PCSOs while you are out, please stop and speak with them, share any concerns and let us know where you feel our attention is needed.

Listening to Your Views

The feedback from a city centre perception survey had helped focus activity on the places and issues that matter most to you. The main concerns raised were:

- Drug dealing and drug use.
- Anti-social behaviour.
- Visible policing.
- Safety during the evening and night-time economy.
- Concerns around specific locations including the Clock Tower, Granby Street, Humberstone Gate and Town Hall Square.

The SABA update in this edition describes videos created for businesses and the public to highlight local activity and partnership working. Listening to your concerns remains central to how we work with the community. These have all been put on our social media with channel for you to view.

If you want to hear directly about what is happening in your area, please sign up to Neighbourhood Link, Leicestershire Police's free community messaging service. You can receive local policing updates, crime prevention advice and information about incidents affecting Leicester City Centre directly to your inbox.

You can also keep up to date with our website and planned events or engagement opportunities using the following link:

Your area | Leicestershire Police

Partnership Working

The November newsletter continues to highlight strong collaboration with Leicester City Council, BID Leicester, Night-Time Economy partners and community organisations to address crime and anti-social behaviour hotspots. Strong partnerships remain one of the greatest strengths of Leicester City Centre and are critical to creating a safe and vibrant environment for everyone.

Thank You

I would like to personally thank residents, businesses, community groups, volunteers and partner agencies for the continued support you provide to Central Leicester NPA. The police are the community, and the community are the police. Without your voices and support, we could not continue to protect the community in the way that we do.

Together, we are continuing to reduce crime, improve safety and build confidence in Leicester City Centre.

Thank you for your continued support.

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