Leicestershire Police

Dear Reader,

As we move towards December and the festive season, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our communities for their continued support throughout the year. Whilst Christmas is a time for families and friends to come together, it is also a period when criminals seek opportunities to exploit vulnerabilities. A few simple crime prevention measures can help keep you, your family and your property safe over the coming weeks.

With the darker evenings now firmly upon us, please ensure your homes are secure. We would encourage residents to use timer switches on lights when away from home, keep doors and windows locked, and ensure valuable items are kept out of sight. Taking a few moments to secure your property can significantly reduce the risk of becoming a victim of burglary.

We have also seen an increase in thefts from motor vehicles across parts of the policing area. Many of these offences are opportunistic and occur when vehicles have been left insecure. Please remember to lock your vehicle whenever it is unattended, remove valuable items from view and never leave a vehicle running whilst unattended, particularly on cold mornings when drivers may be tempted to leave engines running to defrost windows. Not only does this create an opportunity for theft, but it places other members of the public at unnecessary risk.

As Christmas approaches, many people will be considering gifts for family members. We would remind the public that privately-owned e-scooters cannot legally be ridden on public roads, pavements or other public places. Similar legislation applies to many electric bikes that do not meet legal requirements. Whilst these items may appear an attractive Christmas present, those being used unlawfully may be stopped by officers and seized. We would encourage anyone considering purchasing one to familiarise themselves with the relevant legislation before doing so.

Our officers continue to carry out increased patrols in identified crime hotspots across West Leicester. These proactive patrols have resulted in a number of arrests linked to serious offences, helping to reduce crime and reassure local communities. We will continue to target those individuals responsible for causing the greatest harm while maintaining a visible presence where it is needed most.

The Neighbourhood Proactive Team has also achieved significant results during recent operations, making a number of arrests and recovering substantial quantities of controlled drugs. Investigations remain ongoing, and further enquiries continue to identify those involved in criminality within our communities.

West Leicester Neighbourhood Policing Area remains committed to identifying suspects, pursuing offenders and bringing those responsible for crime to justice. Through targeted enforcement, community engagement and partnership working, we will continue to tackle the issues that matter most to our residents and keep our neighbourhoods safe.

Yours sincerely,

**Commander**
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