

# Oadby Newsletter #yousaidwedid

### Issue: December 2024



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# What matters to you:

Priority 1: You told us that you were concerned about burglaries within the Oadby area.

What we are going to do: Officers continue to conduct regular patrols of the areas where offences have occurred, these patrols are reducing the number of burglaries. We will continue to do this going forward. Where CCTV is available, this will provide valuable intelligence on times and when offences are happening and possible vehicles involved, to assist in our patrol strategy.

Priority 2: Road Safety You said: You have told us that Road Safety is a priority, this includes things like Speeding, Insurance, MOT and driving offences.

**What we are going to do**: We have conducted vehicle speed checks at identified locations. Local officers have been targeting motorist's speeding, not wearing seatbelts, using mobile phones and drink/drug driving. Local officers have received reports of identified vehicles being driven without valid insurance, MOT and tax.

Priority 3: Anti-social Behaviour You Said: You have told us that Anti-Social behaviour causes you concern. This can be things like excessive noise, smoking drugs and more. We will be working with partners to ensure we can tackle these issues and reduce their occurrences.

What we are going to do: Your local police beat team and response officers have regularly patrolled identified anti-social behaviour locations, as reported by yourselves with regards to anti-social behaviour and drug related incidents. Officers continue to stop check persons and vehicles who are involved in drugs. Local officers have identified vehicles which are related to criminality.

# What we have done #yousaidwedid

# **Burglary Update**

The Oadby Police Team is continuing to prevent burglaries and have a strategy in place across the Oadby area. Your safety and security remain our top priority, and we appreciate your continued support and cooperation. Some of the key work which is ongoing is preventing burglaries, see below:

# Increased Patrols and Visibility

Local officers and PCOs have increased patrols in neighbourhoods identified as hotspot areas. You may have noticed an increase in vehicle patrols, especially during the evening hours. This visibility serves as a deterrent to potential criminals.

# **Targeted Operation Initiatives**

Local officers and PCSOs have conducted several targeted operations aimed at known offenders and hotspots for burglary. These operations have resulted intelligence and a noticeable decline in burglary attempts in the area.

# Crime Prevention Message

We continue to spread the burglary crime prevention message and are promoting the <u>Crime prevention</u> <u>advice | Leicestershire Police</u> website, click link for more information.

# Kevin Sinfield Running 31 Miles for Charity

In a remarkable display of determination and commitment, former rugby player Kevin Sinfield has once again proven his dedication to charitable causes by completing a 31-mile run in 7 days. Kevin Sinfield, renowned for his distinguished career with the Leeds Rhinos, has long been an advocate for charity work, particularly in raising awareness and funds for MND (Motor Neurone Disease) charity organisations. His connection to this cause became deeply personal when his former team-mate, Rob Burrow passed away in June last year. The 31-mile charity run saw Kevin, and his team arrive at Wigston Police Station on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024. This challenge for Kevin was about raising funds for 6 MND charities. There was a fantastic crowd who waited patiently for Kevin and his team. Everyone at Leicestershire Police wish Kevin all the success in the work he does.

Below: Kevin Sinfield at Wigston Police Station.



### PCSO Nad Visits The Over 50s Group

PCSO Nad recently visited the Over 50s Group based at the Oadby Youth Centre on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 for their Christmas Celebration. This gathering, known for its vibrant atmosphere and engaging activities provided a perfect platform for fostering relationships between local policing and residents. During the visit, PCSO Nad took the opportunity to introduce himself and share insights about his role within the Oadby Police Team. He emphasised the commitment to community safety and wellbeing, particularly elderly people during the festive period, who can often feel vulnerable. It is essential that everyone in our community feels safe and supported.

Below: PCSO Nad at the Over 50s Group.



#### Crime Prevention Event at Tesco Express, Oadby

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024 PCSO Nad organised a second crime prevention event at Tesco Express on Uplands Road in Oadby. The initiative aimed to equip residents with practical tools and knowledge to safeguard their belongings and homes. The event attracted numerous shoppers and community members, all eager to learn more about crime prevention strategies. PCSO Nad set up a welcoming table where he provided resources and engaged with residents. One of the highlights of the event was the distribution of purse bells that can be attached to purses and handbags. These bells serve as a deterrent against theft, if someone attempts to take a purse or bag, the sound of the bell alerts the owner and draws attention to the situation. In addition to the purse bells, PCSO Nad offered essential safety tips for keeping homes secure. He emphasised the importance of locking doors and windows, using security systems, and maintaining good lighting around properties. We will be hosting further events at Tesco Express in the coming months.

Right: PCSO Nad at Tesco Express.

**Below:** Some of the crime prevention items handed out to shoppers and the community at Tesco Express.





## **RAF Cadets Packing Bags at Asda**

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2024 whilst on patrols PCSO Nad and PC Simon met RAF Cadets from 1461 Wigston Squadron ATC were at Asda in Oadby to raise funds for charity by offering to pack bags for customers. This initiative not only showcased the dedication and teamwork of the cadets but also highlighted the importance of community engagement and support for local charities. The cadets set up their packing station near the entrance of Asda, greeted by the cheerful sounds of shoppers and the familiar scent of fresh produce, the Cadets were ready to lend a helping hand. As customers approached the checkout, they were met with the Cadets, eager to assist with packing their groceries. It was great to meet Sergeant Pete Griffin and the Cadets, we salute them for the work they do.



**Left:** PCSO Nad and PC Simon with Sergeant Griffin and the Cadets at Asda.

#### Farwell to PCSO 6167 Ali Haq

In December we said farewell to Police Community Support Officer 6167 Ali Haq of South Wigston Policing Team, who is moving on to new pastures as a Digital Forensics Technician with Leicestershire Police. Ali has been with Leicestershire Police since 2008, where he started his service at Welford Road Police Station, then in 2015 following operational changes became part of Wigston Police Station. For years, Ali has been a vital part of Wigston Police Station and the local community. Ali's contribution has been felt in many areas. He has worked with the community on a range of policing issues and cases, ensuring our safety and well-being. Ali has also worked with the local council in implementing CCTV within the Oadby & Wigston Borough. Ali has always gone above and beyond to ensure he builds lasting relationships. From organising neighbourhood events and being ready to contribute during tough times, his dedication and compassion have truly made a difference. His kindness, commitment, and approachable nature have made a lasting impact on everyone he encountered. While we will miss his presence, we are excited for what lies ahead for him. Thank you, Ali, for your service and the positive change you've brought to both colleagues and the community. We wish Ali all the best for the future.



Left: PCSO Ali Haq.

## Moving into 2025

As we move forward into 2025, we remain committed to making Oadby a safe place to live and work. We appreciate your partnership in this endeavour and encourage you to stay engaged with the Oadby Police Team. Wishing all our communities and partners across South Wigston, Wigston and Oadby a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year, from all of us here at Wigston Police Station. We look forward to engaging and working with everyone in 2025.

## Thank you for your continued support. Here is a selection of our photos from 2024.



## Don't miss out on our events:

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> and <u>Oadby and Wigston Police (@LPOadbyWigston) / X</u>

Meet Your Police at Oadby Library Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - 10.30am to 12.00pm

Meet Your Police at Oadby Gurdwara Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - 11.30am to 12.30pm.

<u>Crime Prevention Event at Tesco Express, Uplands Road, Oadby</u> Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 - 11.00am to 12.30pm

More Meet Your Police dates, and other events will be listed in the coming weeks. Keep an eye on Neighbourhood Link and social media for updates.