



Issue: Winter 2026

Your Local Team



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What Matters To You

We have listened to you and the concerns you raised and prioritised the following going forward from January—March 2026:

Priority 1: Burglary & Retail Theft

You said: Burglaries over the winter months are a concern, both residentially and commercially.

What we are going to do: We will increase patrols around our residential streets and visit local businesses to provide reassurance and maintain a visible presence. We will work alongside local businesses and communities to hold engagement events where officers can share safety advice and practical crime prevention tips. We will also aim to identify and arrest suspects through investigations to prevent further harm and protect our communities.

Priority 2: Anti-social behaviour

You Said: Seeing anti-social behaviour in open public spaces makes you feel unsafe, especially when it involves drug use and drug dealing.

What we are going to do: We will increase our presence and attend these locations. When doing so, we will be using our appropriate police powers such as stop and search, section 50 Police Reform Act 2002 and arrest where offences are identified. We will also link in with the local council and other agencies to ensure measures are put in place to prevent anti-social behaviour and improve community safety.

Priority 3: Darker Nights

You said: You feel unsafe walking around local areas, especially when travelling to and from work locations such as universities and the LRI.

What we are going to do: During community engagements, we will provide practical tips on how to stay safe and reduce risks, such as letting someone know your whereabouts, walking with others, and stick to well-lit areas. Officers will conduct regular patrols around the beat to provide a visible presence, helping to increase security and ensure the public feels safer.

Upcoming Community Engagements

Keep up to date with our website and planned events /engagements on the following link:

[Riverside | Your area | Leicestershire Police | Leicestershire Police](#)

It includes a Community Consultation at Castle Gardens @ 05:00pm on Tuesday 20th January and a beat surgery at Thirlmere Gardens @ 03:00pm on Wednesday 25th March.

What we have done #yousaidwedid



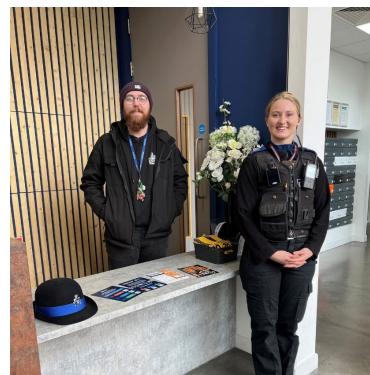
During the last quarter, we welcomed PCSO V to the team. Since joining, he has been actively engaging with local businesses, faith communities, and residents across our area. A key part of his role involves hosting community engagements and beat surgeries, which provide valuable opportunities to connect with members of the public, share crime prevention advice, offer safety tips, and provide reassurance following incidents. His visible presence in the community also serves as a strong deterrent to crime. Maintaining high visibility—particularly throughout the busy Christmas period—reinforces our commitment to ensuring that neighbourhood teams continue working tirelessly to make our community feel safer.

As your local beat team, our mission goes beyond patrolling the streets—we're here to build strong relationships with our community while tackling the crimes that cause the most harm. One of our key priorities is addressing ongoing issues at specific locations, and that means getting out there, knocking on doors, and speaking directly with residents to gather vital information. You might spot us at student accommodations or De Montfort House—high-rise buildings with plenty of residents—where we're working hard to resolve concerns and keep everyone safe. These visits aren't just about investigations; they're a great opportunity for you to meet the beat team face-to-face, share your thoughts, and help us make your community a safer place.



While the Riverside beat may not have many schools, we're proud to have Hazel Primary School right in our area—and it's a fantastic place for positive engagement! Our beat team is regularly invited to their events, including last year's festive Christmas dinners and visits to local churches. These occasions give pupils the chance to meet their local officers, ask questions, and see first-hand that we're here to help everyone, no matter their age. Early connections like these create lasting trust and show that policing is about partnership. The Christmas celebrations were full of smiles, laughter, and plenty of cheer—a truly rewarding experience for officers, students, and staff alike.

As winter approached, your beat team went all out to strengthen community engagement and keep crime in check. We know that theft-related offences tend to spike around Christmas, so we ramped up our efforts with extra patrols across the city centre and residential streets—making sure you saw a strong, visible police presence when it mattered most. But we didn't stop there. Behind the scenes, we targeted known offenders wanted for previous crimes, executed warrants, and made numerous arrests. Working closely with other departments, we supported investigations to ensure those causing harm were brought to justice.



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