

Leicestershire Police

Melton Rural North Beat

April 2025



What matters to you

We have listened to you and the concerns you raised and are prioritising the following.

Priority 1. Road Safety

You said: Speeding vehicles are a concern for you across multiple locations around the beat and issues with weight restrictions being breached.

What we are going to do. Visible traffic calming, speed monitoring enforcement. Monitoring of weight restrictions.

Priority 2. Farming Equipment Thefts and Rural Crime

You said: You are concerned about rural crime across the beat and the theft of farming equipment which has a huge impact on daily farming tasks.

What we are going to do. We will continue patrols in isolated rural areas and visit victims of crime. We will also target those patrols based on current crime trends and intelligence.

Priority 3. Vehicle Crime

You Said: There is a concern about vehicle related crime including theft of vehicles and theft from vehicles.

What we are going to do. Targeted patrols and keeping the community updated with the latest trends and crimes.

Mobile patrols have continued across the Rural North beat covering both sides of the A607 up to the borders of the beat

What we are doing

The beat team have carried out the following activities for the beat priorities:

Monthly newsletter

For priority 1 the beat team have carried out the following activity:

Time has been spent monitoring the Weight restriction at the following locations:

Thursday 10th April

13:40-14:30 The zone between Waltham and Stonesby, no breaches between this time, 2 other lorries came through at 7.5 tonne limit.

14:40-15:00 Goadby Road. 1 breach with an advice letter being sent to the registered keeper.

15:23-16:00 Scalford, no breaches between this time.

Friday 11th April

Weight restriction monitoring and traffic calming in Scalford

09:30-10am. 1 breach with an advice letter sent , 3 other lorries came through at 7.5 tonne limit

Harby – 10:00-10:30 – 2 breaches – advice letters sent. 1 other vehicle at 7.5 tonne limit.

On Saturday 12th April a Facebook post was made regarding Share the Road Horse Signs placed at each end of Stathern Lane, Harby following concerns raised at recent beat surgery. This followed with more locations being suggested and further signs placed. There are still some outstanding locations to be visited on the beat.

On Saturday 23rd March neighbourhood officers from Melton and Rutland were engaged in Operation Numbers, our planned response to road safety concerns across both policing areas.

3 locations across Melton were visited by day shift officers including Mill Hill in Stathern, where 1 driver was stopped and given words of advice about their speed. The majority of motorists were well behaved.

In April there have been no recordable crimes in relation to rural crime and farming equipment thefts.

Neighbourhood Link

Please feel free to share this link to others you may know who are interested in signing up to Neighbourhood Link:

Home Page - Neighbourhood Link

To complete a survey please click here: <u>Please select one of</u> <u>the below options to start the survey.</u> (neighbourhoodlink.co.uk)

Melton Rural North covers 120 square Miles and 39 Villages.

We're appealing for witnesses.

On Tuesday 29th April between 2pm and 6.30pm a White Vauxhall Mokka parked on Granby Drive in Bottesford was found vandalised with the rear offside window smashed.

If you were in the area and have any CCTC/Dash Cam footage or other information that can assist the investigation please call 101 quoting crime reference 25*246322 or send a reply to this Neighbourhood Link message.

Can you help?

Other Crime Trends

The force's Economic Crime Unit is warning music lovers and concertgoers to be aware of scammers offering tickets for sale ahead of various summer events taking place across the UK.

Since the start of the year, three reports have been made from people living in both counties concerning tickets listed for sale on social media.

On 10 January, a woman from Uppingham reported that she had bought four gig tickets via Facebook Marketplace. She transferred the payment to a bank account that was in a different name to the seller and the tickets have not been transferred.

On 11 March, a man in West Leicester reported that he had tried to buy gig tickets via Facebook Marketplace. However, when he tried to make a payment, it was blocked by his bank as the receiving account was flagged as fraudulent.

On 17 March, a man from Loughborough reported he had paid a "small" amount for tickets. He was told by the seller that the ticket provider's website was broken and sent an Apple Wallet pass which was fake. The seller then began harassing him for more money – which was not sent – and made threats to him regarding reporting the matter to police.

Detective Sergeant Steve Wallage, from the ECU, said: "As we approach the summer, please be vigilant if you are looking to buy tickets to any concerts, sporting or other events. If you're looking for a spare ticket, always use genuine, authorised exchange websites when searching online.

"In some – but not all cases, social media accounts are accessed and used as a frontage to list and offer tickets for sale. The person responsible may utilise contacts and relationships from those accounts to sell tickets to friends of that account under the guise of being the genuine person.

"If you are tempted to purchase tickets or other high value products from friends adverts on social media, please contact them by other genuine known contact methods first to check it's a genuine listing"

You can report to Action Fraud by visiting <u>https://</u> <u>www.actionfraud.police.uk/</u> You can also report via the force website by visiting <u>https://</u> <u>www.leics.police.uk/ro/report/fo/v2/report-fraud-bribery-</u> corruption/

Further information about ticket fraud can be found by visiting <u>https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/a-z-of-fraud/ticket-fraud</u>

Information about the Government's "Stop! Think Fraud" campaign can be found by visiting <u>Stop! Think Fraud - How</u> to stay safe from scams

Meetings and Events

Tuesday 6th May 10:30-11:30 Wymondham Coffee Morning

Wymondham Village Hall, 4 Church Lane.

Sunday 18th May 16:00-17:00 Bottesford Beat Surgery

Bottesford Police Office, Belvoir Priory Academy.