



Introduction



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Beat Priorities July/August September 2026

E-bikes – Oakthorpe and Surrounding Areas

We have received ongoing reports of e-bikes being used in an anti-social and dangerous manner within Oakthorpe and neighbouring villages.

☒ Action: - Regular high-visibility patrols will be conducted. -Engagement with riders to promote safe and legal use.

Enforcement action will be taken where offences are identified.

Anti-Social Behaviour – Donisthorpe Woodlands Centre & The Pavilion

There have been reports of anti-social behaviour occurring both inside and around the Donisthorpe Woodlands Centre and The Pavilion.

☒ Action: - Increased patrols in and around both locations.—Engagement with local youths and community groups.

Working with partner agencies to address ongoing issues and prevent escalation.

Open Water Safety – Albert Village, Hicks Lodge & Moira/Donisthorpe Canal

With school holidays approaching, there is an increased risk of people entering open water areas, which can be extremely dangerous.

Key locations: - Albert Village Lake—Hicks Lodge—Moira/Donisthorpe Canal

☒ Action: - Proactive patrols at identified hotspots— Public engagement to educate on the dangers of open water.

Partnership work with local organisations to promote water safety.

Beat Priority Update

Officers have been out and about on the beat, particularly in the areas covered by our current beat priorities. Regular patrols have been carried out around Albert Village Lake, focusing on water safety; Donisthorpe Woodlands, addressing reports of anti-social behaviour; and Oakthorpe and the surrounding areas, where patrols have been conducted to deter the use of off-road bikes causing a nuisance to residents. We have liaised with the Anti-Social Behaviour Team at North West Leicestershire Council to request CCTV in an area where e-bikes have been an issue.

Officers will continue to carry out regular high-visibility patrols throughout August and September to help keep our communities safe and provide reassurance to local residents.



High Visibility Patrol – Measham Car Boot Sale

Officers carried out a high-visibility patrol at the Measham Car Boot Sale, engaging with site owners, stall holders, sellers and members of the public. During the visit, we provided face-to-face crime prevention advice and promoted the benefits of property marking to help protect valuable items and assist in identifying stolen property. Thank you to everyone who stopped to speak with us.. We look forward to continuing to engage with our communities across the area.



Community Engagement's

A meeting was held at Measham Leisure Centre to engage with a range of local businesses and Measham Parish Council. Discussions also took place with the Housing Officer from North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC), and a member of the Community Safety Team. The meeting provided a valuable forum to share information, discuss current community concerns, identify emerging issues, and strengthen collaborative working relationships. It was encouraging to hear the perspectives of those present and to explore opportunities for joint problem-solving to help improve community safety, reduce anti-social behaviour, and address local priorities. The meeting reinforced the importance of partnership working in supporting and responding effectively to the needs of the community. Thank you for those who attended.

Community engagement events were held at **Measham Leisure Centre, AGE UK, and Moira Furnace**. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to attend and speak with us.

These events provide an excellent opportunity for residents to meet members of the local beat team, discuss any concerns affecting their community, ask questions, and receive updates on local policing matters. We value the feedback and information shared during these engagements, as it helps us better understand and respond to the issues that matter most to local people.

Details of upcoming community engagement events are advertised on our website and can also be found at the bottom of this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you at a future event.



Upcoming Community Engagements

Wednesday 5th August—Moira Village Hall—10:00—11:00

Friday 14th August Moira Furnace—16:00—18:00

Monday 17th August—Measham Leisure Centre—18:00—19:00

Thursday 20th August —AGE UK, High Street, Measham—10.30am—12:00

Cold Water Safety – Stay Safe Around Local Waterways

As we are in the warmer months, we know more people are spending time outdoors enjoying our local beauty spots. Within the Forest Beat area, we are fortunate to have several waterways including **Albert Village Lake, Hicks Lodge, and Moira/Donisthorpe canals**. While these areas are great for recreation, they can also pose serious risks—particularly when it comes to cold water.

📖 The Hidden Dangers of Cold Water

Even on a warm day, the temperature of lakes and canals can be **extremely cold**. Entering cold water suddenly can cause:

- **Cold Water Shock** – an involuntary gasp, which can lead to water inhalation
- **Rapid breathing and panic**, making it harder to stay afloat
- **Loss of strength and coordination** within minutes
- **Hypothermia**, even in seemingly mild conditions

These effects can impact **strong swimmers just as much as non-swimmers**.

📖 Stay Safe – Key Advice

We're asking everyone to take extra care around open water:

- **Do not enter the water** unless in a designated, supervised area
- **Never jump or dive in** – you may not see hazards below the surface
- **Keep a close eye on children** at all times
- **Stay away from the edges**, which can be slippery or unstable
- **Avoid swimming in canals or lakes**, as currents and hidden dangers can vary

Never enter the water to rescue someone – call emergency services and look for something to throw or reach instead

📖 If Someone Falls Into Cold Water:

Remember the **RNLI's FLOAT** advice:

- **F** – Fight your instinct to thrash around
- **L** – Lean back and try to float
- **O** – Open your breathing and control it
- **A** – Allow yourself to relax and recover
- **T** – Then call for help or swim to safety if you can



In an Emergency

Call **999** immediately and ask for **Fire & Rescue or Police** if someone is in trouble in the water.

We want everyone to enjoy our local areas safely. Please take care and help us spread awareness of the risks.