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# ASHBY DE-LA-ZOUCH BEAT NEWSLETTER POLICE UPDATE AUGUST 2023

## **EVENTS:**

### **Meet the Ashby Beat team**

8/08/23 10:00x12:00	Prior Park Centre, LE65 1WY
16/08/23 12:00x15:00	Willersley Residents, LE65 2PL
22/08/23 10:00x12:00	Sanctuary Housing, LE65 2FA

**\*\*Please see our website and social media accounts for future events.**

## **THE ASHBY BEAT TEAM:**

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PC 4516 Ryan Lang  
PCSO 6003 Nick Haylings  
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## **NEIGHBOURHOOD LINK:**

### **Neighbourhood Link community messaging service**

*Neighbourhood Link is a community messaging service from Leicestershire Police that provides news and information about policing activity or initiatives, crime prevention advice as well as major incidents affecting your area.*



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*Through this service you can receive messages from your local Neighbourhood Policing Team, local police or, in the event of a major incident or event affecting the whole of Leicestershire, from a partnership of agencies known as the Local Resilience Forum (LRF).*

In order to receive messages you will need to register your details. This information will enable us to send you messages relevant to the areas you live and work. Anyone can register, whether you live, work or travel into Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Registration is free and simple to follow.

Once you have registered you will receive messages via email unless you have specified otherwise. On some occasions it may be appropriate for messages to be sent via text messages or voicemail.

- Sign up to Neighbourhood Link <https://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk/>
- If you are already registered you can amend your details
- Request a reminder if you have forgotten your username or password
- You can unsubscribe from the service at any time

Neighbourhood Link is not able to receive messages and you should not use it to contact the police. In an emergency always dial 999. An emergency is when a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, someone is injured, being threatened or in danger.

If you wish to contact Leicestershire Police in other circumstances, for example to speak to local police or seek advice on police matters, you can call us by dialling 101 on your telephone.

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## NEWS

# Keyless could be Carless



Cars with keyless entry unlock automatically when the key comes within a short-range distance of the car.

The theft, also known as 'relay theft', occurs when a device is used to fool the car into thinking the key is close by; this unlocks the car and allows the ignition to be started.

## Increase in keyless car thefts across North West Leicestershire.

What can I do?

Keep car keys safe Whilst at home, keep your car keys away from the car to disrupt communication range. Avoid leaving them near your door or window. Use a signal-blocking pouch. The pouch can block the transmission of the signal from the car key once inside the pouch. These are available from your local beat team.



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Turn off the fob's wireless signal. Wireless signals on some keyless fobs can be turned off. Look in your cars manual to see if this is possible, if not, contact your vehicle manufacturer.

Re-programme your keys. This erases the code from the car key to the car itself. This will mean a spare car key that is not in your possession can no longer be paired with your car leaving it susceptible to theft. Contact your local Master Locksmith Association (MLA) approved auto locksmith - [www.locksmiths.co.uk/services/auto-locksmith/](http://www.locksmiths.co.uk/services/auto-locksmith/) for a quote.

On-Board Diagnostic (OBD) Port. Some thefts involve thieves breaking into a vehicle and accessing the OBD port to start the car. Below are a few options that may help secure your vehicle from this method of theft:

- Contact your local dealership or an auto electrician to relocate the OBD port in your vehicle
- Consider the use of an OBD port protective cover or lock guard
- Consider a remote central locking keyless system upgrade or an upgraded immobiliser system to protect your vehicle.
- If you have a garage, use it to secure your vehicle in
- If you park on the driveway, park as close to the property as you can
- If you have more than one vehicle on your driveway, park the less desirable vehicle in front of the more desirable vehicle to block its access

**CRIME FIGURES:** Please click on the below link for recent crime statistics.

<https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/leicestershire-police/ashby/>

## **CRIME PREVENTION**

### **Keeping your shed or garage safe and secure**

Many people don't secure their shed or garage in the same way they do their homes - often using an easy-to-break lock or padlock to protect valuable contents such as a car, bike or lawnmower.

An opportunistic burglar will try a shed or garage first because they can find the tools they need to break into the main house.

### **Shed and outbuilding security: first steps**

First off, check that your insurance covers the contents of your shed or outbuildings from theft.





### Think like a thief

Take a look at your shed and consider how you would break in. It's worth having a good padlock on the door with no exposed screws. Pay attention to hinges, as these are sometimes easily removable. If you have windows then these could be vulnerable unless they're secured with wire mesh or grills. And keep it locked at all times.

### Alarm it

Consider a battery-operated shed alarm. They look low key but they respond to movement or door contact with an extremely loud siren.

### Lock it, hide it or mark it

Don't give them the opportunity or the tools to commit a crime. Lock everything away securely. Tools can be locked inside a locker or box or secured with a chain.

Secure your bike to the ground or a lockable stand within a locked shed or garage.

It's always worth draping an old sheet or blanket over the top of mowers or bikes to keep them covered from view.

Although it might sound like stating the obvious, never leave your garage or shed door unlocked if you're not around.

Property marking your items is advisable and some tools can be painted with your name or postcode. Forensic marking is also an option.

### The top five most common items stolen from sheds

1. Bikes
2. Mowers
3. Sports equipment
4. Power tools
5. Garden tools

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