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Abbey Ward Newsletter



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Introducing your Dedicated Abbey Beat Team

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#YouSaid - **What matters to you**

We have listened to you and the concerns you raised through our surveys and meeting you at various meetings. In the next quarter we will be prioritising the following;



Priority 1: We have received an increase of reports of E-scooter and high-powered electric cycles on the Ward causing issues. These machines are illegal to use unless on private land and can lead to injury to both the rider and to the general public.

We did: Proactive operations to be completed by the Beat team along with the support from the Special Constabulary regarding positive action taken against persons using such vehicles.

Problem Management Plan is to be created, working in conjunction with our partner agencies to see a reduction in the report of these vehicles being used.

The Beat Team have conducted several high-profile events in public places regarding engaging and informing the Public about using such vehicles.

Priority 2: Drug use, including the supply and use of class A and C in the area of Abbey Rise is a concern for the local community.

We did: The Beat team to continue to conduct high visibility patrols in the areas to ensure that such activity is reduced.

Together with these high visibility patrols, the team to continue to complete covert plain clothes patrols.

The Team will continue the disruption of such activity and will, where evidence is found, obtain Court Warrants for identified addresses.

If houses are found to be used in the dealing and supply of drugs, then a criminal behaviour order and closure orders will be sought and through multi-agency working, evictions will be applied for.

Since this priority has been raised, there has been several Court Warrants executed and several Offenders arrested and dealt with by the Courts. Currently we are applying for a number of Closure Orders for housing associated with Offenders.



Priority 3: An increase report of retail theft in the area of Abbey Retail Park and other large Retailers on the ward.

You Said: Engagement is still ongoing, with a planned meeting with the retail units to ensure up to date information is passed, including safeguarding of shop workers and to view the trend of when the thefts are happening.

Officers to complete high visibility and plain clothes patrols around the known hotspots and since this priority was raised, a number of Offenders have been arrested and dealt with by the Courts.



This month, The Abbey Ward Team welcomed their newest recruit PCSO Kay.



Kay has joined Leicestershire Police from a completely different background having been a transport manager in a local haulage company so this will be a new challenge for her. We look forward to seeing her out and about in the community.

We also welcome back PCSO James to the team, so we are feeling well staffed now for the summer.

As always the team have been very busy over the last month with PC Baz attending an intensive course to ensure skills are increased, which in turn supports the Community.

Tying in with the Beat priorities there have been some significant arrests made of shoplifters thanks to the eagle eye of PCSO Mark and ably helped by 2 of our youngsters in the community who in the recent past have been a concern of the Beat team, who happened to be in the vicinity when the theft happened, and supported PCSO Mark in his foot chase! Well done to local lads for their community spirit.

PCSO Anne has been offering support , reassurance and information with an ongoing investigation following a particularly nasty attack on one of our families. This demonstrates the importance of having knowledgeable Beat officers patrolling the Ward...They know the families, know the social problems and issues that affect their area and can massively assist with investigations because of that knowledge and this investigation is now progressing and the Suspects dealt with in a firm manner.

Leicestershire Police will not tolerate any attacks, particularly racial attacks and these crimes are dealt with swiftly and robustly.

In May the Beat Team attended some great community events on the Ward. The Abbey Pumping Station Emergency Services day saw the Team, joined by 5 members of the Special Constabulary showcase equipment and vehicles that Leicestershire Police use. It was a fantastic day which saw members of the public from as far as a field as Worcester and Milton Keynes speak with the Team.

PCSO Anne and PC Jack attended the annual Mowmacre School Summer Fair, where Anne met with a slippery customer! It was great to engage with the community of the Mowmacre estate and get a feel for the issues that concern them. Jack was was delighted to show the equipment and let off the 'blues and twos' siren.



Upcoming Community Engagements

Date	Time	Location
4 June	Midday—1pm	The Tudor Centre
20 June	Midday—1pm	Greggs, Abbey Lane
25 June	10:30am –11:30am	The Little Blue Church, Abbey Lane

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