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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.

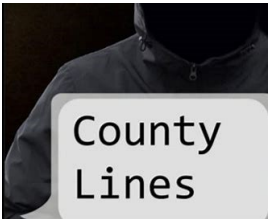


Priority 3: An increase report of retail theft in the area of Abbey Retail Park and other large Retailers on the ward.

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.





As always , the team have had a busy month in and around the Abbey Ward. This month has seen the return of our County Lines Awareness week which has involved several operations taking place alongside our day to day business. County Lines is a term used for the practice of using young / vulnerable people to transport drugs from cities throughout the county and beyond .

Our intensification week highlights the signs to look out for such as...

- YOUNG PEOPLE SKIPPING SCHOOL , BECOMING SECRETIVE
- UNEXPLAINED CASH ON THEIR PERSON
- NEW CLOTHES UNACCOUNTED FOR

BECOMING ISOLATED FROM FRIENDS / FAMILY

If you suspect someone you know is vulnerable to this practice please tell us ...we can help!

Together with County Lines, the Team have conducted visits to a number of residents living on the Ward who are vulnerable to cuckooing. Cuckooing is the practice of taking over the home of a vulnerable person which is sometimes used to establish a base for illegal drug dealing, typically as part of a county lines operation.

A large part of our job working on the Beat Team is safeguarding vulnerable people and managing the risk to them. Through talking to members of the community, we can identify a person, or property that is vulnerable to cuckooing we will then increase our patrols and engage with the vulnerable person and take whatever action is appropriate and necessary to solve the problem.



In the past few weeks, we have spoken to several residents who have or are currently at risk of cuckooing and are currently helping them to make sure they are safe, giving advice on how they can stay safer going forward. This is an ongoing process which will continue until the problem is solved.

PC Baz has been off area for a few days with a group of Police Cadets on an educational trip to The Lake District, Also though not part of the Ward, the interaction with Police Officers and Staff within the Cadet Corp supports young persons leadership and working within a Team.

PCSO Anne has been involved with a new project on The Mowmacre Estate supporting a group that are creating a communal garden/ allotment for the benefit of local residents.



The team in conjunction with Leicester City Council have also been dealing robustly with a group of young people that have been targeting a vulnerable family . Thankfully , with this swift intervention the problems are starting to lessen and we will continue this work until they stop completely whilst also supporting the family involved.



Upcoming Community Engagements

Date	Time	Location
8 July	10am—10:30am	Outside Morrisons, Belgrave Blvd
8 July	11am—Midday	Tudor Centre, Bewcastle Grove
9 July	10:30am –11:30am	The Little Blue Church, Abbey Lane
18 July	09:30am-10:30am	Greggs, Abbey Lane
30 July	10am	Patch Walk with PC Jackie on Colsterdale Close

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