



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.

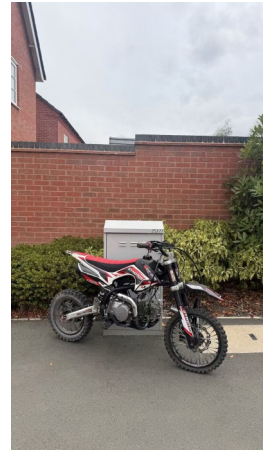
Beat Priorities Update

E-Bikes—Oakthorpe and surrounding areas

Following reports of an off-road bike being ridden in Donisthorpe and Ibstock, officers from the local beat teams worked together to identify the rider and successfully seize the bike.

We would like to thank members of the community who provided information and supported our enquiries.

If you have any concerns about anti-social behaviour in your area please continue to report them to us.



Anti-Social Behaviour—Donisthorpe Woodlands and surrounding areas

We would like to reassure the community that regular patrols are continuing to take place in relation to our beat priority of anti-social behaviour.

Recently, we received a report from staff at Jungle Madness regarding anti-social behaviour inside the premises. This incident is being dealt with by officers, and CCTV footage has been requested in the hope of identifying those responsible.

We will continue to carry out regular patrols in the area, and any individuals found to be engaging in anti-social behaviour will be dealt with appropriately.

If you witness anti-social behaviour or have any information that may assist us, please continue to report it so that we can take the necessary action and keep our communities safe.

Open Water Safety

The Forest Beat Team have conducted regular patrols at areas of open water across the beat and are pleased to report that there have been no issues identified.

As we continue to monitor these locations, we would like to remind everyone to take care around open water, as it can present hidden dangers at any time of year.

Regular patrols will continue to take place, and we thank the community for helping us keep our open water areas safe for everyone. Stay safe and enjoy the outdoors responsibly.



Crime Prevention Advice: Protect Your Vehicle

We have recently received reports of vehicle thefts and would like to remind residents to take a few simple steps to help protect their vehicles and belongings.

Always lock your vehicle, even if you are only leaving it unattended for a short time.

Remove all valuables from view, including bags, wallets, mobile phones, and sat navs.

Take keys with you and keep them away from doors and windows at home.

Consider using a steering wheel lock or other additional security devices.

Park in well-lit areas where possible.

Ensure keyless vehicles are protected by storing keys in a signal-blocking pouch.

Report any suspicious activity in your neighbourhood.

Thieves often look for easy opportunities, so making your vehicle as secure as possible can significantly reduce the risk of becoming a victim.

If you see suspicious behaviour or have information relating to vehicle crime, please report it to Police. In an emergency, or if a crime is in progress, call **999**.



Donisthorpe Multi-Agency Patch Walk

PCSO Maddie joined Cat Ridgeway from North West Leicestershire District Council and members of the Parish Council for a patch walk around Donisthorpe Memorial Gardens and the surrounding areas.

The walk was arranged following recent reports of anti-social behaviour, including damage within the Memorial Gardens, the removal of coping stones from a wall which were subsequently thrown into the road, creating a potential risk to road users, and further anti-social behaviour within the local cemetery.

Working together with our partner agencies allows us to identify concerns within the community, discuss potential solutions, and take positive action to address issues affecting local residents

We would like to thank residents for continuing to report concerns and encourage anyone who witnesses anti-social behaviour to report it so that we can take the necessary action.

Upcoming Community Engagements

Tuesday 8th September—AGE UK, High Street, Measham—10:30am—12:00

Saturday 19th September—Moirs Furnace—13:00—15:00

Tuesday 22nd September—Measham Leisure Centre—18:00—19:00

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.