

Belgrave Newsletter

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NE09 and NE10 Beats 2023 - A year in review

NE09 and NE10 Beats covers the Belgrave and the team of Dedicated Neighbourhood Officers have a focused approach to dealing with issues and concerns that residents may have in their neighbourhoods.

The team deal with crime, concerns and issues promptly and effectively and often utilise partnership working with local authorities, social services and highways.

There are 6 schools in the area and a number of places of worship and the team work regularly across all of these ensuring the safety/ wellbeing of the students who attend. Talks are regularly given with advice and prevention being offered at every and any opportunity.

The team is a strong team with excellent leadership and a wealth of experience and the team are keen to listen to any concerns that residents have and look to resolving issues and concerns promptly and effectively.

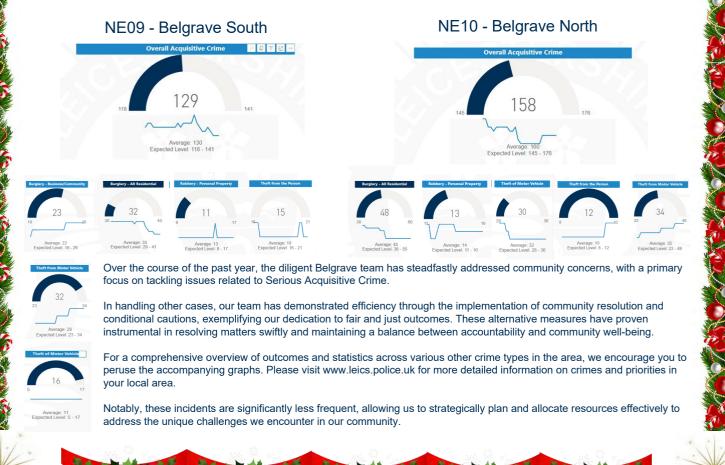


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A Christmas message from Inspector Charles Edwards



It has been a whirlwind nine months that I have been working across East Leicester with a neighbourhood team I am truly proud to be a part of. I have in the last month now taken responsibility for all elements of community policing across East Leicester following a shuffle of local responsibilities.

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I have been in Leicester for over twenty years now; and have worked for Leicestershire Police for seventeen years within a variety of roles, these include Cybercrime, Missing Persons, and leading different teams of detectives. Despite this variety of roles over the years, it is this last nine months where I feel that I have seen first-hand the power of the community and the part the Police can play in a

Police will consistently be a service that you reach out to in an emergency, but it is also in the times without crisis that we need to be a visible, engaging and active part of the community. It is through effective engagement that we can understand the communities' needs and tailor the support we can offer, and I cannot thank you enough for including us.

This year I have had some incredible opportunities, as part of my role, to celebrate the different cultures across East Leicester including Vesak, Nagar Kirtan, Diwali, Eid, and Remembrance Sunday, as well as several public celebrations of both events and public condolence events.

In Leicester we navigated the national disorder well and forged even stronger links, and shows a clear joint desire for cohesion to allow our communities to thrive.

Thank you to those who have given Leicestershire Police so very much support, from those within our key individual networks and community leaders, through to the members of our local and strategic independent advisory groups who have helped give us a constructive review of what we do and a well needed perspective on how to improve.

Merry Christmas!

Remembering PC 4811 Ash Pema

We would like to remember Ash after his sad passing in May.

Ash joined the police family in 2015 as a Special Constable, giving up a significant amount of his time to help support Leicestershire Police and the communities of East Leicester. He applied to become a regular officer in 2019 and started his appointment in 2020.

Ash was an exemplary officer - he was renowned as someone who would make the most of the opportunities provided and was always quick to support others in times of need.



Whilst at the team at the Belgrave, Ash made great friends and a positive impression on the Belgrave community. Ash leaves such positive memories with his friends and colleagues. He is sorely missed and will always be remembered.

Good work completed by your local beat team in 2024

2024 has seen the team complete some great work, here is a summary of some of it. January saw Neighbourhood Policing Week of Action from the 22nd. During this week multi agency patch walks were completed during day and evening hours, a Test Purchasing operation was conducted, a beat surgery took place at the Belgrave Food Hub and PCSO Birt was joined by Superintendant Allen on Eava FM to talk about Neighbourhood Policing.

The monthly coffee morning, held at the Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre on the first Thursday of the month have been a huge success this year. There are about 23 agencies who regularly attend who have contributed towards the success, as well as local volunteers and police volunteers. In April Mellor Community Primary School hosted their first information Coffee Afternoon session organised by PC Manani. This was a great event and continues to be a regular quarterly event.

As part of our beat priority of street drinking local Belgrave officers joined by Inspector Edwards spoke on Eava FM about the topic of street drinking and alcohol consumption. Advice was provided to the community on reporting shops selling alcohol to minors and shops allowing alcohol consumption on the premises. Details of support agencies were provided for support. Multi-agency patch walks have been regularly completed.

To mark the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla officers from East Leicester received their HRH King Charles III Coronation Medals.

In June five individuals causing harm in the area were arrested, with three being sent to prison and two released on bail by the courts. Thanks to the outstanding efforts of PCSO Butler's investigation skills PC Capell and PC Thomas managed to remand the offenders.

In July two males were arrested and charged for taking and damaging a vehicle after they stole a car and then filled it with the wrong type of fuel. The car would then not start leaving them to make good their escape on foot.

The beat team have joined forces with Leicestershire Fire & Rescue and have brought the Hazard Express Van to the Belgrave periodically through the year. The Hazard Express Van is a simulator that allows people to experience a road traffic collision scenario while using a mobile phone or speeding.

The Belgrave Ward meeting was held at the Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre in August. Inspector Charles Edwards attended as the police representative. Leicester City Council staff and local Ward Councillors were also in attendance. The feedback was very positive of the work that had been completed by the beat team.



PC Manani has been recognised for 'bringing hope and support to countless women and girls', at the national Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) awards. She is the joint runner up of the 'Focusing VAWG Related Delivery with Seldom Heard Communities' award. Dipti approached the domestic abuse charity, Zinthiya Trust, and they worked together to set up and run monthly coffee morning drop-in sessions focusing on supporting victims of domestic and sexual abuse. The sessions have gone from strength to strength with other organisations, agencies and charities coming along to offer help and advice on a wide range of other issues. More than 1000 people have attended the sessions since they began. Congratulations Dipti, your dedication and compassion have made a profound impact and women and girls are safer because of you. This award is testament to your remarkable contribution.

The beat team conducted patrols around the Belgrave during the Ganesh festival celebrations to ensure everyone celebrated safely whilst having a great time.

PCSO Kaur was invited to an event at Force Headquarters to celebrate Chief Superintendent Manijt Atwal's retirement and mark her successful 28 years in policing.

Hate Crime Awareness Week ran in October. During this week the neighbourhood team engaged with local residents and licensed premises providing information to raise awareness. A hate crime is any criminal offence which is percieved to be motivated based on a person's race; religion; sexual orientation; disability and any crime motivated by hostility or prejudice towards a person who is transgender. Mellor Primary, Rushey Primary and Catherine Junior Schools all participated in a poster competition.

A male was identified by CCTV as suspect for four commercial burglaries, two of which on the Belgrave. He was arrested and recalled to prison in relation to other matters.

A prolific shoplifter was arrested and charged with two shop thefts. He was given a 4 month prison sentence, ordered to pay £100 compensation and issued with a Criminal Behaviour Order banning him from entering any Tesco or B&M store in Leicester.

The local beat team, joined by Dilesh from Turning Point held a stall in Cossington Park at Diwali. This was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and it was great fun engaging with the community. Turning Point bought various interactive educational items, such as drugs boxes to show what different drugs look like, beer goggles to show what it looks like to be under the influence of alcohol and a display showing the effects of substance abuse on the human body.

The Belgrave beat team were joined Police Volunteers, Neighbourhood Patrol Officers, Roads Policing officers, Leicester City Council, DVSA and LFRS for a Multi-Agency Road Safety day. One male was arrested on suspicion of driving whilst under the influence of drugs. A large number of vehicles were stopped, spoken to and given advice including the following:

- 27 Police Traffic Offence Reports:
- 9 phones
- 4 seat belts
- 6 VRM
- 1 Illegal tyre
- 2 Tinted front windows
- 1 MOT
- 1 Drug Drive & Possession of cannabis
- 2 obstruction of the window screen
- 1 DL

Multiple advisories regarding Snow on roof

25 City Wardens: 5 Littering FPNs

20 Smoke free FPNs (failure to display signs/ smoking in works vehicle) DVSA 14: 2 Vehicles prohibited 12 Drivers given advice

<u>12 Enviro-Crime:</u> 12 Vehicles (potential waste carriage/scrap metal offences) <u>34 Licencing:</u> 34 Taxis checked

27 NSL SERVICES (DVLA): 15 Vehicles enforced (clamped or removed) 12 Warnings issued

<u>14 Parking Enforcement:</u> 14 PCNs issued (parking offences)

Upcoming Engagements

Officers from your local beat team will be there to listen to concerns/issues that residents or will be there to listen to concerns/issues that residents of the Belgrave may have or may not have. Crime prevention advice can be delivered and the team will be on hand to answer any questions that residents may have.

The monthly coffee morning at the Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre will be held on Thursday 9th January 2025 10:00 - 12:00. We are looking to complete monthly beat surgeries at Natwest - dates to follow.

