



Issue: Autumn 2026

Your Local Team



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What Matters To You

We have listened to you and the concerns you raised and prioritised the following going forward from October—December 2026:

Priority 1: Burglaries

You said: As we come into the darker months and leading up to the festive period, burglaries increase and are highly impactful to residents and businesses

What we are going to do: We will carry out beat engagements to provide us with the opportunity to engage with our residents and community. This will allow us to pass crime prevention advice and awareness of ongoing issues. We will carry out proactive patrols and identify areas where information is passed and target offenders to bring them to justice.

Priority 2: Darker Nights

You Said: As days get shorter, being out within the darker hours can make people feel unsafe

What we are going to do: We will liaise with businesses, education establishments, parents, commuters and general members of public to pass advice on how best to keep safe during the darker nights. We will identify common routes taken by people and provide a visible reassurance and presence to prevent incidents from occurring.

Priority 3: Theft from motor vehicles

You said: Coming to the later months, theft from motor vehicles increase

What we are going to do: We will patrol the locations where there is heavy traffic of vehicles parked. We will also increase the patrols in the locations where there is limited light and CCTV coverage. We will utilise police tactics to proactively identify offenders and make arrests and conduct investigations. We're aware this crime type increases so our aim will be to prevent it.

Upcoming Community Engagements

Keep up to date with our website and planned events /engagements on the following link:

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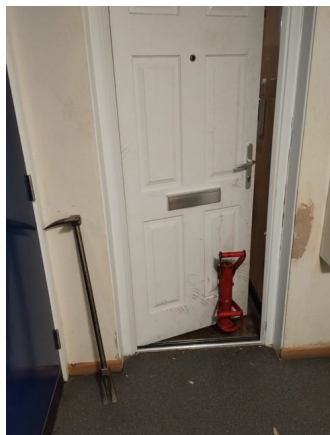
It includes a Bike register @ Castle Gardens on 7th October at 15:00, beat officer drop in @ B&M, Raw Dykes Road on 27th November at 10:00 and an engagement @ SAPA on 16th December at 15:00.

What we have done #yousaidwedid



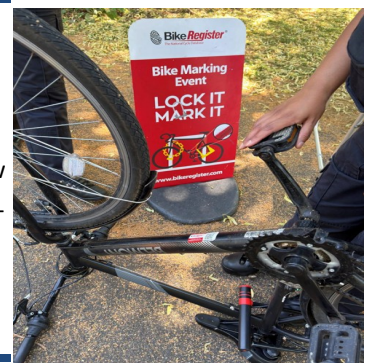
Part of our role as the local beat team is to engage with as many people, businesses, communities, educational establishments and more, as possible. One of the organisations the beat team links in with is Wishes 4 Kids. Our team were lucky enough to be invited to their charity day in Loughborough which provided an excellent opportunity to engage with all youths, staff and parents. They got to see the human side to the uniform which is hugely beneficial, especially when trying to build confidence in people to speak to us and report incidents or intelligence.

Throughout September, the team continued engaging with young people in local open spaces and community venues, including St Andrews Play Association. These visits help build positive relationships and encourage young people to feel confident speaking with their local officers. The team also welcomed students arriving at De Montfort University for Freshers' Week. Encouragingly, the surrounding area has not experienced the anti-social behaviour seen previously, complementing a significant reduction in Riverside ASB reports over the summer.



The beat team, alongside our DMU officer PC Jess, continue regular patrols of Castle Gardens, providing reassurance while ensuring everyone can enjoy the park safely. Officers also hold community engagements and work closely with nearby businesses to identify concerns. We remain alert to issues including drug use and take appropriate action when offences are suspected. These actions can include executing warrants granted by the courts, similar to the picture to the left. Alongside our patrols, we are working with the local council to identify emerging issues and explore preventative measures, including CCTV, lighting and overnight security arrangements.

Theft of cycles and cycle crime—the beat team continued working with Dr. Bike to hold cycle registration events, offering crime prevention advice and speaking with residents about their concerns. Officers have also regularly patrolled key cycle storage locations, including the university, Leicester Royal Infirmary and student accommodation. Encouragingly, September saw limited reports of cycle theft across the Riverside beat. Officers have also continued Op Pedal-fast, targeting illegally ridden e-bikes and e-scooters. We will continue combining prevention, visible patrols and enforcement to protect our communities and their property.



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