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Loughborough East Newsletter

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Priorities and what we have done #yousaidwedid

Priority: Local Police are aiming to reduce burglaries around the Loughborough East beat.

Action taken: As a beat team, we are prioritising the reduction of burglaries across our area. We recognise the significant harm that burglary causes—not just in terms of property loss, but also the emotional and psychological impact it has on victims and the wider community. Burglary can leave individuals feeling unsafe in their own homes, disrupt their daily lives, and erode trust within neighbourhoods. Communities affected by repeated incidents often experience increased fear and reduced cohesion, which can have long-term consequences for wellbeing and resilience.

We also know that burglary rates tend to rise during the winter months. Longer hours of darkness provide more opportunities for offenders, and homes may be left unoccupied more frequently as people travel or attend seasonal events. That's why we're taking proactive steps now to prevent offences before they occur. Our approach will include—increased patrols in hotspot areas, targeted crime prevention advice to residents, working closely with partners and communities to identify and disrupt offenders. We encourage everyone to remain vigilant, report suspicious activity, and take simple steps to secure their homes—such as using timer switches for lights, locking doors and windows, and keeping valuables out of sight.

Update: The figures for the last 28 days of writing (from 05/01/26) on the beat show a decrease in burglaries of 50%, which is a positive indication of the impact of current policing activity. The beat team will continue to maintain a visible presence as we move into the summer months, with a particular focus on the areas most affected, to build on this reduction and provide ongoing reassurance to the community.

Priority: Police aim to tackle different elements of vehicles crime such as theft, TWOC and ASB caused by vehicles.

Action taken: Police aim to tackle vehicle crime by the use of dedicated patrols, both overt and covert in effort to reduce crime use of ASB with vehicles, disruption tactics on a wider scale using specialist officers. Theft and associated offences will be targeted by pursuing reasonable lines of enquiry to assist identify and prosecute offenders in a timely manner.

Community engagement continues within the Beat and a specific Police operation is in place to tackle vehicle crime in the area. Dedicated patrols remain ongoing, at times with support from our specialist colleagues (traffic and dog handling) to specifically target the areas of concern around vehicle crime. These will be published on our Facebook page to update the public that these take place.

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Update: At the time of writing (05.07.26), the last 28 days figures for Theft of motor vehicles has doubled from last months figures. (4 incidents from 2) Thefts from motor vehicles however has not changed in terms of figures. Figures look good for the month but this will remain a priority for us as a beat team and work will be ongoing to reduce these offences further going into 2026, with the beat team and the NPA considering operations to tackle these sorts of crime.

Priority: Police are developing and targeting people within the area that are drug dealing, exploiting vulnerable people by cuckooing addresses and causing anti-social behaviour from this type of crime.

Action taken: Drug dealing has a significant and harmful impact on local communities. It often leads to an increase in crime and anti-social behaviour, including violence, theft, and intimidation. Vulnerable individuals—such as those with mental health issues or addiction—are frequently exploited, with criminals taking over their homes (known as cuckooing) or grooming young people into drug networks like county lines. This exploitation not only endangers the individuals involved but also undermines community safety and cohesion.

The presence of drug activity can create fear among residents, reduce the quality of life, and strain public services such as policing, healthcare, and social care. Public spaces may become unsafe or unwelcoming, and the overall sense of community pride and wellbeing can deteriorate. Tackling these issues requires a coordinated approach involving intelligence gathering, safeguarding, enforcement, and strong community partnerships.

Update: The beat team continue to conduct work to disrupt county lines, working on future closure orders for other addresses and visiting those for compliance checks that already have closure orders in place. Loughborough East currently has 1 partial closure orders in place at the time of writing for addresses that are causing the most harm - with constant reviews being made for any other potential address that need the same action. Drug related incidents on the beat has doubled (from 05.07.26) by 100% (4 incidents from 2). The beat team continue to work hard to manage any current threats and identify any developing threats. We work closely with our partner agencies to ensure a collaborative approach to reducing this type of crime.

Over the last few months, we have welcomed three new members to our beat team: **Sgt 4017 John Merola, PC 1173 Edmunson and 6554 PCSO Bailey**. Between them, they bring a wealth of policing experience from a variety of frontline and neighbourhood policing roles, which will be invaluable in supporting our busy beat area. Since joining the team, they have shown great enthusiasm for engaging with residents, addressing local concerns and supporting our communities. We are delighted to have them on board and look forward to the positive contribution they will make. Please join us in giving them a warm welcome.

On the morning of **Saturday 18th July, PC 1408 Flannigan, PCSO 6053 King and PC 1343 Barrowcliffe** were pleased to host a successful motorbike safety and security event at the Loughborough Motorcycle school. During the event, officers handed out nearly 30 disc locks to motorcyclists to help improved bike security and reduce the risk of theft. Riders also received valuable crime prevention and security advice, including practical steps they can take to better protect their motorcycles.

On **Thursday 16th July, PC 1173 and Sgt 4017** dealt with a driver who had paid a friend to rent his car, but thanks to a communication mix-up, he drove off without insurance. Unfortunately "I thought it was sorted" is not a valid policy provider. The vehicle was seized and the driver has been reported for summons to court for driving without insurance, with 6 points potentially heading his way. Moral of the story: before you drive, check you're covered.

On **Wednesday 15 July, PC 1173, PCSO 6053 and PS 4017** spotted a male wanted on warrant in Loughborough. He fled along the canal path and into nearby woodland to avoid arrest. A short time later, **PC 1343 and PC 1408** located the same male with a group of others. The group ran off, leaving behind two machetes and a knife. Thanks to the excellent observations of **PC 1574**, all three weapons were quickly located and safely recovered.

A special thanks to the member of the public who kindly lent Sgt Merola a bike to assist with the chase.

On **Tuesday 30th June**, officers from the 59, 63 and 65 beat areas, Safer Street Team and Neighbourhood Priority Team were out tackling the illegal use of e-bikes and e-scooters, whilst also carrying out checks of those being used illegally. A number of bikes and scooters were stopped through the day, with multiple vehicles seized for offences. Thankfully, majority of riders were using road-legal machines and were able to continue their journey without issue.



Upcoming Beat Surgeries

- ⌚ 18:00PM-19:00PM, Monday 3rd August 2026
Altogether Place, 72 Warwick Way, LE11 4UG
- ⌚ 14:00PM-15:00PM, Tuesday 18th August 2026
Marios Tinneti Centre, 91 Russell Street, LE11 1BJ
- ⌚ 10:00AM-11:00AM, Monday 24th August 2026
Altogether Place, 72 Warwick Way, LE11 4UG
- ⌚ 19:00PM-20:00PM, Tuesday 25th August 2026
Willowbrook Retail Park, LE11 5HG
- ⌚ 14:00PM-15:00PM, Wednesday 26th August 2026
Fearon Hall, Rectory Road, LE11 1PL

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