



# WATCH WORD

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## Leicester & Leicestershire

Newsletter of CITY & COUNTY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – (LEICESTER & LEICESTERSHIRE)

Working in SUPPORT of LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE.

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The City & County Neighbourhood Watch is here to represent the concerns of members and their families. We operate entirely outside the police chain of command, so we can always promise an independent and confidential service

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### CITY & COUNTY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (LEICESTER & LEICESTERSHIRE)

**SAVE THE DATE! - THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 - 7.30PM**

**CITY & COUNTY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

**MEMBERS YEARLY MEETING**

**ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH HALL**

### **Have you visited City and County Neighbourhood Watch (Leicester & Leicestershire) Website recently?**

**[www.neighbourhoodwatchleicester.net](http://www.neighbourhoodwatchleicester.net)**

**Keep up to date with the latest news: Number of articles (as at 23 January 2017)**

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**EAST MIDLANDS NEWS – Derbyshire: 2,315 – Lincolnshire: 916 – Northamptonshire: 1,388 – Nottinghamshire: 763**

**NATIONAL CRIME AGENCY - 197**

### **FACEBOOK GROUPS**

**Why not consider joining a Facebook Group for your Area. You will then be able to comment and discuss issues with others in your area, on topics that are of interest to you.**

**Blaby District: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BlabyNeighbourhoodWatchCCNWA/>**

**Charnwood Borough: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CharnwoodNeighbourhoodWatchCCNWA/>**

**Harborough District: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HarboroughNeighbourhoodWatchCCNWA/>**

**Hinckley & Bosworth Borough:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HinckleyBosworthNeighbourhoodWatch/>**

**Leicester City: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LeicesterNeighbourhoodWatchCCNWA/>**

**Leicestershire: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LeicestershireNeighbourhoodWatchCCNWA/>**

**Melton Borough: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MeltonNeighbourhoodWatchCCNWA/>**

**North West Leicestershire District:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NorthWestLeicsNeighbourhoodWatch/>

**Oadby & Wigston Borough:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/OadbyWigstonNeighbourhoodWatch/>

## **LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE**

### **Nationwide 'distracted driving' campaign gets underway**



**The penalty for using a mobile whilst driving from March 1st**

[Download high resolution image](#)

Issued on 23/1/17 at 8:00 a.m.

The four police forces of the East Midlands Operational Support Service (EMOpSS) are supporting a national campaign to raise awareness about tough new penalties for driving while using a mobile phone.

From March 1 2017, drivers will receive six points on their driving licence and receive a £200 fine. These changes will have a significant impact on young drivers in particular as they risk having their driving licence revoked following a first offence. Motorists will no longer be offered the opportunity to go on a driver awareness course.

Police forces, including the four forces of EMOpSS, are working with road safety partnerships and the government during a week long campaign (from Monday 23 January to Sunday 29 January) to increase awareness of the changes to the legislation – the focus of the campaign is mainly on education. A second campaign will run in March which will focus more heavily on enforcement.

It is illegal to use a mobile phone, held in the hand, whilst driving or while stopped with the engine on, it has been illegal since December 2003 but there has been a worrying shift in attitudes to mobile phone use behind the wheel. The RAC surveyed 1,714 motorists and 31% of them said they used a handheld phone behind the wheel compared with 8% in 2014.

EMOpSS provides roads policing and collision investigation to the communities of Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire. It also provides armed policing response, firearms training and specialist search skills and dog support.

EMOpSS has been running a hard hitting campaign to highlight the horrific consequences of driving on a mobile phone under the banner #itcanwait. Officers have made a film with Liese Bowers-Straw from Kirkby in Ashfield who was left with serious injuries following a collision on the M1 in November 2014. The collision was caused by a driver who was using her mobile phone while driving.

A Fatal4 clinic will be held in Leicestershire during the week and officers and Special Constables will be patrolling in unmarked cars to tackle drivers on their mobiles.

Chief Inspector Mark Garthwaite is the lead for roads policing within EMOpSS said; "We want to draw attention to the risks drivers are taking by using their mobile phone while driving. What is concerning is that drivers aren't just making a phone call they are texting and using the internet as well when they should be concentrating on the road. This campaign is about increasing awareness of the tougher new penalties and we'll be sending messages out on social media throughout the week but officers will also be ticketing motorists who are caught using their mobile phones throughout the EMOpSS region."

Jonathan Clarkson, spokesperson for the Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Road Safety Partnership, said; "Despite our best efforts to educate motorists as to the dangers of being distracted by using a mobile phone while driving, Leicestershire Police recorded 2399 mobile phone offences in the three years from January 2014 to December 2016. We fully support this national campaign and hope that it helps reduce the numbers of those people killed or seriously injured on our roads."

You can follow the campaign on social media using the following hashtags: #eyesontheroad #mindsontheroad #itcanwait and #dontriskit.

## **LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE**

### **Is this you?**



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Issued on 19/1/17 at 3:01 p.m.

Officers would like to speak to the people in the images as they could have information about an assault.

It happened on Charles Street, near to Bistro Live, and the victim, a 45-year-old man, sustained serious injuries including a fractured skull.

Detective Constable Aimee Farmer said: "This was a nasty assault and the people featured in the images could have information which would help out enquiries as they were in the area at the time. We are keen to speak to them so we can find out if they saw anything.

"This incident happened on the weekend before Christmas and the area was busy with people walking to and from bars and restaurants.

"Please have a look and see if you recognise the people in these images. One is of two men. The other two are of the same two women.

"I appreciate they are not the best quality but I believe people will be able to identify themselves, or those close to them.

"Equally, if you are not in the images, but were in the area at the time and think you could have information, please get in touch as soon as possible."

The assault happened between 1.30am and 1.40am on Saturday 17 December, anyone with information is asked to call 101 and quote incident 16000419527.

## **LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE**

### **CRIME PREVENTION**

#### **Satellite Navigation**



Portable sat nav systems are installed in minutes, but removed by a thief in seconds! Here are some simple steps you can take to keep your satellite navigation system safe:

- Close all windows and lock the doors when you leave your car, even if it's only for a short while.
- Don't leave anything on display in your car. Make sure you remove all parts of the system, including any support cradles and suction pads fitted to the windscreen.
- Don't leave the sat nav in your glove compartment it's the first place a thief will look. Instead, leave your glove compartment open to show there is nothing inside and take the system and components away with you.
- If it's not possible to take the navigation system away with you, then lock it safely in your boot.
- Keep a record of the make, model and serial number of the equipment.
- You can upload pictures and serial numbers to [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)
- Store this somewhere safe, separately from the vehicle.
- Mark your system with your postcode and house number or vehicle registration using a special security marker such as an ultra-violet pen or SmartWater. This will make it difficult for thieves to sell your property and will enable police to return the items to you if they are taken.

Some cars are available within built satellite navigation system; these can't be taken by opportunist thieves and are much more complex to remove.

Further information about vehicle security may be available by contacting your local Neighbourhood Policing Team. To find contact details of your Neighbourhood Policing Team, please go to [www.leics.police.uk/policing](http://www.leics.police.uk/policing) or call 101.

## **LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE**

### **POLICE** **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM**

#### **EASTERN COUNTIES NPA**

## UPPINGHAM

This neighbourhood beat covers the town of Uppingham. Uppingham is a busy town with a weekly market and several hotels that accommodate the large number of visitors to the area.

Each dedicated neighbourhood team is supported by the [Special Constabulary](#).

### Your dedicated neighbourhood team



**Sgt Lee Morris**

Collar number: 624

I joined Leicestershire Police in 1998. I have worked predominantly in the Rutland and Melton area after my first four years in the City of Leicester where I was based at the old Charles Street police headquarters. I have previously managed 'Neighbourhood Policing' in Rutland for three years prior to working the last three years within response policing at Melton and Keyham Lane, Leicester.

I have responsibility for all the Rutland 'Dedicated Neighbourhood Teams'. I look forward to working alongside all of your neighbourhood officers' and partner agencies to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour within your communities.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for Sgt Lee Morris by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 0624.



**PC Peter Icke**

Collar number: 2113

I joined Leicestershire Police in 2004, having previously worked in the engineering sector for over 20 years.

I started my career on the Melton area in 2004 where I worked as a General Duty Officer before joining Rutland in April 2007. Since joining Rutland, I have been part of a Neighbourhood Action Team and have spent a period of time in CID. I have also been a Beat Manager for the South of Rutland and Oakham town before moving to my current role of beat manager for Uppingham in January 2011.

I will be working closely with the rest of the neighbourhood team providing a visible police presence, identifying and putting into place community issues, along with tackling crime and anti-social behaviour within the area.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PC Peter Icke by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 2113.



**PCSO Andy Wylie**

Collar number: 6613

I became a PCSO in March 2005.

I have been stationed in Uppingham since October 2005 and I firmly believe that my role provides an approachable and consistent daily link between the local community and police.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Andy Wylie by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6613.