

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

to the latest newsletter highlighting the work of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) in Hinckley & Bosworth,

which will keep you up to date with the work of the partnership and how it is helping to keep individuals and neighbourhoods safer.

The CSP brings together a collection of people and organisations that have a real commitment to do everything in their power to have a positive impact on reducing crime, the fear of crime and to work closely alongside local communities in bringing about a sense of safety for all.

The CSP has published a three-year Community Safety Strategy which is available for download at hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk If you have your own community networks or magazines please feel free to pass on this newsletter or print articles from it.

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KNIFE CRIME AWARENESS

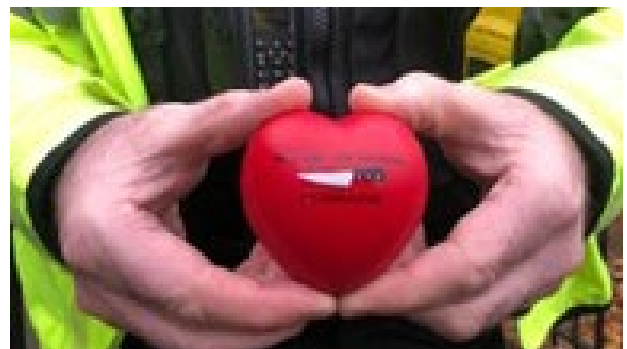
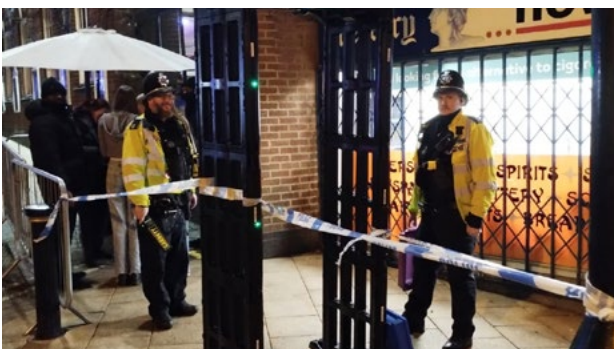
Local police officers from Hinckley Police & Market Bosworth Police took part in a week of enforcement and disruption targeting knife crime.

Op Sceptre saw officers visiting local premises that sell knives and bladed articles to educate and support them in selling these products. With rising knife crime in the UK there is increasing pressure on retailers to be certain they are not selling to those under 18 years old.

In partnership with the borough council's community safety team, officers came together to visit Bosworth Academy in Desford where 500 students who arrived for the start of their school day passed through a knife arch and were scanned to ensure no weapons were being carried into school. All the students were professional and polite, and it was great to see a 100% pass mark. The young people were given a heart-shaped stress ball reminding them of the need to choose lives over knives. These were funded by Hinckley & Bosworth Community Safety Partnership.

Patrols from the Neighbourhood Priority Team and officers were carried out in areas of interest and where reports of anti-social behaviour are prevalent to enable conversations to take place on the dangers of carrying knives. A knife arch was also set up in Hinckley town centre where customers visiting a late-night bar passed through it as a condition of entry.

PS Cross said: "It was great to hear the overwhelming support from everyone who passed through, and many stated how safe they felt in Hinckley because of the work the police and local premises are doing every weekend to ensure people can go out have fun, let their hair down and not come to any harm. No weapons were located throughout the duration of the operation".



OP GIZMO-YODELS!

Nationally referred to as County Lines Intensification Week, during the last week in November police officers took part in a week of enforcement against drug supply. In Burbage, officers spotted a car where people were getting into the passenger seat for a few seconds before getting out and moving off to another location. On being stopped it was found that the man was disqualified from driving and in the car were 123 bags of cannabis, 13 deal bags of cocaine and over £1000 in cash. A subsequent search of his flat led to a further £12,000 in cash located in a sock draw! The subject has been released pending forensics enquiries for drug offences and sent to court for driving offences.

Workshops to raise awareness of County Lines have taken place at Hastings High School and to young people who attend a football programme at Green Towers called Premier League Kicks. Delivered by Leicester City in the Community, the programme creates opportunities for those at risk of anti-social behaviour and offers mentoring and personal development opportunities. The Community Safety Partnership continues to allocate a proportion of their funds from the Police and Crime Commissioner Partnership Locality Fund to support the Kicks programme.

Officers working with local partners including HBBC's licensing and Trading Standards visited a shop in Barwell leading to 200 packets of illicit cigarettes and 1000 illegal vapes being seized.

13 addresses were searched, 5 vehicles searched, 18 people searched and large amounts of drugs found.



WATERSIDE PARK

Partners from community safety and anti-social behaviour, the county council's traffic and safety team, local police officers and County Councillor David Bill and Cllr Ann Pendlebury came together to look at the longstanding issues raised about parking and traffic related issues to have a greater understanding of what the issues are and how to tackle them. #makingcommunitiessafer



SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP WORKING IN HINCKLEY TOWN CENTRE

Local police, the borough council and Hinckley Business Improvement District (Hinckley BID) have been working closely with partners and businesses to reduce crime in Hinckley Town Centre.

Retail crime has been a focus. The use of retail radios, the DISC system (which allows timely sharing of information between police, CCTV and businesses), town centre policing, CCTV cameras and close working with businesses has yielded excellent results with arrests and property recoveries.

This approach has resulted in high success rates in the detection of retail theft; well above the Leicestershire Police average. Over the last year, with support from partners, the police have been able to deal with a large number of retail thefts in Hinckley, putting a number of offenders in prison and recovering a large amount of stolen property.

Counterfeit electronics and other illegal goods have been removed from sale in Hinckley town centre ahead of a busy festive shopping season.

A quantity of illegal items were recovered last year, including counterfeit smartwatches and earphones, which are unsafe and not manufactured to correct safety standards. A large amount of illicit tobacco and illegal vapes were also recovered by the Police and colleagues from the Borough Council's licensing team.

Partnership work has also enabled night-time economy marshals to work in the town centre during the evenings and they were out and about during key nights over the festive season. They work alongside the police and door staff at licensed premises to act as a deterrent and intervene quickly to stop incidents from escalating.

Cllr Michael Mullaney, Executive Member for Community Safety, said: "It's great that Borough Council officers have been working with the police, Hinckley BID and local businesses to reduce crime in Hinckley. Retail crime has been a focus of ours and, under the banner of Hinckley BID Retail Watch, we have seen excellent results – with arrests made and property recovered."

The Community Safety Partnership continues to allocate a proportion of their funds from the Police and Crime Commissioner Partnership Locality Fund to support the town centre retail radio scheme and the night-time economy marshals.

ASK FOR ANGELA

Anyone who is feeling unsafe, vulnerable or threatened can discreetly seek help by approaching venue staff and asking them for 'Angela'. The directory has been updated and can be found at hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/..ask_for_angela

“ HI I'M ANGELA,

ARE YOU ON A DATE THAT ISN'T WORKING OUT?

DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE NOT IN A SAFE SITUATION?

IS YOUR TINDER OR POF DATE NOT WHO THEY SAID THEY WERE ON THEIR PROFILE?

DOES IT ALL FEEL A BIT WEIRD?

IF YOU GO TO THE BAR AND ASK FOR 'ANGELA' THE BAR STAFF WILL KNOW YOU NEED SOME HELP GETTING OUT OF YOUR SITUATION AND WILL CALL YOU A TAXI OR HELP YOU OUT DISCREETLY – WITHOUT TOO MUCH FUSS ”



YOUNG PEOPLE HELP TO SHAPE FUTURE OF HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH AT YOUTH CONFERENCE

Young people are already helping to shape the next 50 years in Hinckley and Bosworth.

Ideas were received from 69 students representing nine secondary schools at the Borough Council's Youth Conference in December. The event, aimed at 12- to 15-year-olds, was held as part of the council's 50th anniversary celebrations.

The conference offered young people a varied and interactive programme of activities, including workshops on preventing serious youth violence, climate change, and health and wellbeing.

The conference was opened by the Mayor of Hinckley and Bosworth and Young Person's Champion Robin Webber-Jones and in addition to the interactive activities, Executive Member for Housing and Community Safety Cllr Michael Mullaney delivered a presentation on what the council has achieved over the last 50 years. The young people were then given a chance to put forward their ideas about what they would like to see achieved in the next 50 years.

Table discussions with councillors then followed, involving young people's suggestions about what works well within their communities and suggestions for improvements. A number of councillors will be arranging follow-ups with the schools in their wards.

The views shared by young people at the conference have been collated and shared with partners. They will help refresh the Borough Council's Young People's Strategy and inform the work that the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) carries out.

Cllr Robin Webber-Jones, the Borough Council's Young Person Champion said: "It is vital that young people have a voice in the borough, it is their future we are working towards. So much of the council's work is about improving and growing the borough for the next generation to thrive."

The conference was supported by partners including Go-Getta, Leicestershire County Council, Teen Health and Hinckley Police. Thanks to The Meeting Centre in Hinckley for allowing us to host the conference and for looking after us all and providing a lovely lunch.

SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

With the start of the new academic school year, the borough council's Community Safety Team have been back into primary schools, secondary schools and sixth forms, delivering a range of workshops. These range from climate change, student councils, safety crew, safer driving events, diversity, 5 ways to wellbeing and anti-social behaviour. The Community Safety Team have also provided support at several school careers fairs and the college fresher's fair. Currently, engagement with students stands at 1675 and some of these sessions are delivered in partnership with Leicestershire Police, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service, Turning Point and Public Health QuitReady Stop Smoking Service.

During Recycle Week in October the borough council facilitated a joint litter pick event for local schools and businesses. The litter pick saw 22 students attend from two schools within the borough.

COMMUNITY HOUSES

In August, the borough council's community safety staff delivered two craft sessions for young people aged between 11-16 years. These took place at Earl Shilton Community House and The Meadows in Burbage. These sessions allowed young people to meet other young people of similar ages whilst trying something new and creative.

Along with our loyal volunteers, staff at the community houses continue to deliver a variety of activities across the borough; ranging from cooking sessions and crafts to wellbeing and mindfulness activities and the groups continue to grow in size.

Many of those who come along are concerned about the rising cost of living and benefit cuts, these sessions enable us to discuss what help and support is available to them through our welfare support services and partner agents.



Ratby Cooking Group



Colin & Gavin at Newbold Verdon Cooking Group

HEALING TOGETHER

Two healing together programmes have been delivered between September – December with 8 children and young people aged between 5-16 who have been impacted by domestic abuse. The programme helps children/young people learn about how their body and brain can work together to help them feel safe and calm. Healing Together is a 6-session trauma informed programme that enables children/young people to access early intervention by people they trust, and in a space they feel safe.

For more information please email: childrens.support@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk

DRINK SPIKING AWARENESS

The borough council's Community Safety Officer and the police were out promoting anti-spiking, don't drink drive campaigns, Ask for Angela and Domestic Abuse Outreach Service during December. More than 30 licensed premises were visited to raise awareness and given samples of anti-spiking resources including drink straws and caps. A talk was also given to Pubwatch at one of their meetings to raise awareness of the initiatives.



POST INCIDENT RESPONSE IN BURBAGE

The borough council's Community Safety Team and ASB and Housing Officers were out and about with Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service and the police during January speaking with residents following an incident in Sapcote Road in Burbage. The team also visited the surrounding locality offering home safety checks to residents following an incident in the neighbourhood. The team offered home safety checks, reassurance and advice to residents including information about Warm Welcomes, anti-social behaviour, housing and health support. In total 287 properties were door knocked with 66 properties receiving full home safety fire checks.

STEPS BEING TAKEN TO CRACK DOWN ON IRRESPONSIBLE PARKING

A campaign was launched across the borough to raise awareness around poor parking outside schools, obstructive parking on pavements and vehicles causing an obstruction which means that emergency vehicles are unable to reach homes. Publicity materials have been produced in partnership with the county council urging residents to consider the safety of others and other road users when parking their vehicles.



THINK
BEFORE YOU PARK

Bad parking risks children's lives!

Stopping on yellow zigzag lines obscures the view of pedestrians and drivers putting lives in danger.

Find out more about inconsiderate parking and how to report it: hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/inconsiderateparking



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NEW COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER AT HOLLYCROFT GRANGE

New residents came together for a community welcome event, hosted by the borough council at the development's new start-of-the-art community primary school. The event offered residents an opportunity to connect with neighbours, businesses and explore the wealth of health and wellbeing resources in the borough. A range of organisations attended the event to offer advice and support.



THE SUPPORT SOFA!

Hinckley BID organised a 'support sofa' in the Britannia Centre in Hinckley town centre until the end of January for professionals to offer support and guidance to residents.

Staff from the community services and safeguarding team spoke with many residents about crime and safety prevention, Warm Welcomes, health & wellbeing and welfare support.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT SAFER DRIVING

Partners including Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and the police joined forces to promote safer driving at the annual Hinckley BID motorshow in September. With a range of interactive resources on hand residents were able to make mocktails, learn about alcohol units, have a go at experiencing what it would be like to be in a crash by wearing virtual reality headsets and speak with services for advice and support.



HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH DOMESTIC ABUSE OUTREACH SERVICE

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council's Domestic Abuse Outreach Team continues to offer ongoing 1-1 support and group-based support to survivors of Domestic Abuse.

Every November we are proud to support the White Ribbon Campaign which begins on 25th November and are committed to doing whatever we can to make sure anyone experiencing domestic abuse gets the help, advice and support they need. White Ribbon is about preventing violence against women and girls.

An event was held for professionals to network, share knowledge and promote services available for survivors of DA across Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland. Over 50 professionals attended which was fantastic to see collaborative working across different partners. Survivors also supported this event with their interactive scene – which displayed the impact of economic abuse and was an opportunity for professionals to spot “red flags”.



Below is some feedback we received from the event -

“Red flag interactive activity was stand out for me”

“The “Living room” with red flags to spot”

“The display and the wonderful conversations I had”

“Thank you all, a well organised event with a really supportive atmosphere”.

“It was well attended with a range of support services and enabled networking opportunities”.

“A fab event highlighting the issues and services available to survivors”.

“Well done all. Fantastic event!”

“Brilliant event, really enjoyed collaborating!”

“Great piece of partnership work”

A new target hardening offer for survivors has been launched, the Community Safety Partnership has allocated a proportion of their funds from the Police and Crime Commissioner Partnership Locality Fund to support the initiative. This offer will help survivors feel safer in their homes and remain in their homes where appropriate. Alongside this offer survivors will be referred to Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service for a home fire safety check.

If you or anyone you know is experiencing domestic abuse contact our Domestic Abuse Outreach Service on **07966 202181** or **01455 238141** or visit hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/domesticabuse



MORE THAN 1300 YOUNG PEOPLE BENEFIT FROM YOUTH BUS SESSIONS

More than 1300 young people in Hinckley are being supported to steer them away from the path to antisocial behaviour.

As part of the Community Safety Partnership, the Borough Council has supported Streetvibe Young People's Service with their work in Hinckley town centre

Youth bus sessions in Argents Mead provide a safe and engaging space for young people to get involved with activities and address personal issues in a supported environment. The Community Safety Partnership continues to allocate a proportion of their funds from the Police and Crime Commissioner Partnership Locality Fund to support the delivery of youth outreach.

Cllr Michael Mullaney, Executive Member for Community Safety, said: "There are so many young people with bright futures in Hinckley and Bosworth, and it's great to see the work the Community Safety Partnership are doing to support them."

In addition, through the ASB & Serious Violence Hotspot Police 'Grip' funding, Streetvibe are carrying out detached youth work in Hinckley town centre and Argent's Mead from January until the end of March.

They will be engaging with young people on a Monday at The Crescent from 5pm-7pm, on Thursdays in Argent's Mead from 2pm-4pm and The Crescent from 5pm-7pm.

Hot spotting youth work is a targeted approach that focuses on engaging with young people in locations where they naturally congregate, particularly in areas known for heightened levels of anti-social behaviour or vulnerability.

The 12-week initiative is a proactive response to current challenges, designed to promote safety, well-being, and community cohesion while addressing the needs of young people in Hinckley.