

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 to download at hinckleybosworth.gov.uk If you have your own community networks or magazines please feel free to pass on this newsletter or print articles from it.

Cllr Michael Mullaney
Joint Chair of Hinckley & Bosworth
and Blaby Community Safety
Partnership

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KEEP SAFE PLACES AVAILABLE



Across Hinckley & Bosworth there are Keep Safe Places that are available to residents who offer support and advice to anyone feeling overwhelmed, vulnerable or distressed.

Stickers with the Keep Safe Place logo can be seen on the door or window of venues which include libraries, shops, cafés, Hinckley Hub, Hinckley leisure centre, community centres, disability services and churches that have signed up to the scheme. Staff at these venues can support by contacting friends, family or the emergency services if needed.

For some people, knowing there's a place of security close by can provide the confidence to go out freely. The community safety team and libraries provide Keep Safe cards which show the details of who to contact in an emergency, or medical assistance that may be needed. Keep Safe Places is a local partnership scheme within Leicestershire which Hinckley & Bosworth Community Safety Partnership is a part of.

The Keep Safe Places have recently been updated and to find your nearest Keep Safe Place, look out for a window sticker/poster or find out more visit: www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/keepsafeplaces

If you're interested in your venue becoming a Keep Safe Place email angela.egan@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk

JOY

The team are pleased to announce that a free health and wellbeing support website has been launched across Leicestershire.

Joy helps you to find local support and activities near you, from walking groups to debt advice it's about what matters to you. www.LLRjoy.com

Funded by the NHS, Joy combines services provided by the NHS, Local Authorities and the voluntary and community sector, the information is all in one place and easy to use.

Want to promote your activity/support?



Joy is the website for people in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to help them find the activities, groups and support they need. To add your offer, please scan and complete the form

www.tinyurl.com/mpdzw27b



Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Health and Wellbeing Partnership





A WELCOME SPACE TO SUPPORT RESIDENTS

The borough Council's community houses operated as 'centres for warmth' to those who are struggling with the cost of living thanks to funding from Cadent. The centres based in Barwell, Earl Shilton, Wykin and Burbage will extend the offer of services available as well as providing opportunities to take some of the expanded services out into communities across the borough. At each centre welfare support officers work directly with residents who need support. The funding will continue to provide support with money management, energy advice, 'cooking on a budget class', carbon monoxide awareness sessions with free access to alarms, home energy efficiency advice and free gas safety checks. A community development worker has been funded who will provide six slow cooker sessions at the family and toddler group at the George Ward Centre in Barwell, showing families how to make delicious healthy food in simple and budget friendly ways.

Executive member for Community Safety and Housing, Cllr Michael Mullaney said: *"Thanks to the generosity of Cadent, we can extend the services we can offer and we hope that it will help many more residents in need. With*

the expansion of our welfare support team, the borough council has already been able to support over 600 cases this year so far."

For more information visit www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/communityhouses or check out their facebook page @ [earlshiltoncommunityhouse](https://www.facebook.com/earlshiltoncommunityhouse)



WARM WELCOMES FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES



The community safety team have been working with Warm Welcome locations to support and ensure that no one feels alone or unsupported during these difficult times.

At a recent celebration and networking event around 40 individuals came together to discuss the successes, challenges and barriers faced by those individuals and teams who host 'Warm Welcome' across the borough.

Executive Member for Community safety and Housing, Cllr Michael Mullaney said:

"These continue to be challenging times for many individuals and families within our communities. The establishment of the Warm Welcome locations provides not only practical support but also a much-needed sense of belonging and connection;"

To find out more about community warm welcome locations or how to set a new location visit

hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/warmwelcome



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Warm Welcome Season

Oct 23 - Mar 24

The Warm Welcome initiative aims to ensure that everyone knows where they can go to stay warm, have a hot drink and meet other people, for free, in a friendly and welcoming space.



DRINK SPIKING

The police and the community safety team joined forces to raise awareness of the increase in alleged spiking and visited Pubwatch and a number of venues across the borough including hotels and bed and breakfasts during Spiking Intensification Week in March. Advice and posters were given out and staff were reminded about the 'Ask for Angela' scheme to make sure they are aware of what to do if they were approached. Visit hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/angela

PREMIER KICKS

This diversionary activity for young people has been delivered within the borough for a number of years and continues to provide support for young people to socialise in a safe environment, to learn new skills and play football. Delivered by Leicester City in the Community the project provides a consistent place for young people to take part in safe and physical activities after school in their community.

Supported by the Police and Crime Commissioner Partnership Locality Funds the project is held at Green Towers Club 4 Young people, the project works in partnership with the local beat team for young people aged between 11-15 in term-time only and has been an effective tool for breaking down barriers between young people and the police.

Working across two pitches once a week the team have engaged with young people during this year with a group of upwards to 30 persons regularly participating each week.

A pilot project was held in September 2023 which successfully engaged with 28 young people at Heath Lane Academy which was organised in response to anti-social behaviour. During February, further funding from the Partnership Locality funds enabled a further 4-week programme to take place with more than 30 young people, which culminated in a fixture between Hinckley and Heath Lane. The Office for Police & Crime commissioner has shared a mini video on Facebook [here](#).

Some testimonials from parents and young people are below:

My son and many of his friends attended the sessions offered to them. He came home excited for the next week and enjoyed every session. This had a massive positive impact on my son's emotional well-being and physical fitness.

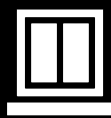
My son really enjoyed these sessions. It helped him to build his confidence and make friendships.



KEEP YOUR PROPERTY SECURE



Test your burglar alarm regularly and remember to set it while away



Close all windows and doors when you're not in the room



Think about what you post on social media while you're away



Reconsider leaving notes for the postman about where to leave parcels

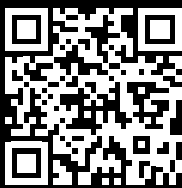


Fit sheds, garages and any outbuildings with locks



Look at your property from the outside to review what can be seen

For more safety advice,
visit [www.leics.police.uk/
burglary](http://www.leics.police.uk/burglary)



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SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

Since the start of this year the community safety team along with staff from cultural services, and partners from Leicestershire Fire & Rescue service, Leicestershire Police and Turning Point have continued to deliver a range of workshops and events to primary and secondary schools across the borough.

Workshops range from ASB Busters, healthy relationships, vulnerability and exploitation, health and wellbeing to safer driving events and healthy holiday sessions.

Recently the team attended The Hinckley School and delivered a healthy holiday session about keeping safe over the summer to Yr 12 sixth form students about alcohol, anti-social behaviour, BBQ safety, water safety, wellbeing and healthy relationships which students were able to get involved in by trying out the many resources such as the beer goggles and measuring out alcohol units.



STREETVIBE

Streetvibe Young People's service over the past year has provided youth work in the Argents Mead area of Hinckley twice a week, building positive relationships with young people. The youth bus is a safe and engaging space where young people can get involved with activities as well as a supportive environment for addressing personal issues.

72 bus sessions have been delivered and seven detached outreach sessions, engaging with 1322 young people.



Supported by the Police and Crime Commissioner Partnership Locality Funds this has enabled Streetvibe to identify and support young people at risk of disengagement and isolation through targeted interventions.

Laura Hill, Streetvibe manager said: "By actively engaging young people in meaningful activities, the outreach facilities work prevent disengagement from school, work and social networks. This proactive approach helps keep young people on a positive trajectory and reduces the likelihood of them becoming involved in anti-social behaviour".



DOMESTIC ABUSE OUTREACH SERVICE UPDATE

The Domestic Abuse Outreach Service continue to offer ongoing 1-1 support and group-based support to survivors of Domestic Abuse.

The service has delivered the following groups –

The Freedom Programme - September to December 2023, and January to March 2024

The Recovery Toolkit – September to December 2023, and January to March 2024

The Unbreakable Course - June to July 2023 and February to March 2024.

The Healing Together Programme (Adult & Child) - October 2023 to November 2023 and April to May 2024.

Survivors comments have been extremely positive from the groups –

“Thank you for this programme, it has enabled me to make sense of all that has been in my past and to empower me to avoid things in the future”.

“The best thing about the group was meeting people who have experienced the same things as me.”

“It’s enabled me to answer many questions and see how to avoid behaviours.”

“It was better than expected. I learnt a lot about myself and found new ways to improve both myself and my life.”

“The group was amazing, informative, challenging but having a safe place to be able to process all of my emotions in a healthy way.”

“The group was something we can do together and can talk about what we have learnt. I heard new techniques that I could do with my son”.

Alongside the 1-1 and group-base support, the Domestic Abuse Outreach Service have been able to offer awareness sessions between September 2023 and March 2024 with partner agencies on relevant subjects such as:

- Domestic Abuse and Homelessness
- How children are impacted by Domestic Abuse, this included sharing the new legislation regarding children to be classed as victims, and Adverse Childhood Experience’s (ACE’s)
- Coercive control within relationships
- Economic abuse within an abusive relationship

These sessions were well received by staff members and partner agencies.

The fire service continues to support survivors through our service – offering a fire safety check in every home, which gives survivors extra reassurance to feel safer in their own homes.

The service was very excited to be able exhibit artwork by our service user group, “Behind Closed Doors” depicting their interpretation of “My Recovery from Trauma”. This has also been displayed across the borough in different venues. Feedback from members of the public for this artwork was incredibly positive.

Every November we support the White Ribbon Campaign (which begins on 25th November every year).

The service held an event at the Hinckley Hub in November 2023 where professionals were able to network together, share knowledge and promote services available for survivors of DA within Blaby & Hinckley & Bosworth.

Around 40 services attended the event, and it was fantastic to see collaborative working to support survivors within our borough.

Domestic Abuse...

... can affect ANYONE.

IT IS NOT just physical abuse or violence

Regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, sexuality or religious beliefs

It could also be emotional, psychological, financial, sexual abuse, violence, controlling or coercive behaviour

Love does not hurt... loving the wrong person does
#loveshouldnthurt

Would you like to talk to somebody?

For free confidential advice, support, emotional and practical help please contact:
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council's Domestic Abuse Outreach Service
tel: **07966 202181** or via **01455 238141** asking for the Domestic Abuse Outreach Service
Email: **DomesticAbuseOutreachService@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk**
Website: **www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/domesticabuse**
or **Free from Violence and Abuse (FREEVA)**
Helpline: **0808 802 0028**

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Support for anyone affected by domestic or sexual violence or abuse

The poster features several icons: a large eye with a tear, a hand, a woman's face, a man's face, a woman's face, a heart with a sad face, and a group of raised hands. There are also three teardrop shapes containing text and images of people.