



Welcome to your Belgrave police e-newsletter. Here you will find all of the latest news from your local policing team as well as crime prevention advice to help keep you safe.

## Beat Surgeries

Local officers invite you to join them and discuss local issues they will be at the following locations:

Tuesday 8th March 2022 - 15:00 Lidl, Loughborough Road

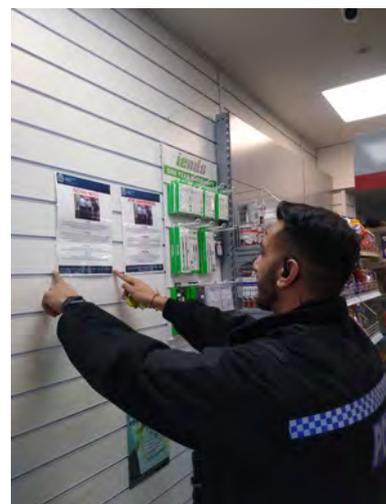
## ATM Tampering

Following on from the spate of ATM tampering we have been experiencing we are continuing to raise awareness within the local community. Posters have been printed in English and Gujarati and these are being displayed in shops and Post Offices.

**Whilst out on patrol officers from the local beat team noticed a male tampering with the ATM and this male was arrested in relation to this and sentenced to 14 weeks in prison.**

A device had been fitted that covered the cash slot which would have acted as a cash trap when money was dispensed - ultimately meaning that the person trying to withdraw their money would not receive it.

We would like to remind people to remain vigilant when using ATMs. If you notice a cash trap device on a cash machine please do not touch them. Make contact with the police via 101 and do not use the cash machine.



## Community Engagements



### POLICE CADETS #MakeADifference

On Sunday 13th February, supervised by Youth Engagement Officer Claire Marriott 6047, Police cadets took part in litter picking at Cossington Park and a leaflet drop at the BUSM estate. The leaflets were to advise residents around Anti-Social behaviour in the area and to inform about Neighbourhood Link.

### St Marks Estate

After receiving concerns from local residents about Anti-Social behaviour officers conducted a visible operation in the area Thursday 10th February 2022. Officers engaged with residents to gather more information. We will continue to work in this area to reduce ASB and make the area safer for local residents with high visibility patrols being carried out, if you see any ASB or anything else of concern please contact police on 101.

### Multi Agency Road Safety Operation

PCSO 6168 George Butler organised a joint Road Safety Operation with Leicester City Council targeting traffic offences, parking issues and littering which took place on 17th February 2022.

Officers stopped vehicles which were displaying illegal vehicle registration plates (failing to conform, spacing and tinting), illegal window tints and children who were not in the correct car seats amongst other offences. A number of Traffic Offence Reports were issued and Words of Advice given to educate drivers on road traffic legislation.

The council issued littering and parking tickets and checked weight of vehicles to ensure they were not exceeding the maximum weight load.

14 Traffic Offence Reports, 7 parking tickets (38 warnings) and one littering ticket were issued. EnviroCrime spoke to 11 vehicles carrying waste.

Positive feedback was received from the local community.



The below weapons have been seized from the streets of the Belgrave. #InYourCommunity



## Keeping your garden, shed, garage and allotment safe and secure

As we are coming in to spring please keep vigilant around the above areas. Power tools, sports equipment, bicycles, toys and motorbikes are often taken by thieves and can be costly to replace.

### Sheds

- Make sure your shed is visible from the house
- Replace any damaged or rotten areas
- Fit window bars on the inside of the shed
- Fit a battery powered alarm
- Remember to put all your tools and equipment away
- Use adhesive film inside the windows to prevent people seeing what's inside
- Make sure your household insurance policy covers theft from your garden and outbuildings
- Secure padlocks and door hinges with threaded coach bolts or washers or backing plates to prevent the bolt being pulled through the wood



### Garage

- If you have a household alarm fitted, consider extending the system to cover your garage
- Don't leave your garage door open so people can see what you keep in it
- Consider additional locks

### Allotment and Garden

- Prickly hedges can act as a barrier to entry. Consider planting a dense hedge around your property
- Fit lights which come on automatically when it gets dark and/or lights that come on when movement is sensed
- Lay a thick gravel path so it's impossible for a thief to approach without making a noise
- Make sure fences are in good repair
- Don't leave ladders and tools lying around in your garden
- If you have an allotment consider forming an Allotment Watch scheme with other gardeners.

## Warning after counterfeit money has been offered as payment to people for Facebook and Gumtree purchases

We are urging people to be vigilant when selling items on social media sites following on from reports that people have been offered counterfeit money.

The counterfeit notes involved are fake Bank of England polymer (plastic) £20 notes.

Leicestershire police's Volume Fraud team are investigating several incidents involving the sale of electrical items such as computer games consoles.



## Festivals in March 2022

### **1st March – SHROVE TUESDAY Christian/National**

'Shrove' relates to absolution from sin. Nowadays it is a day for eating and enjoyment. In Britain it is called 'Pancake Day', as pancakes use up all the rich foods before Lent.

### **3rd March – LOSAR Buddhist**

Tibetan New Year festival, but it is often celebrated in Nepal as well. It especially celebrates the miracles performed by the historical Buddha at Sravasti, the capital city of the kingdom of Kosala.

### **17th March – ST PATRICK'S DAY Christian**

The patron saint of Ireland, who lived in Britain in the 4th century CE, became a priest and set out to evangelise the Irish. Parades are held in Dublin and elsewhere, often of a secular nature.

### **17th/18th March – HOLI Hindu**

A spring festival lasting one to five days. Bonfires are lit and coloured powders and dyes are thrown over people. Various stories of Vishnu and Krishna are related throughout the festival.

### **18th/20th March – HOLA MAHALLA/HOLA MOHALLA Sikh**

In 1860 Guru Gobind Singh, the tenth Sikh Guru, introduced this festival at Anandpur in Punjab, India, on the day after the Hindu Holi. It includes displays of swordsmanship, horsemanship, archery and wrestling, together with displays of weapons and symposia and colourful occasion, particularly for young Sikhs.

### **27th March – MOTHERING SUNDAY (SIMNEL SUNDAY) Christian**

This is more popularly known as Mother's Day. Traditionally, Christians visited their 'mother church' and took gifts to their mothers, which often included a Simnel cake.