



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.

ATM Distraction Thefts

The ATM Distraction Thefts and ATM Tampering still remain as top priorities for the Belgrave Beat Team.

Recently, the way that people have been carrying out the distraction thefts is by approaching members of the public who are using the cash machine then telling them that the machine is not working properly, giving them instructions on how to make it work. While this is taking place they steal the bank card while the person is distracted and then tell them that the machine has swallowed it.

Make sure nobody is standing close up to you trying to look at your pin number or steal your card

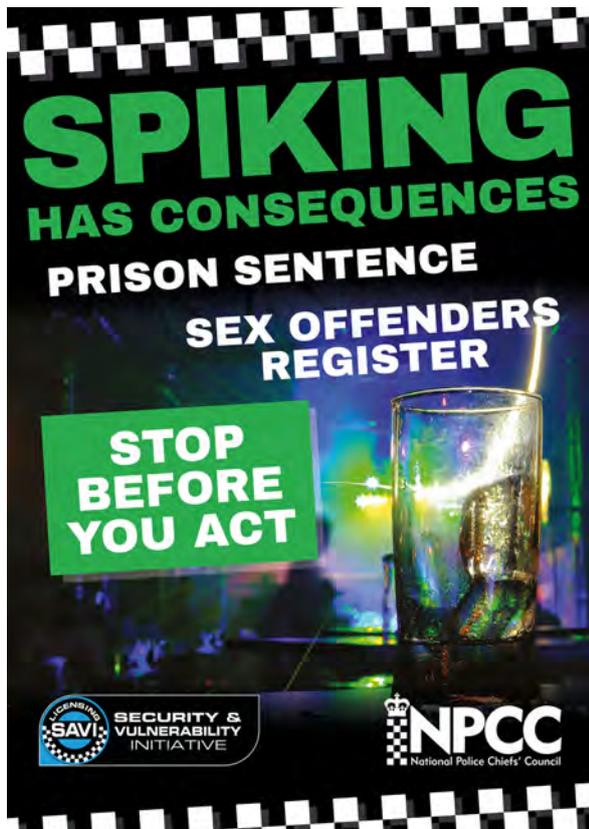
#InYourCommunity

Continuing on from the work being done at the St Marks Estate PCSO Butler completed a patch walk with a city warden and two housing officers on the 9th March. They recovered a large amount of drug paraphernalia. Please continue to report any incidents of concern to police on 101.

Knife Sweeps

On Monday 7th March Knife Sweeps were carried out in parks and recreational areas resulting in a number of weapons being recovered from the streets.

After recent incidents of Spiking our local PCSOs have been visiting local pubs to help raise awareness and have provided safeguarding advice and posters to be displayed.



Chief Constable Awards Evening



The Chief Constable Awards evening took place on Thursday 10th March to celebrate and recognise the hard work, dedication and bravery of police officers, staff and volunteers at Leicestershire Police. This was held online last year and postponed earlier this year due to the pandemic. Four of our local Neighbourhood Officers collected the NPO Shift of the Year award as part of their former shift from Keyham Lane police station. PC Pema and PC Thomas are local beat officers for Belgrave, PC Monohan is a beat officer for Rushey Mead and PC Dudman is a beat officer for the Stoneygate ward.

Festivals in April 2022

2nd April to 1st May– RAMADAN Muslim

Ramadan is the 9th month of the Islamic Calendar, when the Prophet received the first revelation of verses of the Qur'an. It is the holiest month for Muslims, and they dedicate themselves to spiritual renewal, prayer and intensive devotional reading of the Qur'an. During the month of Ramadan Muslims are required to fast from daybreak until after sunset. No food or drink may be consumed during the hours of fasting, and those fasting may also abstain from smoking and from sexual relations. After the custom of the Prophet, the fast is traditionally broken each evening by taking dates and water.

8th April - HANAMATSURI Buddhist

Mahayana flower festival to celebrate the Buddha Shakyamuni's birthday. Shrines are erected and an image of the infant Buddha is bathed. Theravadins celebrate Buddha's birth, enlightenment and passing away later in the year, at the full moon in May.

10th April – PALM SUNDAY Christian

First day of Holy Week, when Christians remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. In many churches the entry is commemorated by processions, with the symbolic branches of trees, or palm leaves folded in the form of a cross.

13th April to 15th April – SONKRAN Buddhist

Traditional New Year's Day festival in Thailand. Containers of water are thrown as a symbol of washing away all that is evil. Fragrant herbs are often placed in the water jug or bucket.

15th April – GOOD FRIDAY Christian

This day commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus. Meditative services are held in church to mark the time that Jesus spent on the cross.

16th/17th April – HANUMAN JAYANTI Hindu

This Hindu festival recalls the birth of Lord Rama's supreme devotee, the monkey-headed Hanuman, whose feat figures in the Ramayana epic. Hanuman's birth is celebrated at sunrise on the full-moon day of the lunar month of Chaitra.

16th April to 23rd April – PASSOVER/PESACH Jewish

An eight day festival when Jews commemorate the Exodus from their slavery in Egypt. The Seder meal is held in each family's home at the beginning of the festival, when the story of their deliverance is recounted. Matzah (unleavened bread) is eaten throughout the festival.

17th April – EASTER DAY Christian

Easter Day is the most important festival of the Christian, as it is when Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Many Easter traditions, such as the giving of chocolate Easter Eggs symbolise the gift of new life.

23rd April - ST GEORGE'S DAY National

St George is the patron saint of England. He lived and died in the Middle East, but his popularity grew after the Crusades, when his red cross on a white background became the symbol of the English Crusaders.

28th April - YOM HA_SHOAH (HOLOCAUST DAY) Jewish

A day of remembrance for the victims of the Nazi Holocaust. Memorial candles are lit and special services are held.