

# CSP e-newsletter



*Safer communities*

## Community Safety Partnership e-newsletter issue 7 - March 2019

### Welcome

We are pleased to present the latest edition of the Hinckley and Bosworth and Blaby Community Safety Partnership (CSP) e-newsletter, which will keep you up to speed with the work of the partnership and how it is helping to keep individuals and neighbourhoods safer. In this edition we will be reporting on campaigns and events held to educate people on county lines, message in a bottle and domestic abuse.

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 [www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk](http://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk) and [www.blaby.gov.uk](http://www.blaby.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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Safety Partnership



Cllr Mike Hall



Cllr Lee Breckon



In November Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council and Blaby District Council pledged to support and protect victims of domestic violence as part of the White Ribbon campaign.

The White Ribbon movement began in Canada in 1991, following a massacre of female students at a university in Montreal. A small group of men formed together and looked for a way for men to oppose violence against women. They decided to encourage men to actively show their opposition by wearing a white ribbon. After only six weeks' preparation, on November 25th 1991, which is the International Day for the Eradication of Violence Against Women, over 100,000 men wore the ribbon. Since then, the White Ribbon movement has developed internationally and is active in over 60 countries.

The councils took part in 16 days of action which aimed to raise awareness of domestic abuse, highlight services available, encourage more people to make a stand against domestic abuse and encourage victims to access support.

The campaign asked people to take a stand against gender-based violence in all forms by never committing, excusing or remaining silent about violence against women. Although the White Ribbon Campaign is about ending violence against women, the aim is to ensure all victims of abuse in Hinckley and Bosworth and Blaby District know that support is available.

Leader of Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, Cllr Mike Hall (right) said "It is important we do everything we can to make sure that all victims of domestic abuse know how to access support. As a council we were proud to sign the White Ribbon Pledge. We continue to provide in house support services for victims of domestic abuse and therapeutic services for children who have witnessed domestic abuse, alongside promoting services for victims which are provided by our partners."



If you are in immediate danger of domestic abuse, please call the police on 999.

For free, confidential support, contact the Hinckley & Bosworth Domestic Abuse Support Service by calling or texting 07966 202181 or the Blaby District Council Domestic Abuse Outreach Service on 0116 272 7637. For more information visit [www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk](http://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk) or [www.blaby.gov.uk](http://www.blaby.gov.uk) You can also contact United Against Violence and Abuse (UAVA) at [www.uava.org.uk](http://www.uava.org.uk)

Men's Advice Line is a national confidential helpline for men experiencing domestic violence from a partner, ex-partner or other family member. For more information visit [www.mensadviceline.org.uk](http://www.mensadviceline.org.uk)

# COUNTY LINES

The term County Lines describes gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into other areas of the country, often small towns, using dedicated mobile phone lines or another form of 'deal line' which can be a person. They are likely to exploit children or vulnerable adults to move and store the drugs and money and will often use coercion, intimidation, violence (including sexual violence) and weapons.

## How do gangs get children and adults to work for them?

Often there is an exchange between the child or vulnerable adult and gang member who receives something they need or want for carrying out a task. This may be cash, drugs, clothes or even protection, status, affection or perceived friendship. They may also carry out a task out of fear of violence or retribution.

**Can you help?**  
#KnowTheSigns #CountyLines

Gangs and organised crime networks exploit children and vulnerable people to sell drugs. This is known as **County Lines**.

- Repeatedly missing from home or school and decline in academic performance
- May be carrying a weapon
- Gang association or isolation from peers or social networks
- Unexplained relationships with new or older people

More info and advice:  
[leics.police.uk/cuckooing](https://leics.police.uk/cuckooing)

Provide information & report non-urgent crime:  
[leics.police.uk/reportonline](https://leics.police.uk/reportonline)

If a crime is in progress or life is in danger, always dial 999

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Protecting our communities

## What is cuckooing?

Cuckooing is a form of county lines crime in which drug dealers take over the home of a vulnerable person in order to criminally exploit them as a base for drug dealing, often in multi-occupancy or social housing properties.

## Who is at risk?

Any child, young person or vulnerable person could be at risk of being criminally exploited by drugs or organised crime gangs. However, some are more vulnerable including those who are:

- Experiencing domestic violence, parental drug abuse or criminality
- Have an unstable home life
- Are excluded from school and suffering social isolation
- Suffering homelessness or living in insecure accommodation
- Have learning or physical disabilities and/or mental health issues
- Have associations with criminality or being in care

## How can you help?

Everyone can help by learning the signs to look out for and being vigilant within their home and work environments. If you believe you may be a victim (or think somebody may be a victim) of exploitation through county lines or cuckooing, contact one of the following:

Leicestershire Police [www.leics.police.uk](https://www.leics.police.uk) or call 101

Leicestershire County Council [www.leicestershire.gov.uk](https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk) or call 0116 305 0005 (child) 305 0004 (adult)

**If anyone is in immediate danger call the police on 999**



# MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council and Blaby District Council are supporting the 'Message in a bottle' scheme where medical and contact details can be found easily in case of an emergency.

The scheme, which is designed by the Lions, encourages the elderly and people with serious medical conditions such as life threatening allergies to store their medical details in a plastic bottle which is kept in a fridge.

In the event of the emergency services being called to someone's home they will be alerted by a green sticker on the inside of the front door and another on the door of the fridge and they will know where to locate the bottle. The bottle is easy to use and has a push-fit lid and is big enough to hold all of the necessary information.



Councillor Mike Hall, joint chair of the Community Safety Partnership and Leader of Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council said: "Whilst this scheme is focused on the most vulnerable in our communities, anyone of any age can have an accident at home which needs urgent attention. This scheme can benefit anyone, especially those who live on their own and have allergies or who take regular medication".

The significant benefits of the scheme are that it will save the Emergency Services valuable time identifying the patient and their emergency contacts. By stating whether the patient has special medication or allergies it is a potential lifesaver and provides peace of mind to the user and their friends and families.

The bottles are free of charge and are available from a number of venues across both Hinckley Borough and Blaby District.

Venues in Hinckley include Hinckley Hub, The Dementia Day Care Centre, various churches and community centres, Earl Shilton Age UK Centre, Earl Shilton, Wykin and Barwell Community Houses, libraries, Hinckley Job Centre and Sport in Desford.

In Blaby District, bottles are available from main reception at the Council Offices and a number of the Parish Councils.

For further information or to find a venue that is close to you contact the community safety teams at Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council on 01455 255746 or Blaby District Council on 0116 272 7725

# SAFE DRIVING IN FLOODS

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service issues a warning about driving through flood water.

The AA's nationwide list revealed that the aptly-named Watery Gate Lane, in Thurlaston, is one of the most prolific places in the country for cars to get stuck in flood water.



Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service attend approximately 10-12 incidents a year at Watery Gate Lane, however there will be further incidents there that they are not called to.

**Here is some advice to prevent it from happening to you.**

- Don't assume a ford that was safe to cross yesterday will be safe to cross today.
- Go the long way round if you are not sure how deep the water is.
- Don't follow your sat nav blindly across water.
- A foot of flowing water is enough to move the average family car – six inches can knock you off your feet.
- Drive slowly and steadily – don't make a bow wave.
- It only takes an egg cupful of water sucked into your engine to wreck it.
- Test your brakes as soon as you can afterwards.



Take notice of the depth of the water before you enter, there are large gauges at both sides of the ford which clearly indicate the depth. Avoid water more than 10cm (4 inches) deep .

If you have any doubt about whether you are able to drive through it then don't.

Getting your car stuck in this way could, apart from causing you a great deal of inconvenience also cause a great deal of damage to your vehicle.

**Remember, Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service**

Are NOT a vehicle recovery service, they are an emergency service. They may rescue you but NOT your vehicle.

They will NOT pull your car out. You will have to arrange recovery and will probably have to wait until the water subsides before a recovery firm will recover your vehicle.

**Whilst they are dealing with vehicles stuck in the water they are unable to attend incidents where people really need them.**

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**FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE**

# LAST ORDERS

Blaby District Council commissioned Solomon Theatre Group to perform a hard hitting alcohol education play called Last Orders to some of the Districts year 9 students.

Pupils from Brockington College, Enderby and Countesthorpe Leysland College watched the one hour performance as part of their personal, social, health, economic & citizenship curriculum and took part in a specially tailored workshop which followed.

Developed by a team of doctors, police, NSPCC professionals and teachers, Last Orders tells the story of two young girls as they embark on a night of binge drinking at home with disastrous consequences.

Based on the true story of Cassie Hughes from Wiltshire, the play touches on the key topics of alcohol as a dis-inhibitor, anti social behaviour, consent and sexual activity.

Other topics included the law regarding holding and distributing sexual images over social media, binge drinking and the impact on long term health and sexually transmitted infections.



Following the performance, a 60 minute workshop was held and both schools selected a small number of students to attend. The facilitated workshop involved the actors remaining in character, which allowed the students to probe “Cassie” and the other characters on subjects such as motive and consequence.

The events proved to be very popular at both schools with one of the curriculum leaders of PSHE & Citizenship at Brockington College quoting “There has been fantastic feedback from the pupils and staff – we are interested in showing it to our Year 10 pupils”.

The Solomon Theatre Group produce award winning work delivered nationwide with: Community Safety Partnerships, Schools, Universities, Police, Councils and Clinical Commissioning Groups to reduce crime, increase health and prevent exploitation.

Their professionally trained actors deliver packages to effect change in attitude and behaviour, which makes communities healthier and safer places.

Visit their website at [www.solomontheatre.co.uk](http://www.solomontheatre.co.uk)

## ROMANCE FRAUD

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council launched an online campaign in February to raise awareness of romance fraud, domestic abuse in teens and keeping safe while on a date.

Dating or romance fraud is fast becoming a problem and Leicestershire Police reported that between July 2017 and April 2018, 45 incidents of romance fraud were reported within the County, with the average loss per person standing at £21,000.

Scammers take advantage of people looking for romance, often via dating websites pretending to be prospective partners, with the intended outcome of stealing their money, personal information or both. They will provide fake names and identities to lure people in and will go to great lengths to gain your interest and trust. Once they have gained the person's trust and their defenses are down they will ask for money often pretending that it is for a personal emergency such as helping a severely ill member of the family. The money sent to scammers is almost always impossible to recover.

**Online dating?  
Get to know the  
person, not  
the profile.**

**www.getsafeonline.org/datesafe** **#datesafe**

Domestic violence is not limited to just adults and domestic violence within teens is on the rise with 1 in 5 reported as being assaulted by a boyfriend. Young people are urged to seek online support and counselling from <https://www.kooth.com>



## ROAD SAFETY EVENT

Blaby District Council's BB19 Youth Workers and Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service held a joint road safety event at Enderby Leisure Centre in November.

A high proportion of road traffic collisions involving new and young drivers happen on our roads due to one or more of the Fatal Four- speeding, using a mobile phone, drink and drug driving and driving without a seatbelt.

To improve road safety and reduce vehicle collisions in young drivers, Leicestershire Fire Service has invested significantly into educating potential drivers by creating an awareness of the dangers before they even get behind the wheel.

The Fire Service brought a McLaren sports car, a fire tender and their state-of-the-art VF4 360 degree virtual reality headsets to the Enderby Leisure Centre car park. The Fire Service Officers and BB19 Youth Workers met with young people, discussing the dangers of the Fatal Four before getting them to sit in the McLaren to experience the VF4 360.



The headsets show a video of four young people in a car, being distracted by a mobile phone. The car is involved in a road traffic collision and the emergency services attend and have to cut the occupants out.

The headset wearer has a view from the front passenger seat and simply by moving their heads, wearers have complete 360° vision within the virtual environment that they are watching, making their experience an ultra-realistic one.

Introducing an initiative like the VF4 360 virtual reality system has enabled the Service to engage with new and young drivers in a more realistic and effective way which in turn, will hopefully lead to more, safer new drivers on the roads in the future.



# PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS

More than 50 local children have taken part in free weekly football coaching sessions provided by Leicester City Football Club Community Trust.

The football sessions have been taking place at Hinckley Academy since September 2018 to provide positive activities for young people and build positive relationships with the Police. The sessions were set up in response to ASB in the local area.

Matt Bray, LCFC Community Trust Manager said "Local children have benefited from the programme, which has also seen a group play against Braunstone Kicks and watch the U23's in action. The support provided by the local Police has been excellent and we aim to build on this in the future".

The coaching sessions are supported by the local Hinckley Neighbourhood Police Team and PCSO Adam Cartwright said: *"The PL Kicks has been a fantastic incentive for the kids and young adults to come, socialise and learn new skills from a top class coaching team. It has also been a crucial tool in breaking barriers between our young people and the police. We have managed to have some really good open conversations as well as having a lot of fun taking them out to watch football games. We have recently been giving the youngsters responsibility of taking the training sessions, on an individual basis, so that everyone can have an input of what they want this experience to be. I am very proud to be a part of this initiative and grateful for the opportunity, as helping the youngsters was one of the reasons I joined the Police".*



Match between Hinckley and Braunstone Kicks groups

The coaching sessions are free and are aimed at 11-16 year olds and take place on Monday's from 6pm -7.30pm at Hinckley Academy, Butt Lane, Hinckley. The programme is being extended to Earl Shilton & Barwell and if this proves popular then this will become a permanent session for the remainder of the project.

For further information contact [Thomas.twigg@lfc.co.uk](mailto:Thomas.twigg@lfc.co.uk) or 07803 625529.

# TIME TO TALK EVENT

Blaby District Council's Health and Leisure Team, in partnership with Community Services, held a Time to Talk event at the Council Offices in Narborough.

The event was to encourage staff to talk about mental health and have a conversation to end mental health discrimination.

The Let's Talk Wellbeing Service and Life Links were on hand for useful information around mental health and local stop smoking service Quit Ready were promoting their free e-cig starter kits along with other free nicotine replacement therapy products.

The event was attended by over 60 staff members who gave up their lunch break to sample free taster sessions of mindfulness, pilates and postural exercises.



Strategic Director John Richardson was spotted on the 'smoothie bike', where he had to pedal for two minutes to earn his free smoothie.

He commented, "It was great to take time out and visit all the stalls at this fantastic event. Sometimes we take for granted our own and others health and wellbeing. It is important to stop every now and again, to think about ourselves and colleagues and ask : do we get regular breaks from our desks? Do we take time out for lunch? Could we squeeze in some physical activity, even if it is just a walk round the village or to the shop and perhaps most importantly do we take time to talk, **really talk!** Let's all start to practice!!"

Health and Wellbeing stalls from the Library Service, Health and Leisure Services team, Community Services, Adult Learning, health eating advice and the drug and alcohol charity Turning Point provided information and answered questions.

Blood pressure checks were also on offer and the massage chair proved to be hugely popular with a queue quickly forming for the 10 minute taster massages.

**However you do it, make a conversation about mental health.**  
**#timetotalk**





# RAISING AWARENESS OF SOCIAL ISSUES

Students from across Hinckley & Bosworth Borough have been taking part in a series of workshops to break down barriers and learn more about people from different backgrounds.

The Community Safety Team from Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council have been arranging visits in schools to address a range of issues and provide young people with prevention strategies and a chance to learn through informal education.

## **Real Talk - Reality workshops for young people to explore Far Right extremism, radicalisation and fake news!**

Students from four secondary schools in Hinckley & Bosworth have recently participated in workshops to break down barriers and learn more about people from different backgrounds. Streetvibe, who have extensive experience of working with young people, carried out the interactive informal workshops at Hinckley Academy, St Martins Catholic Academy, Hastings High School and Redmoor Academy. Using social media and life sized banners, pupils were encouraged to challenge stereotypes, match descriptions and hold honest and open debates. The workshops were aimed at year 9 and above and explored stereotypes, far right extremism, radicalisation and fake news.

James Clacey, Youth Worker at Streetvibe, said: *"The workshops have covered some pretty challenging topics such as stereotyping, the political spectrum and how to spot fake news on social media. Throughout all of these difficult discussions, the young people have worked together to provide well thought out answers and engaged in meaningful debates. Students have benefitted from working together in groups to work through challenges by sharing each other's knowledge and working together"*.

## **Words over Weapons, (WOW)**

Students from UNEEK in Hinckley took part in a project to raise awareness on attitudes around knife culture. The project, which is funded by the Home Office, is aimed at young people aged between 11-19 years old. The workshop enabled pupils to learn about the law, risks and consequences around carrying knives and was delivered in an interactive way. The pupils got to try out roleplays, debates and have a go at a quiz. The project aims to change young people's attitudes around knife culture and equip them with the skills to challenge and educate their peers and enable them to make safer choices.





## Keeping Safe!

A group of students from Dorothy Goodman who are based at Hinckley Academy have been looking into ways in which they can remain safe not just in school but also in the wider community, including the internet.

One of the projects involved finding out more information about Keep Safe Places for anyone who is feeling scared or distressed. Two classes of students aged between 13-18 years have been out and about in Hinckley Town Centre finding where the safe venues are located. Ian Coe, Senior Teaching Assistant said: "Keeping safe and recognising places which can provide safe havens are important and the students found this exercise very useful and in particular using the touch screen information boards situated in Castle Street and in the Crescent".

The older pupils have also been learning about the 'Ask for Angela' initiative and the venues that have signed up if someone is in an uncomfortable situation when on a date. By using the safe word 'Angela' at the bar staff recognise that there may be a problem and can offer to call a taxi or provide a safe place for the person to call a friend or just leave the venue discreetly.



For further information on the venues that have signed up locally visit <https://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/antisocialandcrime>

# ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

## Are you affected by Anti Social Behaviour?

Residents affected by anti-social behaviour are being reminded that there is support, help and advice to prevent upsetting or threatening behaviour.

Anti-social behaviour covers a wide range of unacceptable actions, which can adversely affect an individual, the community or the environment.

### Examples of anti-social behaviour can include:

- Vandalism, graffiti and fly-posting
- Nuisance neighbours
- Intimidating groups taking over public spaces
- Hate related or targeted incidents
- Littering and fly-tipping
- Anti-social drinking
- Misuse of fireworks
- Reckless driving of mini-motos, quadbikes and other vehicles.

### On the flipside, anti-social behaviour is not:

- Children playing
- Neighbours doing DIY (at reasonable times of the day)
- Groups of people in the street or in parks, unless they are being rowdy, abusive, causing damage or committing other crimes
- Noise caused by everyday living
- Religious or cultural practice

While anti-social behaviour can be both distressing and frightening, residents are reminded that they do not have to tolerate it. Incidences of anti-social behavior can be reported to your landlord, the police or your local council.

There are a number of measures including advice, warnings and legal interventions that agencies can take to prevent further nuisance being caused. If you make a decision to report a concern, you may be asked to keep an incident diary detailing the specifics of your concerns. The incident diary will help provide further evidence, should legal action be necessary.

You can report anti social behaviour on line or by phone to any of the following agencies:

#### **Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council**

[www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk](http://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk) or Tel. 01455 255746

#### **Blaby District Council**

[www.blaby.gov.uk](http://www.blaby.gov.uk) or Tel. 0116 272 7673

#### **Leicestershire Police**

[www.leics.police.uk/categories/ASB](http://www.leics.police.uk/categories/ASB) or Tel. 101

Alternatively, if you want to remain anonymous, you can pass on information about crimes to the independent charity, Crimestoppers, either on 0800 555 111 or via [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org).

Victim First are dedicated to supporting victims of crime and high risk anti-social behaviour. For more information on specific support that may be available to you, please go to [www.victimfirst.org](http://www.victimfirst.org)

# HATE CRIME

It's not ok to be targeted because of who you, your family or your friends are – or who people think they are.

You can be a victim of hate because of prejudice against your age, disability, gender identity, race, religion / belief or sexual orientation.

You have the right to live your life free from abuse and violence. If you've been the victim of a hate crime, remember it is not your fault and help is available.

By reporting hate crime, you may be able to prevent this from happening again to you or someone else. Remember, **you don't have to be the victim of hate crime to report it**. You can report anything you've seen happening to someone else, or report it on their behalf if they don't want to.

Incidents may be reported online to Leicestershire Police [www.leics.police.uk](http://www.leics.police.uk) or on the non-emergency phone number 101

The Hate Incident Monitoring Project on 0116 305 8263 during working hours.

You can also visit or telephone a reporting centre near you which can be found at [www.leicestershire.gov.uk](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk)

