

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland NEWSLETTER



Message from Rupert Matthews

The past nine months have been difficult for all of us as we have slipped in and out of lockdowns, Plan B, work from home and all the rest of it. At the Office of the PCC, we have been settling down to new ways of working to make our city and two counties safer for all of us who live or work here. A key part of that is keeping in touch with you to find out what you want from our local police force, and to let you know how we are delivering on our promises.

I plan to produce regular newsletters and bulletins

Rupert Matthews
Police and Crime Commissioner

targeted at your local area. This means that you will only receive news relevant to where you live. Of course, if you would like to know more about any other neighbourhoods, please ask.

To ensure that we provide you with information that interests you, I would be grateful if you would spare a minute or two to complete the short questionnaire at the end of this bulletin.

Thank you for reading. And, if you wish, you can follow me daily on Twitter @LeicsPCC



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Budget set for Robust Policing in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland



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After weeks of meetings, number crunching, querying, and tweaking, the budget has finally been set to provide effective financial muscle to the police force, so they can make our streets safer for all in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

My budget has been designed to provide the Chief Constable with the necessary funding to improve local policing, as set out in my ambitious Police and Crime Plan.

I'M NOT ASHAMED TO SAY THAT I HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS. IN PARTICULAR, I WANT TO SEE:

- more police visibility in the entire force area
- more neighbourhood policing playing a major role across our city and two counties
- more collaboration with the police working closely with residents, listening, and responding to the concerns raised in every community
- more communications between the police and the law-abiding public
- more work to tackle crime in rural communities and, having spoken to many victims of crime, more much-needed support

NOW, DOWN TO THE NUTS AND BOLTS, HERE'S WHAT THE 2022-23 BUDGET OF £223.2M WILL GO TOWARDS:

- Delivering a more robust policing service tailored around the views of local people
- Work to increase public confidence in policing
- Boosting the response to rural crime
- Enabling a focus on business crime
- Strengthening the work to address violent, serious and organised crime
- Enhancing Criminal Justice work to bring more offenders to justice
- Improving the work to tackle domestic abuse
- Supporting crime prevention and early intervention work to reduce the number of offences committed
- Supporting volunteer and Neighbourhood Watch Schemes
- Strengthening the use of technology
- Supporting the delivery of the third year of the Government's 20,000 police officer uplift programme
- Delivering a balanced budget to maintain quality of service provision in future years



EXTRA HELP FROM GOVERNMENT FUNDING

This year we have been granted an impressive £1.78m to help us protect the public and keep them safe from harm. In future editions I will let you know just how successful we, and our partners in the force, local authorities and community groups have been. It's important to tell you just what this means to you, where you live. And I will in future editions of this newsletter.

Everyone's Plan

Now that my Police and Crime Plan is in place, my mission is to get it working for everyone and make life safer for our residents, businesses, and visitors who help boost the local economy. I'm hugely grateful to the 2000-plus residents, councils and local stakeholders who responded to my survey and helped shape future policing priorities.

As a result, the plan ensures efficient, robust, and professional policing services, supported by commissioned services and partnership working.

However, it's important to stress that one size doesn't fit all. The plan will flex across the city and two counties to account for different communities, their specific identities, problems and the need for their solutions.

But one thing all communities have in common is the desire to see police officers on their streets and to know that they are there when they need them. For this reason, this plan aims to level up resources so every community feels justly supported and protected, including our more rural towns and villages.



Rupert meets rural officers



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Two beat officers on patrol in Leicester City centre

What this means where you live

The plan defines several ambitious goals, and here's a flavour of what's to come:

- Creating a larger force of Special Constables from local communities
 - Removing barriers to recruitment and ensuring Leicestershire Police is representative of the diverse communities it serves.
 - Ensuring the force is structured to provide an outstanding response to rural criminality and wildlife crime
 - Developing dedicated rural crime teams in each of the Neighbourhood Policing Areas outside of the City
 - Creating dedicated business crime leads to build better relationships with businesses in each area
 - Driving down violent crime, including knife crime
 - Improving the quality of service for domestic abuse investigations, including greater use of body-worn cameras and domestic violence protection orders/perpetrator programmes.
- You can read the entire plan online here ([LINKXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX](#)), and printed versions will soon be available.

Improvements to Services in 2022-23

You can expect to see many service improvements over the next year; I'll make sure of it!

Not only will we target organised crime, serious and prolific offenders, and those that prey on the vulnerable, but we will also focus on snaring the cyber-criminals by investing in our technologies.

Rural communities will see a greater presence of specifically trained officers, businesses will have dedicated teams to protect them and communities, in general, will find neighbourhood officers working more closely

with them than ever before to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

The most vulnerable in our communities must be at the forefront of protection services, and we will be focusing hearts, minds, strength and power on those that cause and suffer domestic and child abuse, as well as other sexual offences.

They say prevention is better than cure, and 'they' are right! So, expect to witness more work with young people to divert them away from the crime pathway.



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My "Safer streets" campaign, Uppingham

Help! What do YOU want to see in your newsletter?

Your input matters and will prove vital to the success of this newsletter and the sharing of information going forward.

There's little point in me giving you information that you don't feel is relevant, so please put your views forward via this survey, it should only take a few minutes to complete:

<https://forms.office.com/r/u4HTB1RyQA>

Or scan the QR code:



Thank you for taking the time to read my first newsletter and remember...

Your safety is my primary care, wherever you live. I will do everything possible to ensure you can enjoy your lives peacefully and without fear.

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