**Issue: April 2024**

**Forest Beat**

**Newsletter**



**Your Local Team**

**What matters to you**

**SGT Aaron Bell**

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We have listened to you and the concerns you raised and will prioritise the following in April 2024 through to June 2024

# Priority 1: ASB – Moira Furnace

Anti-social behaviour at Moira Furnace in particular off-road bikes and drug taking.

What we are going to do: Complete targeted patrols to disrupt and challenge behaviour. Intelligence development. Challenge those involved and work with partner agencies to implement outcomes.

# Priority 2: Drug Dealing

Drug dealing around the Oakthorpe area.

What we are going to do: Complete targeted patrols to disrupt and challenge behaviour - Intelligence development. Challenge those involved and work with partner agencies to implement outcomes.

# Priority 3: Theft and attempt theft of vehicles in Moira and Donisthorpe

Vehicle crime in Moira and Donisthorpe.

What we are going to do: Complete targeted patrols to disrupt and challenge behaviour - Intelligence development

Please click the link to show the latest available crime figures in the Forest Beat Area, beat team information, policing priorities and meeting and events.

<https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/leicestershire-police/forest/>

**News**

The Forest Beat would like to introduce our new Sergeant!

Sergeant Aaron Bell will be replacing Sergeant Gary Sirrell as the new Sergeant for the Forest Beat.

We would like to welcome Aaron and wish him all the best in his new role.

To read all the latest news please follow the link

[News | Leicestershire Police (leics.police.uk)](https://www.leics.police.uk/news/leicestershire/news/?newsCategory=News)

**Crime Prevention**

Two police officers standing on the side of a road

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Visit our website for details on crime prevention <https://www.leics.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>

**What we are doing**

* A police car parked in front of a group of children

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* Regular speed checks
* Regular patrols of hotspot ASB area’s
* Visiting schools, youth groups and community meetings
* Regular patrols of local park areas.
* We plan to be visible in crime hotspots across the area to reduce criminal behaviour.

A police officer walking on a path

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Please help the Forest beat to understand your concerns by completing the following surveys.

* Confidence Survey Your Views Survey



**POLICE REPORT**

Co-op Stores, Moira – theft of items

Shortheath Road, Moira – theft of 60 litres of cooking oil

Burton Road, Oakthorpe – theft of vehicle

Hart Drive, Measham – theft of vehicle

Sarahs Wood, Moira – Anti-social behaviour

Acresford Road, Donisthorpe – 2 vehicle RTC

Jewsbury Avenue, Measham – theft of vehicle

Miners Welfare Club, Moira – anti-social behaviour

Huntington Way, Meaham – theft of items from van

High Street, Measham – traffic cones stolen

Canal View Lane, Moira – attempted theft of vehicle

Measham Leisure Centre – theft of item

Blackfordby Lane, Moira – theft of items from inside motor vehicle

High Street, Measham – theft from store

Main Street, Albert Village – damage to vehicle

Main Street, Albert Village – attempt theft of motorbike

Moira Miners Welfare Club – Anti-social behaviour

Moira Village Hall – Anti-Social Behaviour

Snarestone Road, Appleby Magna – theft of tools

Conkers Camping and Caravanning Club – attempt theft of tools

The Green, Newton Burgoland – vehicles driving along a closed lane

Chapel Street, Oakthorpe – attempted burglary

Moira Furnace – Anti-social behaviour

We have seen an increase in theft and attempt car thefts around Measham, Moira and Donisthorpe. Please be assured this is one of our targeted beat priorities and regular patrols, particularly between the hours of 10pm and 6am are taking place around the area.

Having your car stolen or broken into and losing your things to thieves can be very distressing. Please see below for a few simple steps you can take to keep your vehicle, and what’s in it, safe.

### **1. Always lock it**

Fuelling up or popping back into your house to get something are perfect examples of how easy it is to turn your back for a moment and forget your vehicle is unsecured. So get into the habit of locking your vehicle even if you’re only going to be away from it for a moment.

If your vehicle has wing mirrors that fold in automatically when locked, make sure you lock it properly. Criminal gangs are looking for vehicles like these where the wing mirrors are still out because it is clear to them that the vehicle has been left unlocked.

### **2. Close windows and the sun-roof to prevent ‘fishing’**

Leaving windows and the sunroof open invites fishing for items through the gap by hand or with, say, a bent coat hanger, which could also be used to unlock a door for them to get in. Thieves can be ingenious. Don’t give them the opportunity.

### **3. Secure your number plates with tamper-resistant screws**

The easiest way to change the identity of a stolen vehicle or avoid speeding tickets and parking tickets is to fit stolen number plates. Using security screws to attach your vehicle’s number plates makes it harder for thieves to get your number.

### **4. Fit locking, anti-tamper wheel nuts to secure alloy wheels**

Stolen wheels are valuable, either as parts or for their scrap value. Using locking wheel nuts reduces the risk of your vehicle’s wheels being stolen.

### **5. Secure anything that’s on the outside of your vehicle**

Anything left on roof-racks, tailgate racks, holiday top boxes or in tool chests are easily stolen when the vehicle is parked. The use of cable locks, padlocks and self-locking tools chests, which are secured to the vehicle, makes them more secure, but still, don’t leave things in them if you can avoid it.

### **6. Take it with you or hide it**

Your mobile phone, coins for the car park, sunglasses, packs of medication or other items that can earn quick cash are irresistible to the opportunist thief. Remember, the cost of replacing a window is often much more than that of what’s stolen. And it should go without saying that wallets, handbags, purses and credit cards should never be left in an unattended vehicle.

### **7. Hide electrical items and leave no clues**

Leaving sat nav mounts, suction cup marks on windows or cables on view gives it away that you have left a Sat Nav, smartphone or other device in your car. Even if they can’t see the Sat Nav or iPad they might still break in to see if it’s stored in the car, out of sight.

### **8. Tool theft from vans**

Vans are often targeted by thieves for the tools stored inside. If you have to leave tools in a van overnight, it's a good idea to mark them clearly with your name / company name and address using paint pens and seal with a clear lacquer spray. Alternatively, you can use a variety of other property marking systems. Items that are clearly marked are less desirable and more difficult to sell on.

Consider using a lockable cabinet within your van to store tools – a number of security rated products are available. Small cameras are also designed to record inside vehicles.

You can also take photographs of items of value, make a note of the serial numbers and consider registering them online at a property register site.

### **9. Park in well-lit and busier areas**

It can take less than 30 seconds to break into a vehicle. Parking in well-lit areas and busy streets increases the chances of a thief being seen, so they’ll probably steer clear.

### **10. Take your documents with you**

Having a vehicle’s registration and insurance documents could let a thief pretend to be the owner. Which means they could sell it on quite easily. So, never leave any documents in the vehicle.

### **11. Choose your car park wisely**

If possible, always try to park in well-lit and staffed car parks or those with a Park Mark safer parking award.

### **Catalytic converter theft**

The precious metal in catalytic converters has led to an increase in their theft. Find out what [catalytic converter theft](https://www.leics.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/catalytic-converter-theft/) is and what you can do about it.



Neighbourhood Link is a community messaging service from Leicestershire Police that provides news and

Information about policing activity or initiatives, crime prevention advice as well as major incidents affecting your area.

Through this service you can receive messages from your local Neighbourhood Policing Team, local police or, in the event of a major incident or event affecting the whole of Leicestershire, from a partnership of agencies known as the Local Resilience Forum.

In order to receive messages you will need to register your details. Registration is free and simple to follow.

* Sign up to Neighbourhood Link <https://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk/>
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Do you use a ‘community whatsapp group’? If so please consider sharing neighbourhood link information on there to encourage others to join.

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