



NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE VALLEY BEAT POLICE UPDATE MARCH 2020

CRIME FIGURES:

<https://www.police.uk/leicestershire/NN43/crime/>



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

Due to the Coronavirus National picture changing quickly, everyone is coming to terms with what the COVID-19 outbreak means for them and the impact on their lives and the community around them.

Everyone must all work together for the greater good of us all across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, with the response to the outbreak is being led by our health colleagues and they are doing an amazing job in the face of an ever changing picture and growing pressure on them and their resources.

We must consider what we are doing as the police to support health colleagues, whilst keeping our essential 24/7 policing operation on the road and in your community. These are unprecedented times, but we are prepared.

There are well rehearsed plans in place to deal with a pandemic, and we are working very closely with our partners across the force and the region and the Police are taking decisions daily.





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The key advice is:

- **Symptoms** - If you live on your own you should isolate for seven days. If you live in a household with others and you have symptoms you should isolate for seven days but all other household members must isolate for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. If you feel unwell follow the [latest NHS advice](#):



- Do not leave your home if you have coronavirus symptoms
- Do not leave your home if you have either:
 - A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
 - A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- To protect others, do not go to places like a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. Stay at home.
- Use the 111 online coronavirus service to find out what to do.
- Information: Only call 111 if you cannot get help online.
- **Vulnerable people** - if you are over 70, would routinely be prescribed the flu vaccine because of your health, have a pre-existing underlying chronic health condition, or you are pregnant then you should protect yourself by [avoiding unnecessary social contact for a period of up to 12 weeks](#)
- **Extremely Vulnerable People** - if you are one of the 1.5m contacted by the NHS [because you are deemed high risk](#) you should stay home for 12 weeks. If you live with a person in that category you should stringently follow guidance on social distancing, work from home, or where this is not possible, also self-isolate for 12 weeks
- **Working from Home** - if you can work from home do so.





Coronavirus (COVID-19): what you need to do

- Stay at home
- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- Stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.



POLICING THE COMMUNITY:

Our policing response remains unchanged at the moment, with our frontline officers and staff out in your community responding to calls for help from the public, working to solve problems and combat crime.

Officers and staff, who, in the face of a fast moving and developing situation, are committed to doing their duty and protecting the public.

We will be there to respond to emergency 999 calls. We will continue to assess what to prioritise as the impact of coronavirus on local communities, and on our own officers and staff, develops.





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Protecting our communities

We have a plan that reacts to events and helps us to apply common sense judgements; we may need to scale back some community engagement events to enable us to deal with more critical emerging issues and we may need to respond differently to minor anti-social behaviour. We will keep you informed of any changes we are making when we make them. For instance, some beat surgeries have already been postponed to meet the guidance about social distancing.

It would be helpful to engage with us on line where you can report crime, anti-social behaviour and road traffic incidents, as well as find out useful information.

<https://www.leics.police.uk/>

We are asking you to limit your visits to police stations – and to not go at all if you have any concerning symptoms.

By keeping yourself safe – self-isolating if necessary – and taking precautions over hygiene and cleanliness, you can help protect the more vulnerable, and those colleagues who are committed to be out in public, fighting crime and protecting the public.



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OUR DUTY TO PROTECT:

Over the coming days and weeks, our policing style remains as one of community policing. Our preferred style is to ENGAGE, EXPLAIN and ENCOURAGE - then ENFORCE only when needed.

We will retain a visible presence in neighbourhoods that respects Public Health England guidance around social distancing.

As part of our approach we have published a public pledge to communicate how we are going to police these new measures.

To all in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland,

The police have been given new powers to help keep people safe.

As your Chief Constable I would like to make a pledge to you. In return, I ask for your support.

Every day and night my officers and staff go above and beyond to protect our communities.

Every officer at Leicestershire Police knows this as our duty - to protect the people and deal with those who cause harm. We do this by engaging with our communities, explaining and problem solving, and enforcing the law through action when we must.

In this force's 180 year history we have never faced a challenge like this.

I pledge that my officers will continue to exercise our duty, as we have always done. We will protect you. We will engage positively. We will explain. We will be there when you need help - and we will take action to protect you and others from harm.

I ask for your support in this. Help us to help you. Stay at home and together we will save lives.

Simon Cole QPM



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COVID-19 AND DISPERSALS: WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU

In light of the coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak, officers from all forces throughout the UK and Northern Ireland have been granted dispersal powers in order to help ensure everyone adheres to the social distancing guidance laid out by the Government and Public Health England.

The powers have been granted under the Health Regulations 2020 and came into force today (Thursday 26 March).

So what does this mean for you – the general public?

- The legislation states that officers in Leicestershire will be able to disperse groups of more than two people from any public place. Groups of more than two people – who live in the same household – are permitted
- Anyone who refuses to disperse will be given a fixed penalty notice of £60. This will be lowered to £30 if paid within 14 days
- Second time offenders will be issued with a £120 fixed penalty notice. This will then double on each further repeat offence.
- Anyone who does not pay a fixed penalty notice under the new regulations could be taken to court. Magistrates will then be able to impose unlimited fines
- Anyone who refuses to comply will be acting unlawfully. This may result in being arrested, where it is deemed proportionate and necessary. However, the first instance, police will always apply their common sense and discretion

Officers from across the force will be working to ensure that people are complying with the law.

Over the coming days and weeks, we remain committed to community policing within our neighbourhoods. Our preferred style is to engage, explain and encourage – and then enforce only when needed.





Our officers will engage, explain and encourage members of the public in situations where we believe they may not be complying with the new legislation – and this may include interactions in public places and in vehicles.

Working with our partners, we will provide a proportionate response to public concerns around groups or businesses that may be contravening the legislation and we will identify any areas of continual public concern. In such areas, a policing presence will be a priority.

In situations where encouragement does not succeed, officers will enforce the legislation outlined above.

“As a force, our message remains clear – stay at home, save lives.”



A RECENT POST FROM THE NORTH WEST LEICESTERHIRE POLICE FACEBOOK PAGE.

The message is made very clear by the attending officers:

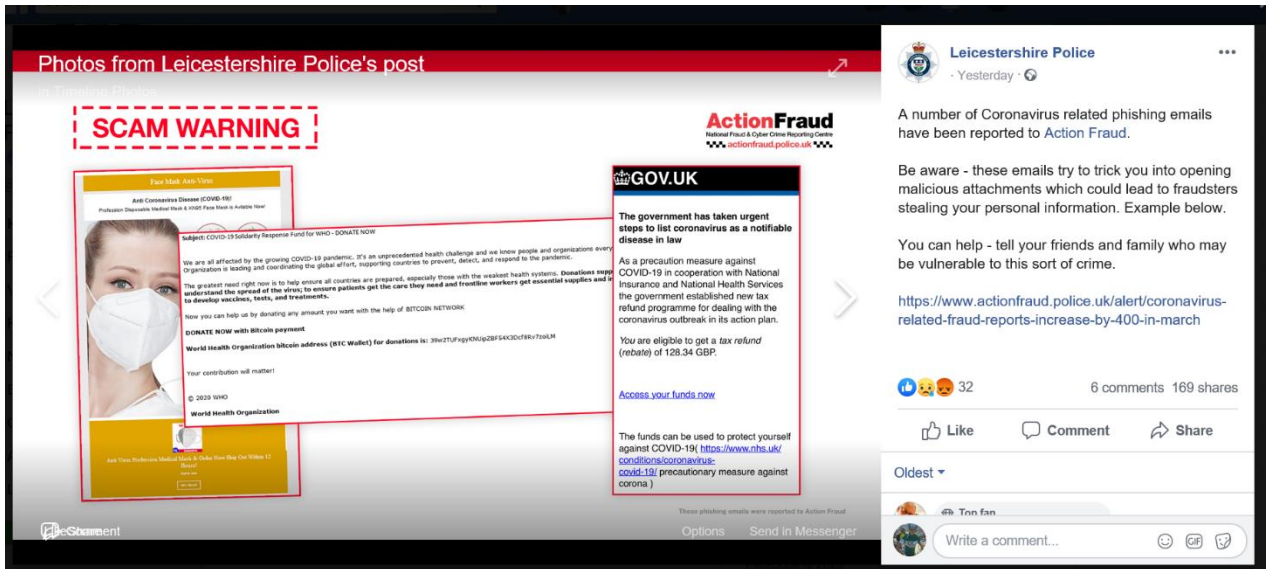
PARENTS NEED TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY OF THEIR CHILDRENS ACTIONS.

The young are not immune
They are not immortal
They need to understand to STAY AT HOME AND SAVE LIVES.





SCAM WARNING:



NEIGHBOURHOOD LINK:

Neighbourhood Link community messaging service

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 (LRF).

In order to receive messages you will need to register your details. This information will enable us to send you messages relevant to the areas you live and work. Anyone can register, whether you live, work or travel into Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Registration is free and simple to follow.

Once you have registered you will receive messages via email unless you have specified otherwise. On some occasions it may be appropriate for messages to be sent via text messages or voicemail.





- Sign up to Neighbourhood Link <https://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk/>
- If you are already registered you can amend your details
- Request a reminder if you have forgotten your username or password
- You can unsubscribe from the service at any time

Neighbourhood Link is not able to receive messages and you should not use it to contact the police. In an emergency always dial 999. An emergency is when a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, someone is injured, being threatened or in danger.

If you wish to contact Leicestershire Police in other circumstances, for example to speak to local police or seek advice on police matters, you can call us by dialling 101 on your telephone.

<https://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk/>



BEAT TEAM CONTACTS:

If you need to contact a member of your beat team and the enquiry isn't urgent then the easiest way to do this is via Email, you can either do this through the Leicestershire Police website or on the details below:

PC 819 Steve Harrison – steven.harrison@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk
PC 1391 Adrian Coleman – adrian.coleman@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk
PCSO 6867 Kevin Bradley – kevin.bradley@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk
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