



## News update

Officers carried out a number of community engagement events throughout October. PCs Michelle Skingsley and Lauren Turner visited residents at Arkwright House in Broughton Astley to give crime prevention advice and answer questions. In addition, officers dropped into the village hall in Broughton Astley to tell residents about the benefits of Neighbourhood Link, which provides up to date with crime prevention advice and all policing news relevant to your area. If you would like to find out more and sign up visit [www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk).

The first week of October was Mental Health Awareness week and while out on patrol officers met representatives from 'The Way of the Horse' charity based at Lutterworth Grange Barn and wanted to highlight the great work it does. The charity provides an equine therapy centre as an alternative provision for young people struggling to cope in mainstream school. It aims to assist youngsters who have suffered trauma or have mental health issues. The charity also works with schools, providing a 10 week mindfulness programme for children at risk of exclusion. Sessions are available for parents too, to support them to understand their child's behaviours and nurture them.

### Drive safely and keep your speed down.

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October, the traffic unit completed a traffic operation in the Brookfield Way, Holly Drive and Coventry Road areas of Lutterworth. Several vehicles were stopped and a number of tickets issued. Officers would like to remind people that certain parts on Brookfield Way are a 30mph limit.



Please meet the newest member of our team -  
PCSO Jay Bellamy.

He has been with us for some time as a Police Special and one of our team of front enquiry officers.

Jay will be covering the Lutterworth Police Beat and is looking forward to getting out on the streets and meeting as many people as possible.

## Beat surgeries– come and talk to us

Friday 8th November(3-4pm) Manor Farm Shop, Main St, Catthorpe.

Tuesday 12th November (11-12pm) The Garden Barn, Rugby Rd, Cotesbach

Friday 22nd November (11-12pm) Village Store, Main St, Gilmorton

Wednesday 27th November( 1-2pm) Palmers Garden Centre, Lutterworth Rd, Ullesthorpe.

### Join us on social media

Follow our social media channels, to keep up– to -date with all of our latest news and action;

**Facebook:** Lutterworth Police

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## Action Fraud

Officers are warning the public about the following scam: Criminals are targeting residents with automated calls which tell them a fraudster has used their personal details to sign up for an Amazon Prime subscription. The victim is then instructed to press 1 to cancel the transaction. When they do this, they are directly connected to the real scammer who poses as an Amazon customer service representative.

The criminal tells the victim the Amazon Prime subscription was purchased fraudulently and that they need remote access to the victim's computer in order to fix a security flaw that will prevent it from happening again. The victim is instructed to download an application called Team Viewer and asked to log onto their online banking account. The software download grants the fraudster remote access to the victim's computer and allows them to see the victim's personal and financial details. Other variants of the crime involve victims being told they are due a refund for an unauthorised transaction on their Amazon account.

Since the start of September, Action Fraud has received 200 reports from people who have lost money to the scam.



## Crime update

During the summer there was a tri-force operation with Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Police along the A5 corridor to tackle those slaughtering and butchering sheep. As a result of this, three men have appeared at Northampton Magistrates' Court charged with conspiracy to steal over a series of illegal sheep butchery offences. The three men were remanded in custody and are due to appear before Northampton Crown Court on Wednesday, 6 November.

## Crime prevention advice for darker nights

During the darker nights, burglaries can increase. The following advice is aimed at preventing you from becoming a victim: Leave a light on or even better invest in a timer switch and set it to come on a couple of times a day. If possible, put a radio on so it sounds as if there is someone in the property. Burglars are more likely to target a home that is visibly unoccupied and in darkness so this helps to deter them.

There has been an increase in anti-social behaviour in the Lutterworth Town area and this is linked to Halloween and Bonfire night. In response, officers have increased foot patrols.

The following advice is for those attending festive events:

### **Protect yourself and your belongings.**

Be aware of what is happening around you and trust your instincts

If you feel unsafe change direction and go somewhere you feel safer and are more visible to other people

Avoid wearing headphones or talking on mobile phones as this can distract you

Keep your purse or valuables inside a zipped compartment in your bag. Always keep your bag closed and