



October 2021

**Welcome to your Belgrave police e-newsletter. Here you will find all of the latest news from your local policing team as well as crime prevention advice to help keep you safe.**

## Beat Surgeries

**Local officers invite you to join them and discuss local issues they will be at the following locations:**

Sunday 10th October 2021 - 10:00-12:00 - Tesco, Melton Road

Wednesday 27th October 2021 - 14:00-15:30 - Lidl, Loughborough Road

Thursday 11th November 2021 - 15:00-17:00 - Tesco, Melton Rad

Wednesday 24th November 2021 - 10:00-12:00 - Rushey Fields Recreation Ground, Harrison Road

Monday 13th December 2021 -10:00-12:00 - Tesco, Melton Road

## ASB on Rushey Fields Recreation Ground



Our team of officers have been patrolling local ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) areas.

### You said...

You have raised a high number of ASB related issues, the majority of which are related to the regular cricket matches that have been taking place in the park

### We did...

Worked alongside Leicester City Council and Council partners, Park Wardens and community leaders

Engaged with park users

Engaged with local residents at Beat Surgeries held within the park and Consultations in the local neighbourhood

Increased patrols and visible police presence

Social media posts to highlight the issues raised and to reach out to the community

Poster campaign – laminated posters have been displayed in the park and handed out to attendees of cricket matches

Gates locked daily at 8pm

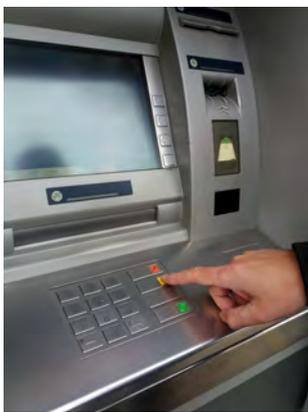
# Making the community safer - Stopping Drug production

Two recent examples of removing drugs from the community:

As a result of community intelligence and police investigation a warrant was executed at a property in the Belgrave Area under the Misuse of Drugs Act. The property was being used for the purpose of growing cannabis, one male was arrested and a large quantity of Cannabis plants and cultivation equipment recovered.

Following a call from a warrant officer attending an address in the Belgrave area conducting enquiries in to a potential tampered electricity meter and spotting what he believed to be a cannabis grow through the window, police attended. Western power were called to make safe the dangerous meter bypass. As a result 70 cannabis plants and a large amount of cultivation equipment have been recovered and destroyed.

(if you see anything suspicious please contact the police on 101 or crime stoppers)



## ATM Cash Machine Distraction Theft

This month, there were a number of people targeted by thieves for ATM cash machine distraction thefts. These thieves are watching persons enter their PIN, then whilst distracting the person at the ATM cash machine, when their back is turned they are taking the card.

We are reminding people to remain vigilant around ATM cash machines. We are advising people to take the following precautions when using an ATM cash machine:

- Who is around you?
- Are they paying close attention to you and getting too close?
- Ensure you cover the keypad when you enter your PIN.
- Never give your PIN or any other personal details to anyone

**Protect yourself against robbery**

- Do not display your jewellery in public
- Be aware of what is happening around you
- If you feel unsafe change direction
- Use well lit, busy streets and a route you are familiar with
- Photograph all items of jewellery and register your possessions for free on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

**If you are a victim phone the police immediately on 999. Report suspicious behaviour on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.**



**તમારી જાતને લૂંટથી બચાવો**

- જાહેર સ્થાનમાં તમારા ધરેણાં બેઈ ન ઘકાય તેમ રાખો.
- તમારી આજુબાજુ શું થઈ રહ્યું છે તેની ઉપર ધ્યાન રાખો.
- જો તમને એમ લાગે કે તમે સલામત નથી તો મારું બદલો.
- જે સ્ટ્રીટમાં ઘણાં લોકો હોય અને રસ્તા ઉપર સારા પ્રમાણમાં પ્રકાશ હોય, અને જે રસ્તાની તમને જાણકારી હોય તેનો ઉપયોગ કરો.
- તમારા બધાં ધરેણાંનો ફોટો પાડો અને તમારી બધી માલમતાનો [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) ઉપર મફત નોંધ કરાવો.

જો તમે એના જોર બના હોય તો તાત્કાલિક પુલિસને 999 ઉપર ફોન કરો ચંકારપદ વર્તનનો 101 ઉપર અથવા અનામ સંદેશ ક્રાઈમસ્ટોપર્સનો 0800 555 111 ઉપર રિપોર્ટ કરો.



## BUSM estate off Ross Walk (the old shoe factory)

There have been a number of Hi-Vis patrols conducted by local PCSOs around and within the BUSM estate as there has been ongoing reports of ASB.

### Motorbike Security

PCSO 6168 George Butler has sent out over 250 letters to owners of a 125cc Moped scooter as these are getting stolen by criminals. In the letters there was crime prevention advice i.e. how to lock your motorbike and other ideas on securing your vehicle.



### Burglary

With Diwali celebrations approaching there may be an increase in burglaries.

We are urging residents to make sure that they lock windows and keep doors secure.

This is a neighbourhood priority and will remain for the coming months.



Crime prevention advice has been offered at local religious establishments. On the left the photograph shows PC 1387 Gursharan Singh is giving a talk at Hanuman Temple, Melton Road.

- With the easing of Covid restrictions more religious festivals will be celebrated
- We would advise members of the public to remain vigilant when wearing gold jewellery
- Cover up gold jewellery when out
- Travel in groups if possible
- Celebrate safely



## Moira Street Pocket Park

PCSOs 6015 Sima Patel and 6075 Gurbinder Gill visited Moira Street Pocket Park to meet with Daxa Ralhan, Programme Officer for LCC, and Sonal Bhavsar, volunteer from the local community group, to discuss the brilliant work the volunteers do to maintain the park. Sonal and her team have transformed the former play area which had fallen into disrepair in recent years, with much of the space overgrown with nettles and vegetation. The Park holds a circular bench, a herb planter, fruit trees, perennial flowers, bat and bird boxes. The park is currently open for the local community on Monday 10:00am – 12:00pm.



## Festivals in October 2021

### 2nd October – GANDHI JAYANTI Hindu

Gandhi Jayanti is an Indian national holiday that celebrates the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, who is referred to as the 'Father of the Nation'. He was the driving force behind the foundation of the state of India. His birthday is celebrated with services, prayers and painting and essay contests, using topics that glorify peace and non-violence, and the singing of Gandhi's favourite devotional song entitled 'Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram'.

### 6th - 14th October – NAVARATRI Hindu

#### 11th - 15th – DURGA PUJA Hindu

#### 14th - 15th – DASSEHRA/ VIJAYA DASHAMIPUJA Hindu

Navaratri means 'nine nights', which is how long the festival lasts. In Northern India the performance of the Ram Lila during Navaratri commemorates Rama's victory over Ravana, the demon king of Sri Lanka. The day after the end of Navaratri is celebrated as the 'victorious tenth' (Vijaya Dashami) and huge figures of Ravana are filled with fireworks and burned on Ram Lila grounds (public areas). In the UK some temple congregations carry this out on a smaller scale. Elsewhere the goddess Durga is worshipped on the eighth day. Panjabis mark the day by giving food and other items to young girls.

### 20th October – CONFERRING OF GURUSHIP ON THE GURU GRANTH SAHIB Sikh

In 1708 Guru Gobind Singh declared that, instead of having another human Guru, from now on Sikhs would regard the scripture, the Guru Granth Sahib, as their Guru.

### 31st October – HALLOWEEN

Halloween is a holiday celebrated on the night of October 31. Traditional activities include trick-or-treating, bonfires, costume parties, visiting 'haunted houses', and carving pumpkins. Irish and Scottish immigrants carried versions of the tradition to North America in the nineteenth century. Other western countries embraced the holiday in the late twentieth century including Ireland, the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and the United Kingdom as well as of Australia and New Zealand.