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As part of our ongoing drive to reduce demand did you know that you can report a "NON-EMERGENCY" crime and find lots of useful information on our new improved web site.

[www.leics.police.uk](http://www.leics.police.uk)

Please look out for any vulnerable people in our community and if at all concerned, please raise this concern to the relevant agencies. You can also raise these concerns with myself.

**Parish Meeting:** If any parishes would like the beat team to join them please let me know (subject to being on duty).

## CONTACT

WEBSITE: [www.leics.police.uk](http://www.leics.police.uk)

# RUTLAND SOUTH BEAT

## Crimes of Note: October 2023

### BURGLARY

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2<sup>nd</sup> - Ketton – Building site cabin entered with attempt to steal machinery.

23<sup>rd</sup> – Morcott - Entry gained to service station and cash and cigarettes taken.

### CRIMINAL DAMAGE

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25<sup>th</sup> – Wing - Criminal damage - One person arrested and charged.

### THEFT

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2<sup>nd</sup> - Ketton – Theft of mobile phone from handbag.

5<sup>th</sup> – Morcott – theft of item left outside to air.

18<sup>th</sup> - Tinwell – Building site entered and mini excavator stolen

### ASSAULT

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22<sup>nd</sup> - South Luffenham – Common assault / drunk and disorderly

25<sup>th</sup> – Wing - Threats to harm

### VEHICLE CRIME

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12<sup>th</sup> - Empingham – Lorry parked up Just off the A1 for the night broken into.

22<sup>nd</sup> – Wing – front bumper and number plate stolen from vehicle parked up.

31<sup>st</sup> – Ketton – Van broken into and items stolen.

### OTHER

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26<sup>th</sup> – Lyddington – Dog bite.

## In Summary

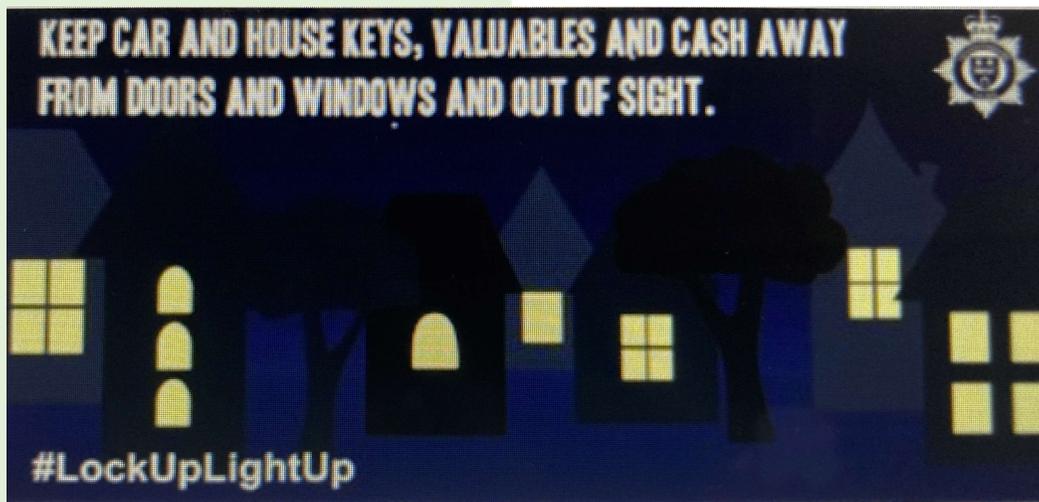
Vehicle crime with theft from has been highlighted this month in Empingham, Wing and Ketton.

Although we haven't experienced any residential breaks, as the clocks have gone back and we're now in the dark nights, please remain vigilant. Ensure your doors and windows are always locked and leave lights on if you go out.

We have had one commercial and one building site break this month - rural locations including building sites and Farms are often targeted as their plant equipment are highly desired commodities due to demand exceeding worldwide supply. We continue to run operation Vitality for rural crime with extra officers out patrolling.

If you see witness or suspect anything similar happening, please call the police. Your call may be all that's required to catch them in the act!

## Darker Nights



Burglars will use a variety of ways to avoid being noticed.

They don't want to be seen or heard by a neighbour or passer-by because they will feel exposed and identifiable.

Distraction burglars will pretend to be someone they are not, so it's important you are aware of the common methods they will use to get you to let them into your property.

Here's some useful advice, firstly on helping to keep burglars out by giving them no hiding place and, secondly, on how to prevent a distraction burglary.

### **Keep it visible**

You'd think that it would be best to make a property less visible from the street, and to keep it hidden from prying eyes behind overgrown bushes, trees, high fences or walls. In reality, all that this serves to do is make it easier for a burglar to get close to a home unnoticed, and provide somewhere to hide while carrying out a burglary or theft from the property.



1. Lower fences at the front around one-metre high are preferable to high fences as they allow for a clear view over the top and don't provide cover for anyone wishing to hide.
2. At the rear and sides, taller fencing is recommended to prevent easy access.
3. Trellis, thorny plants, or a suitable anti-climb topping such as plastic spikes make it difficult for anyone climbing over a fence or gate.
4. Planting prickly or barbed shrubbery along boundaries and fence lines acts as an effective natural barrier.
5. Gravel driveways and paths will make sure you hear anyone approach.

For more information on creating a boundary, visit our [advice on criminal damage](#)

## **DISTRACTION BURGLARY**

Distraction burglars pretend to be someone they are not in order to gain entry to your home.

Common methods used by distraction burglars

- pretending to be from a care agency, the council or a utility company investigating a gas or water leak
- seeking help to leave a note for a neighbour or even asking for a drink of water if they claim to be thirsty or unwell
- claiming to be in a hurry or emergency and needing to get into your home quickly
- working in teams, with one person distracting you while the other searches your home
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How to prevent it

There are a number of things you can do to prevent distraction burglary. Always remember "if in doubt, keep them out":

- use your door viewer to see who's there
- if you open the door put the chain on first
- always ask for ID and check it with the company before letting somebody into your home
- use the phone number advertised in the phone book or online, as the number on their identity card could be fake. For a utility company, call the customer service department. Close the door while you do this
- remember that genuine callers won't mind checks. If you feel at all unsure, schedule a time for the caller to come back when a friend or relative is there
- for pre-planned appointments with utility companies, a password scheme can be set up

If you feel threatened or in danger by the presence of the caller, call [999](tel:999).

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD LINK**

We continue to encourage local residents to have their say through Neighborhood Link surveys and keep all residents that have signed up to this aware of issues happening in Rutland.

**Get news, updates and crime prevention advice from your local police team**

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Protecting our communities

Scan the QR codes with your phone's camera to visit the links. Alternatively, visit our website [leics.police.uk](http://leics.police.uk)

Follow your local police team on social media:

Access services, information, advice and report crime using our website:

Sign up to Neighbourhood Link, our free e-mail update service:

### **BEAT PRIORITIES**

Nuisance Motorbikes  
Road Safety Issues  
Rural Crime/farming equipment

**Operation ENFORCE**– has been created to reduce speeding and road safety issues including nuisance motorbikes especially at weekends.

We continue to conduct speed monitoring and enforcement utilising the SL700 laser speed meter on the beat

### **Our up and coming beat surgeries.**

We will be popping into the Coffee Morning on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at Ketton Library, 67 High St, Ketton between 10:30 – 11:30.

We will be popping into the tea party on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Braunston Village hall 1 Wood Lane, Braunston between 2.30pm – 3.30pm

