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Talking road safety and ASB in Oakham

I enjoyed an action-packed visit to Oakham and the surrounding areas over the summer courtesy of Sgt Liam Palmer and County Councillor Giles Clifton.

First on the agenda was the safety of the rural road running from Uppingham through Ayston, Ridlington and Brooke to Oakham which is being used as a rat run by commuters and was the scene of a recent serious crash. Parish councillors and residents want better signage and improved traffic calming measures, and this is something I have promised to follow up.

During a 'patch walk' alongside Sgt Palmer in Oakham, we discussed ongoing ASB issues in the Castle grounds and the proactive work taking place to resolve them. Elsewhere on the visit, I caught up over a cup of tea with Nigel Gates from Gates Garden Centre, who filled me in on the way that he and his staff are cutting shoplifting.

I will be looking at how I can lend my support in all the issues raised. Back in Oakham I visited a shopkeeper who had been burgled recently. Good news, an arrest has been made and he has some of his stock back.

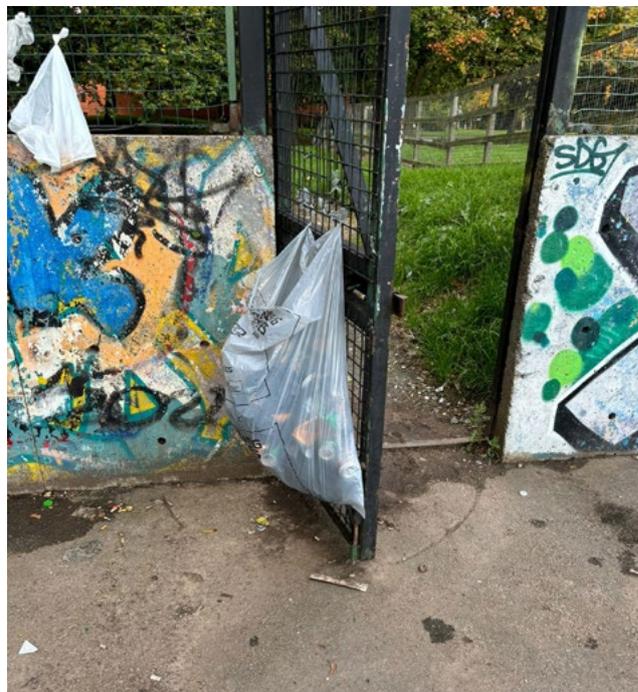
Skills uplift for officers and safety workers to prevent ASB

Making sure officers use their powers effectively to tackle crime is a top priority.

That's why I provided funding for 300 police officers and safety workers across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to receive special training to better respond to anti-social behaviour (ASB).

The training took place during 2023/24 and was funded through the grants I provide to Community Safety Partnerships. A further 120 officers and safety leads are signed up for one of two more training events taking place later this year.

I know residents and businesses want to see offenders punished for this despicable behaviour and I will continue to make sure tough justice is delivered.



CONCERNS OF BADGER BAITING

During my recent visit to Rutland, residents raised concerns about the high number of badger deaths on the roads.

In one such case, a mother and her cubs had died together which had raised suspicions about the possibility of illegal badger baiting.

Badger baiting (the digging out and killing of badgers in their setts by dogs) is an extremely cruel activity that has been a criminal offence since 1835. I will be discussing these concerns with members of the county Rural Crime Team to follow up but if you have any information contact the police on 101.

MAKE SPEED LIMITERS MANDATORY

Speeding is one of the top reasons people contact my office and rightly so – reckless driving claims lives and ruins quality of life.

We are investing in advanced technology to aid enforcement and all types of education to alter driving behaviour, but more responsibility needs to be accepted by manufacturers.

Some drivers purchase high performance cars with the very intention of driving as fast as possible. And it doesn't take a huge engine to go above 30mph.

Currently, not all cars are fitted with speed limiting devices and I think they should. I hope to see more of these 'safety' technologies becoming a mandatory feature in our vehicles.



Delivering on my Manifesto promises

Before I was re-elected, I promised to leave no stone unturned in my mission to make our villages, towns and city safer.

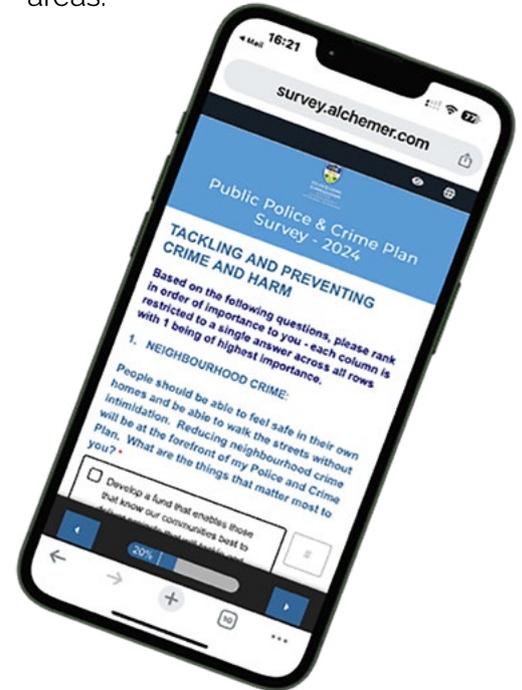
I've been busy engaging with communities and stakeholders on what the priorities of my Police and Crime Plan should be. However, I have already started work on the issues that you've told me are important to you.

Neighbourhood Policing was raised in one of my first governance meetings with the Chief Constable and I am pleased with the strength of commitment he gave to ensuring these teams have

the personnel, resources and equipment to protect our communities effectively. I am also working with my performance team to monitor how often officers are being redirected from their duties and will address this regularly in my future meetings with the Chief Constable.

In other progress, I have initiated discussions with the Deputy Chief Constable on expanding our Special Constabulary – we both agree on the huge value they bring to community safety. And as part of my pledge to provide funding to help more 'Watch' groups get off the ground, my Deputy Rani Mahal is drawing up

a proposal to help groups work with us and deliver prevention projects in their areas.



Putting YOU at the centre of my safety plans



You have an important role to play in how your policing service works and it's my job as PCC to make sure your voice is heard.

Thousands of you have completed my new online survey to make clear where you think resources are needed to increase your safety.

Most of you agree that targeted projects in areas most affected by crime should be the top priority when it comes to dealing with neighbourhood crime. The need for more CCTV

and the issue of e-scooters and illegal e-bikes is also high on the agenda for many people, and when it comes to tackling serious violence, most residents have told me that a well-resourced force to destroy county lines and drug dealing should be the top priority.

Thank you to all those who took the time to share your views. These insights will help me determine the priorities in my new Police and Crime Plan. After all, my Plan is your Plan, and I want to work with you to get it right.

£400k funding boost to help communities fight crime

A host of exciting new projects are in the pipeline following the relaunch of my Community Safety Fund.

Charities and community groups will share a total of £400k over the next 12 months to support my work to prevent crime and ASB.

The deadline has now passed for bids for the first £200k but a further round will be announced later in the year.

Community safety is always a team effort, and I will continue to invest money into schemes run by local people for local people.

For further funding opportunities, visit my website at: <https://leics.pcc.police.uk/>



Out and about in Rutland



Ashwell



Meeting with Cllr Giles Clifton and Ridlington Parish Council



With Nigel Gates at Gates Garden Centre



With the Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland, Dr Sarah Furness



Rutland Show - Police Stand



Interview with Rutland & Stamford Sound



Rutland Show

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