



Welcome to your Market Harborough police e-newsletter. Here you will find all of the latest news from a Market Harborough policing perspective and crime prevention advice to help keep yourself safe

## News

The Harbrough North Beat team has continued to receive reports of off road motorbikes being used in and around Scraptoft, on the back lanes, but also on the golf course. Several names have been taken and enquiries are ongoing as criminal damage has occurred to the greens on the golf course.

Ten young persons were recently identified for trespassing on the Aylestone St James Rugby Football Club off Covert Lane. This was part of ongoing enquiries into anti social behaviour in the area. Sporting items were taken from the outdoor storage containers as part of the trespass. Letters have been issued to the parents of the persons involved to notify them of the incident and the involvement of their children.

The Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Act 2021 has now gone live, aka "the drone act." This creates a significant number of specific new offences. Including 1). Flying drones endangering other aircraft 2). Flying drones undermining security at Prisons.

This therefore applies to Harborough North as it has Stoughton Aerodrome and Gartree Prison within its policing area. There are specific powers for officers to require drones to land, search for drones, and seize drones as evidence to investigate reports of offences.

While it is noted there was an increase in burglaries in Great Glen and Houghton on the Hill at the end of the year, positive police action has been taken. For example, a break on Cromwell Road Great Glenn on 18/11/21, resulted in an arrest. We continue to review the crime trends and explore the available leads in these enquiries.

## Arrest

Tyler Clarke caused damage at Tesco Metro, Lloyds Bank, Market Harborough Building Society and Naylor's Estate Agents in the early hours of February 4th.

He was arrested after Police were called just after 2.30am.

The 19-year-old pleaded guilty to four counts criminal damage at Loughborough Magistrates Court.

He also admitted a charge of common assault in relation to an incident at Bargain Booze on January 8th and causing damage to a bus stop in the town centre on the same day.

Clarke, of Coriander Road, Leicester, was sentenced to a 12-month community order, with an alcohol treatment requirement, given a night-time curfew for three months; and ordered to pay compensation of £100.

## Beat Surgeries

Wednesday 2nd March 2022: 10:00-11:00am at Billesdon Post Office, Church St, Billesdon

Thursday 3rd March 2022: 10-11am at Village Hall, Laughton Rd, Lubenham

Monday 7th March 2022 3-4pm– Post Office and General Store, High St, Grt Easton

Thursday 24th March –10-11am– Village Hall, Main St, Tugby

## Mobile Speed Camera Van Enforcement Summary – January 2022

Road	Area	Summary	
		Visits	Offences
A4304 Lubbenham Hill	Market Harborough	1	4
A47 Route	Between Skeffington and Tugby	1	4
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A47 Route	(Between Tugby & Keythorpe	1	2
A47 Route	(Billesdon Bypass, Billesdon	2	11
A47	Uppingham Rd ,Higham	2	12

## Neighbourhood Priorities – Vehicle Crime

### Catalytic Converter Thefts

There has been a significant rise in catalytic converter thefts due to the value of the precious metals inside them. It's believed thieves can earn significant amounts from every converter they take.

The process of stealing a catalytic converter can take just-minutes using particular tools.

Catalytic Converters form a part of a car's exhaust system, and are located under the vehicle in a large box bolted to the car.

There are a number of ways thieves will operate to steal a catalytic converter:

Car parks - Supermarkets are where most of the thefts have occurred, driveways, street parking.

Typically hit cars: Hybrid cars such as Toyota Prius, Auris, Honda Accord and Jazz.

Advice on protecting yourself includes parking your car in a garage or somewhere that makes it difficult to access underneath, such as near a wall.

Installing CCTV that covers your car.

Securing your catalytic converter with extra bolts to make it more difficult to remove.

You can also have a marking kit fitted for free as part of your next MOT. For more advice and to find a list of participating garages who will mark your vehicle for free go to [www.leics.police.uk/CatConTheft](http://www.leics.police.uk/CatConTheft)

## Thieves are targeting valuable metals under your car



Protect your catalytic converter

Reduce the risk

- Park your car in a garage or somewhere that makes it difficult to access underneath, such as near a wall.
- Install CCTV that captures where you park.
- Don't park your car in one place for long periods of time.
- Secure your catalytic converter with extra bolts to make it more difficult to remove.

When you book in for your next MOT or service, ask your local garage to fit the marking kit onto your vehicle for FREE!  
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The next edition will be out soon!