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Welcome to your weekly update from your NPA Commander

Introduction

Hello, I am Inspector Darren Richardson your local policing commander. Your Commander's newsletter this week is focused on how I work closely with partner agencies to ensure the safety and well-being of our communities in Melton and Rutland. I believe building a safer environment requires strong partnership working, involving everyone: residents, local authorities, emergency services, businesses and community organisations. I am fortunate to work with partners who are dedicated to serving our communities, I am also supported by communities invested in making Melton and Rutland safer places to live.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe New Year.



Crime Update

Here are this weeks crime figures for Melton & Rutland:

Rutland:

Commercial burglaries - 0

Residential burglaries - 1

Theft of Motor vehicle -0

Theft from motor vehicle -0

Melton:

Commercial burglaries - 5

Residential burglaries1

Theft of Motor vehicle - 1

Theft from motor vehicle - 4

Theft from vans:

We have had several crimes reported where tools have been stolen from work vans, most of the vehicles parked in either public or pub car parks. Stealing tools from a tradesperson is an abhorrent crime, usually costing the victim thousands of pounds to replace the tools that have often been built up over many years. These offences are likely to be a part of a regional and national offending, I know some on social media have made connections with these offences and the offenders in the recent shop break spree, I can confirm that there is NO link.



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Floods

Over the last 24 hours Melton & Rutland have been significantly impacted by flooding which has led to a multi-agency response across the policing area. Numerous residents have had to evacuate their property due to some of the worst flooding seen in recent history. Whilst the last couple of days have been incredibly difficult for communities, it is times like this where you get to see the real strength and togetherness of our communities. Thankyou to the support of Leicestershire and Rutland 4 x 4 response, Leicestershire fire service, the local authority and those in the community who supported those in need of help. A special thank you the farmer who kindly gave officers access to a tractor to assist in evacuating an elderly resident from their flooded home.



Retail crime in Melton

Over the last month we have suffered a spate of retail burglaries which has had significant impact on our local businesses and communities. As a result of some very robust policing, we have arrested and charged three males for burglary and theft offences, all three were put in front of the courts but then released on court bail. Thankfully we have not suffered a retail burglary for five days now, work is continuing on offences which we have not yet reached the evidential threshold for charging. I would like to thank the local businesses for their understanding and support throughout this challenging period and also the support we have received from Melton Borough Council, local Councillors and the Melton BID.

Road safety

Our road policing operation will continue with planned enforcement and road safety events at locations you said have road safety concerns. With the vast majority of our officers now trained in the use of the SL700 speed gun we have a greater capacity enabling to increase our enforcement work.

New priorities set

All the individual beat priorities have been set for the next quarter, please visit [Melton & Rutland | Leicestershire Police](#) and click on the area you live on.