Police update for Glenfield, LFE and Kirby Muxloe Safer Neighbourhood.

During the last month there has been the following reported crime in the area:

7 x burglary dwellings

7 x burglaries other than dwellings (sheds / garages etc)

15 x thefts from motor vehicles (tools from vans)

The Safer Neighbourhood Team has increased patrols in the area and an arrest has been made in connection with the theft of tools from vans.

Frosty mornings:

Motorists who leave their cars to de-ice on frosty mornings could find their car missing on their return.

Every year Leicestershire Police has to deal with a number of car thefts which have happened when drivers have left their cars unattended with the engine running whilst their windscreens defrost. Often they pop back into the warmth of their homes and come out to find the driveway empty.

It is also worth remembering that if a car is stolen while unattended with the keys in the ignition it is unlikely your insurance company will compensate you. If the car is left on a public highway with its engine running, the owner of the car could also be guilty of an offence.

Festive crime prevention:

Please be extra vigilant with home security in the run up to Christmas when you may have extra items, such as expensive presents stored in your house. It only takes a minute to double check that all your windows and doors are secure before you go out or go to bed. If you are not going to be home until after dark use a timer switch to make your house look occupied.

By now you will probably have your Christmas tree up in your house and I would like to remind you not to leave presents under the tree where they can be seen from the front window as burglars love window shopping!

For further crime prevention advice please contact a member of your Safer Neighbourhood Team or visit www.leics.police.uk.

Leicestershire Police commenced their Christmas drink drive campaign on December 1st. We want you to enjoy the festivities, but please remember; if you've been drinking alcohol don't take the risk of getting behind the wheel, get someone else to drive who hasn't been drinking or alternatively take the bus or a taxi. If you've been drinking the previous night and you cannot be sure you are safe to drive – then don't take the risk.

School parking:

The team are still receiving complaints about dangerous and inconsiderate parking outside schools. We are now working with the Blaby Traffic

Enforcement team to target illegal parking. Please **do not** park on zigzags or even stop to drop off up pick up your child up on them. These markings are there for the safety of your child.

Online webchat:

There will be no webchat in December but to take part in January's on Thursday January 30, 2014 at 6.30pm please visit; http://www.leics.police.uk/blabywebchat.

The team wish all residents a crime free Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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