

# Police Report – March 2015

Crime statistics for Serious Acquisitive Crime offences.	Glenfield	Leicester Forest East	Kirby Muxloe
Theft of Motor Vehicle	3	2	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	10	4	5
Burglary dwelling	11	1	1
Burglary OTD	4	4	4
Bike Theft	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Total	28	11	11
Total Recorded Crime	95		
Total ASB	12		

#### Crime

Over the month of March we have seen an increase in crime across the three parishes especially vehicle crime. This increase however is not just isolated to the beat, as we have seen a rise in crime overall across the whole county. Of the 95 recorded crimes 11 have have seen an offender charged with many more having named suspects with investigations continuing.

### **Emerging Crime Trends**

With vehicle crime on the increase let me take this opportunity to remind residents to empty their vehicles of all belongings when not in use. We have opportunist offenders operating in the area, don't give them reason to break into your vehicle. Work vans seem to be a favorite at the moment with criminals stealing tools to sell on. Entry is being gained by either interfering with the lock or removing the door panels. Another trend is the removal of vehicle parts especially number plates. If you are concerned about this then you can purchase anti-theft or tamper proof screws called clutch head screws which have a "one way" design making them virtually impossible to remove.

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Burglary is also on the increase across the parishes; entry is being gained by smashing downstairs windows or forcing rear doors. There is no pattern to the incidents, we have reports am, pm and overnight. Jewelry and electrical items are being taken with unusually TVs being part of these. Two reports of burglaries involved the occupants being at home, entry was gained via unlocked front door and on both occasions the offender has picked up car keys from the hallway and stolen the occupants vehicle. As with theft from motor vehicles, tools are the item of choice being stolen from sheds and out buildings over the beat. Please take the time to review your shed security by ensuring high value items are secured inside the shed, and consider adding a shed alarm or security light as a deterrent.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

We have also seen an increase in ASB with 12 reports being made over March. Reports to note are two separate reports of motorbikes being driven at speed around Wheatfield Close and Bowmans Way Glenfield, the beat team are looking into this.

#### **Beat Initiatives**

The beat team is continuing to focus on the Problem Solving Plan around the parking issues around Stafford Leys Primary School Leicester Forest East. The beat team followed up the high visibility patrols with a street consultation on Stafford Leys/ Rushmere Walk and adjoining streets. During this consultation residents were spoken to and we found that 38% said there had been a slight improvement, 26% said there had been a great improvement. We still have a few outstanding tasks to complete on this particular issue which we are looking to complete over the course of the next month.

### Street Surgery

Officers from Hinckley and Blaby Neighbourhood Policing Area will be visiting residents on Prince Albert Drive, Glenfield between 5pm and 7pm on Tuesday 21st April.



## **Police Appeals and Information**

### Non-stop collision in Glenfield

Crime number: LEP-20032015-0467

A 12-year-old boy has been injured following a non-stop road traffic collision in Glenfield.

The collision happened at around 5.20pm on Friday March 20 on Dominion Road near to its junctions with Musson Road and Charnor Road.

It involved the boy, who was a pedestrian, and a black Peugeot 308 which failed to stop at the scene.

The boy was treated at hospital for a broken leg and a head injury.

PC 1249 Mark Davey, the investigating officer, said: "The Peugeot was travelling towards the direction of A563 at the time of the collision.

"We are appealing to anyone who was in the Dominion Road or nearby area during this Friday afternoon and may have witnessed the incident to contact us.

"We would also like to appeal to the driver and anyone who may know the identity of the driver or the vehicle involved to contact us."

Anyone with information in relation to any appeals featured on this site is asked to contact the relevant officer on 101, follow the instructions to leave a message and when prompted, key in the officer's identification number.

Alternatively, call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. No personal details will be taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

Calls to 101 cost 15p for the entire call from both mobile 'phones and land lines. Please note some mobile phone service providers may charge for calls to Crimestoppers.

#### Don't become a victim to courier fraud scam

Crime number: NS/00639/15-0



Police are issuing a warning to the public to be on their guard over a courier fraud scam.

The Force has received three reports where victims have received a telephone call from someone purporting to be a police officer, claiming that the victim's bank account has been fraudulently accessed and that someone has been arrested for the offence.

The victim is then told that in order to progress the investigation, they will need to go to their respective banks to withdraw money. They are also told that a taxi will arrive to take them to the bank.

In some cases, the victim hands over funds that they already have in the house along with their bank cards and PIN number.

A courier arrives at the victim's address to collect the money, cards, and PIN. The victim is asked to give a password to the courier, which has been given to them previously by the person on the telephone.

The victim may also be asked for personal and banking information.

On Thursday March 12, a 76-year-old woman from the Wigston area, and a 90-year-old woman from Thurmaston, found themselves victims of the fraud, losing a large amount of money and their bank cards.

The next day, Friday March 13, a 61-year-old woman received a telephone call in Glen Parva, also becoming a victim of the scam.

The investigating officer, PC 4012 Meryl Bishop, said: "The victims have been left distressed by these incidents and blame themselves, which reinforces the message that these fraudsters sound plausible and are competent at what they are doing, therefore they must be stopped.

"Those carrying out this crime are very skilled in portraying themselves as authentic police officers, making the scam seem genuine.

"We ask the public to let any elderly or vulnerable family members, friends, or neighbours know about the scam. Remember, your bank will never attend your home; and neither the bank nor the police will ever collect your bank card or ask for your PIN.

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If you have been a victim or have any information in relation to this scam, call Leicestershire Police on 101.

Victims can also contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.