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Braunstone Town and Thorpe Astley Newsletter

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Crime Prevention

This month's Beat Surgeries with a member of the local beat team:

- Date – 08/02/23 – Time 1400-1500hrs @ Thorpe Astley Community Centre
- Date – 24/02/23 – Time 1900-2000hrs @ One Stop, Watergate Lane
- Date – 08/03/23 – Time 1800-1900hrs @ Braunstone Civic Centre
- Date – 30/03/23 – Time 1830-1930hrs @ Braunstone Civic Centre

Protect your property against vandalism

1. Keep it visible - It might feel like your house is more secure behind a high wall or fence but the fact it can't be seen from the street could make it a more tempting target.

Make sure your property can be easily seen by your neighbours and the public by ensuring hedges, fences and walls at the front are no higher than one metre. That way, you're not giving an intruder anywhere to hide.

Clever use of lighting can also help to keep burglars at bay. We recommend dusk-till-dawn, low-level white lighting, especially in vulnerable, low visibility areas such as the side or the rear of the property.

Lights should be a minimum of three metres above ground with vandal-resistant casings.

2. Create a boundary - By doing this, you're laying out your patch, marking your territory – and anyone crossing that line uninvited or unauthorised is trespassing.

You can do this in a number of ways, such as a low fence, wall, hedge, flower bed or small bushes. Best to avoid a rockery or large stones as they can be used by vandals.

And if you're having your driveway done, make it a different colour to that of the road.

3. Protect what's yours - Be sure to safeguard vulnerable points such as ground floor windows with one-metre high sharp, prickly bushes. Nature's barbed wire, can offer protection and look good too.

Security film – a clear or opaque covering that can be stuck onto windows – makes it harder to smash the glass.

White walls attract vandals with spray cans but anti-graffiti coatings that prevent paint from bonding to surfaces are great deterrents.

4. Don't make it easy for them - There's more to security than keeping gates closed and doors, windows and sheds locked.

First off, if you have a surface which anyone can sit on – like a ledge or a low wall – make sure it's not 'bottom-friendly'. For example, planters with prickly plants look nice but are a pain for anyone just hanging around or any uninvited guests. Also, secure the side and rear boundary of your property with a two-metre high fence topped with a trellis, which is lightweight and unable to support a person. What's more, it makes an awful racket if anyone tries to use it to gain access.

5. Keep it tidy - It's a fact that rubbish attracts rubbish. If a property is messy, some people won't think twice about adding to it or simply hanging around in the area.

A neat and tidy property conveys a sense of order. That's why we advise not to leave rubbish, ladders, wheelie bins or anything else that could be used for burglary or vandalism lying around.



Are your car keys secure?

Pick up your **FREE** signal blocker pouch from Hinckley or Braunstone Police station



Neighbourhood Link – Have you signed up?



We want to encourage as many people as possible to sign up to our community messaging system, Neighbourhood Link. You will receive regular emails keeping you up to date about local policing issues, good news stories, crime prevention advice, witness appeals and local events.

It is very easy to do and free! Register at www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk

Crime Statistics

The website: Police.UK is designed to provide you with crime statistics for your local area, so that you're better informed. It gives you access to street-level crime maps and statistics, allowing you to compare your local crimes figures against the national average (England and Wales) or other parts of the country.

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Neighbourhood Priorities

Road Safety

Braunstone Town Council has 2 Visually Activated Signs (VAS) One for Braunstone Town and another for Thorpe Astley The recorded data from these signs will be used by the local beat team to assist us in targeting our enforcement patrols:

Timeframe recorded – 19/12/22-24/01/23
Location – Braunstone Lane, junction with Beech Drive
Total vehicles recorded – 135655
85th percentile – 33.7
1300-1500 identified as timeframe of highest 35-45mph

Timeframe recorded – 10/01/22-24/01/23
Location – Withers Way
Total vehicles recorded – 22494
85th percentile – 31.3
1100-1300 & 1800-2100 identified as timeframes of highest 35-45mph

The 85th percentile is the average speed when you remove the top and bottom 15% of vehicles and is the data used by partner agencies in identifying roads with a speeding issue. Whilst neither of these results warrants Leicestershire County Council Highways consideration for physical changes to the road layout in these locations, the local beat team have:

- Identified 0500-0700 on Braunstone Lane as an overnight speeding concern and referred this to our Roads Safety Unit for potential enforcement.
- Informed the Police Volunteers who conduct Hi-Visibility speed checks in locations of concern and send letters from the police to drivers of speeding vehicles advising them of their inappropriate speeds.
- Planned to visit the identified locations at appropriate times as above with the SL700 Speed Enforcement device.

Antisocial Behaviour

Whilst there have been incidents recorded, there hasn't been any significant ongoing issues that we have had to investigate. The issues around the Civic Centre have significantly reduced so we are hopeful the intervention that has been put in place will continue to be effective.

Criminal Damage

Police and Braunstone Town Council have met at the Community Development meeting and they are going to assist where possible in clearing as much of the graffiti around the area.

We still need to get in touch with Blaby District Council about the matter and collect all the locations of the graffiti. We'll also be looking to identify any local people responsible from tags located.

Noise Disturbance

We've not been able to arrange a meeting with Blaby District Council thus far but hope to have a significant update for you next month.

#YouSaidWeDid

- Vehicles seized for no insurance - 4
- Drivers arrested for drink/drugs offences - 1
- Drivers reported for driving without a licence - 1
- Vehicles seized for no Tax on behalf of DVLA - 1



**KILL YOUR SPEED
IT'S 30 FOR A REASON**

Your Beat Team



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