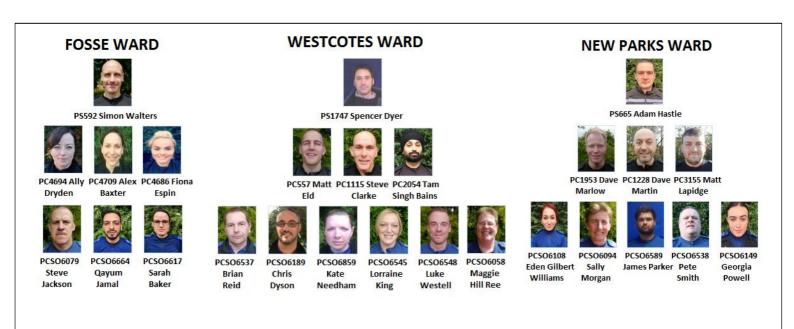


# West Leicester Community Update

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## **Your Local Team**



## June priorities

#### **New Parks**

**Rowanberry Av** – following Operation Lionheart, local people have told us about further drugs dealing and ASB in and around the area.

**Piper Close** – continued focus in this area to tackle drugs dealing and ASB.

#### **Fosse**

**Tudor Rd** – to tackle an increase in drugs dens and drugs dealing.

**Noble St** – tackling ASB and street life issues around Frederick Jackson House.

#### **Westcotes**

**Bede Park** – efforts to tackle knife and gang crime and improve safety for local residents and students.

Andrewes Estate - ASB and criminality.

#### **News**

You will no doubt be aware that Leicestershire Police and its partners have been conducting a large scale policing operation called Operation Lionheart. The purpose of the operation is to target and tackle the supply of illegal drugs across Leicestershire.

Gangs and organised crime networks use children and vulnerable people to sell drugs. This is known as 'County Lines'. County Lines drugs dealers are taking over the homes of vulnerable people and criminally exploiting them to sell drugs. This is known as 'Cuckooing'.

The sale of drugs ruins lives because users become addicts. The sale of drugs ruins neighbourhoods because addicts commit crime to fund their habit. The sale of drugs also leads to an increase in violence between opposing gangs and organised crime networks.

Since 9<sup>th</sup> April, there have been 141 warrants executed across Leicestershire, 46 of these were across West Leicester. Of these, 112 arrests have been made in total, 46 across the City area. So far 20 West Leicester suspects have received charges. In total 91 suspects have been charged across Leicestershire resulting in 26 years of custodial sentences being handed out by the courts with lots more to come.

Whilst the Operation has been a resounding success, County Lines does not stop because of a police operation. By its very nature, newer, younger people fill in the gaps to continue the dealing along County Lines. Therefore please continue to report any information relating to drugs dealing or drugs activity to Leicestershire Police. You can do this via the website leics.police.uk or by calling 101 or anonymously using crimestoppers.

## Community engagements – come and see us

21/06/2019 Westcotes Drive/Dulverton Rd street surveys.

22/06/2019 Westcotes Drive/Dulverton Rd street surveys.

22/06/2019 13:00 to 15:00 Westgate School.

25/06/2019 Western Rd/Bisley St street surveys.

26/06/2019 Western Rd/Bisley St street surveys.

A new people zone notice board has been put up on Aikman Avenue side of the fire station, keeping the community up to date with activities.

## What are People Zones?

People Zones help ordinary people to make a difference in their communities. They utilise the experience and expertise of local residents and a whole host of public, private and third sector organisations to resolve problems which impact on community life. These can include health issues, crime, unemployment, lack of training and opportunities and access to sports and youth services.

People Zones was launched in Autumn 2019 and now has three 'Zones' up and running.



"People Zones are all about community spirit, encouraging local people to roll up their sleeves and have a hand in resolving local problems. People Zones care; they care enough about the vulnerable people living in their communities to want to help them and increase their resilience. By giving people the tools they need to cope with life's challenges, People Zones aim to close the door on crime, mental ill-health and other social problems. I'm so proud of what we have achieved

Lord Willy Bach

much more to come."

Leicestershire Police and Crime Commissioner

already and know there is



## A message from INSP Rob Randell

Welcome to our first community update letter.

As a team we continually review reports of crime and ASB across West Leicester, in consultation with our partners. We also take account of the views of local residents. Using this information we produce a set of monthly priorities for the team to work towards.

In addition to the monthly priorities, the team also focus on many other issues affecting our local communities, however the priorities receive a multi-agency response because they have been assessed as having the highest impact. For this reason the priorities will be discussed at the regular Joint Action Group, a meeting consisting of public agencies and groups providing services to the community.

A priority can be such for many reasons, but often it is because of the impact it is having on a particular area or community. It may only remain a priority for a short period, making way for another important issue, or it could remain a priority for a longer time. A priority is about making a real difference to tackle an important issue.

If you need more information about crime in your area, or would like to make a report online, please visit the new national police website using the following internet address <a href="https://www.leics.police.uk">www.leics.police.uk</a>

This will be the first of regular update letters to help our local residents and partners stay more informed on local priorities affecting West Leicester.