



## Vehicle crime

It was a busy start to 2020 with a high number of vehicle-related incidents occurring in Broughton Astley and Lutterworth and the surrounding villages. As well as attempts being made to steal vehicles there were a number of incidents of criminal damage to parked vehicles. We have increased visibility through additional patrols and encourage everyone to report any suspicious behaviour to us.

Where possible avoid leaving car keys in visible places at home e.g. on window ledges, hall tables, at the bottom of the stairs or on hooks close to the letter box.

If you have CCTV installed at your home, ensure it is visible and covers the location where your car is parked. If you have a garage, use it and always ensure your vehicle is locked. If you park your car on the street, leave it in a well lit area where it is visible to others or covered by CCTV. Check whether your vehicle has a tracking device – if it does consider applying tracker stickers, this will make it less attractive.



Consider fitting tamper-proof number plate screws to secure your car number plates. Thieves use stolen plates to conceal the identity of vehicles used in criminal activity.

Also, in this cold weather, if you need to defrost your car please don't leave the vehicle unattended with the engine running.

Throughout January, we have recovered several vehicles in Lutterworth and Broughton Astley for having no insurance, no tax and no valid MOT. We stopped one driver for driving without lights, an expired driving licence and dangerously illegal tyres. A driver was also stopped in Broughton Astley during January and was dealt with for drug offences

There have been several reports to the police regarding vehicles being driven in an antisocial manner on Swannington Road Industrial Estate. We are undertaking patrols in that area at different times. Anyone caught driving in this way faces having their vehicles seized and impounded.

Please raise awareness of these issues and ways to protect your vehicle among your family and neighbours. Be aware of people acting suspiciously near your home or your vehicle and report it to immediately.

## Courier fraud

There has been a number of recent courier fraud related incidents in the Lutterworth and the surrounding villages. If somebody calls you claiming to be the police and asks you to transfer your money into a different account or withdraw cash from your local bank, please hang up immediately.

Your bank or the police will never:

- Phone and ask you for your full PIN or full banking password
- Ask you to transfer money out of your account
- Send someone to your home to collect cash, PINs, cards or cheque books

#CourierFraud

Over 1,300  
courier fraud  
victims in 1 year

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TO STOP FRAUD

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## Get in touch or come and see us

### Beat surgeries

Wednesday 5 February (7.00- 8:00pm) Parish Council Offices, Station Road, Broughton Astley

Tuesday 10 February (5.00-6.00pm) Morrison, Bitteswell Rd, Lutterworth

Wednesday 19 February (2.00-3.00pm) Albert Café, Husbands Bosworth

Monday 27 February (12.00-1.00pm) Waitrose, Lower Leicester Road, Lutterworth

### Keep up-to-date with your local beat team

**Facebook:** Lutterworth Police **Twitter:** @LPLutterworth

Sign up to Neighbourhood Link at [www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk)

If you have any questions or issues you wish to raise, you can email [eastercoutiesnpa@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:eastercoutiesnpa@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)