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'Cover Up' campaign receives Chief Constable's award



Chief Constable Simon Cole with Sergeant Widdowson, Sergeant Simon Walters, PC Laura Nutt and PC Donna Hyde

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Issued on 16/9/16 at 12:38 p.m.

Officers who developed the 'Cover Up' campaign to encourage Asian women to cover up their jewellery with scarves have received a Chief Constable's Commendation award.

At an award ceremony held at Leicestershire Police Force Headquarters yesterday afternoon (Thursday 15 September) sergeant's Simon Walters and Sarah Widdowson and PCs Laura Nutt and Donna Hyde were presented with their award for outstanding work in their development and involvement in the 'Cover Up' campaign.

PCSO Kaajal Jethwa, will also receive an award for her involvement in the campaign at an award ceremony later next year.

Last year the Belgrave officers came up with the idea, as part of their work to reduce seasonal increases in gold chain snatches during the warmer months.

Understanding the importance of Asian women wanting to wear their jewellery, the campaign was a perfect way to enable them to do that and keep it safe at the same time.

Since the 'Cover Up' campaign was launched last year, there has been less than 10 chain snatch robberies in the Belgrave area, compared to more than 70 offences the year before. The campaign has also helped to reduce robberies in the area by more than 75%.

On receiving her award PC Laura Nutt said: "It is an honour to be part of a team receiving this award. Although presented to the officers, we feel that this is an award for the whole of the Belgrave community; from the local businesses supplying material, to the men and women who created the scarves through a Probation Community Payback scheme. We would also like to thank the members of the public who take on board our safety messages and wear the scarves."

The 'Cover Up' campaign started with officers approaching a local saree shop to see if they would donate fabric to them so that the material could be made into scarves. This would then be given out free of charge to ladies in the community so their jewellery could be covered up when they went outside.

With rolls of donated fabric officers then approached the Probation Service to see if the Community Payback Scheme could assist by using past offenders to transform the material into scarves.

With both local businesses and the Probation Service on board, the 'Cover Up' campaign was launched to the Belgrave community in August 10, 2015.

PC Nutt added: "The probation team is also based within the Belgrave area and were happy to 'give back' something to the community by producing the scarves to help prevent future chain snatches. The scarves may well have been sewn by offenders who had committed this type of crime and we hope that by being involved in the project, they were able to think about the effect their previous actions may have had on victims and have learned from it. The Community Payback team are always very willing to work with the police and, together with the positive working relationship we have with the local businesses and people of Belgrave, we strive to make the community a safer and pleasant place to live."

Officers are continuing to promote the 'Cover Up' campaign though a wider partnership campaign called [Celebrate Safely](#). Celebrate Safely is a campaign run jointly between Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service, Leicestershire Police, Leicester City Council and Leicestershire County Council. It runs from the beginning of September all the way through to the New Year to try and keep communities safe through the period of celebrations, when events are taking place.

ACTION FRAUD

There is a phishing email currently in circulation that claims to be from the City of London Police. The departments that it claims to represent include the 'Fraud Intelligence Unit' and the 'National Fraud Intelligence Bureau'. The email is titled 'compensation fund' and has a letter attachment that claims to be offering financial compensation to victims of fraud. The letter uses the City of London Police logo.

The letter states that in order for compensation to be arranged, the receiver of the email should reply disclosing personal information. It states that HSBC and the South African Reserve Bank have been chosen to handle the compensation claims. All of these claims are false.

The email and letter are fraudulent and should not be replied to.

Protect Yourself

- Opening attachments or clicking links contained within emails from unknown sources could result in your device being infected with malware or a virus.
- The City of London Police and the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau will never email you asking for you to disclose personal information.
- If you believe you have become a victim of this fraudulent email get your device checked by a professional and make a report to Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud and cyber crime reporting centre: <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk>

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Rural Watch - Crime Update 15/09/2016

Over the last week we have had a number of incidents occur that you might be able to help us with.

On Monday we received a report of a break in at a farm in Desford. It occurred at around 2.30pm, with the suspect doing an untidy search of the property. Did you see anything? Has anyone been acting suspiciously around your farm? Remain alert to anything untoward and report to 101.

Yesterday (Wednesday) a suspicious was vehicle seen in Peckleton, a silver VW Golf LC03YCB. They occupants drove off at speed when approached by member of the public. Vehicle contained two males. Again please call 101 if you have any more information.

Late yesterday we were called to a scene at a farm near Fenny Drayton following an emergency call about a disturbed break in.

It seems that farms are being targeted again so please ensure you are taking precautions, lock up and consider your security provisions - CCTV, lights, ditches etc.

Please keep reporting suspicious incidents to us on 101 or 999 if a crime is in progress or in an emergency.

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Leicestershire Police get football focussed



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Issued on 16/9/16 at 9:03 a.m.

Are you a fan of football? Have you been following the foxes and their journey to the top? So have we.

There are thousands of Blue Army supporters out there and we want you to follow our updates on social media.

We use Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat to bring you up-to-date with all the latest policing news about your beloved Blues.

As Leicester City embark on one of their biggest ever seasons, we will reveal the roles of different officers and give you exclusive behind the scenes access to videos showing you what goes into planning the policing operation for a match.

From pre-match briefings to officer deployment on game day itself, you will get to see how we go about planning to keep the 30,000 plus fans who head to the King Power Stadium safe.

And throughout the 2016/17 season we will keep you posted with match day road closures, traffic hot spots and safety messages.

Why not follow us, and find out more. And you can even get involved in our live streaming events, which will be advertised on social media.

Today (16 September), we will kick-start this week's build up with a Facebook Live video from match commander Superintendent Steve Potter at the King Power Stadium. If you have any questions for him tweet us at @leicsfootball

- Twitter - [@leicsfootball](https://twitter.com/leicsfootball)
- Facebook – facebook.com/leicspolice
- Instagram - [@leicestershire_police](https://instagram.com/leicestershire_police)
- Snapchat – search for leicspolice

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It's not too late to become a cadet



Leicestershire Police Volunteer Police Cadets James and Gurharpreet

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Issued on 14/9/16 at 4:11 p.m.

Did you miss this year's deadline to join the Leicestershire Police's cadet cohort? Why not consider becoming an Emergency Service Cadet.

The force has joined together with the Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service and the East Midlands Ambulance Service to introduce the exciting new Emergency Service Cadet programme.

This is the first programme of its kind in Leicestershire and will include a brand new syllabus, specialist training and the shared ethos of both the volunteer police cadets and fire cadets, all with the full support of the East Midlands Ambulance Service.

The Emergency Services are looking for young people aged between 13 to 17 years, who want to make a positive difference to their community while learning vital skills.

Sergeant Danny Graham, Lead Coordinator for Cadets at Leicestershire Police, said:

“This collaboration is a unique opportunity for young people to immerse themselves in all aspects of the emergency services. You’ll meet like-minded people and gain a wide-ranging experience, with the chance to train in everything from personal safety and crime prevention, to first aid and fire safety.”

The programme aims to:

- promote a greater, practical understanding of the Emergency Services among all young people
- encourage a spirit of adventure and good citizenship, while having fun and making new friends
- support local police, fire and ambulance priorities through volunteering, and give young people a chance to be heard
- inspire young people to participate positively in their communities and build confidence
- challenge young people to improve both their teamwork and leadership skills

Cadets are asked to commit two hours per week to the programme, which will run every Monday evening in Market Harborough, both at the Robert Smyth Academy and the Fire and Rescue Station.

Could you help the Emergency Services deliver and improve the services they provide? The first session is on Monday 19 September from 6-8pm, and will be at the Fire and Rescue Station. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact the [Volunteers in Policing Team](#).

There are also still some spaces in the Leicestershire Police Volunteer Cadet (VPC) programme at the other end of the county, in Melton Mowbray.

The unit at John Ferneley College will meet once a week for two hours and will be taught basic knowledge in a variety of policing activities.

Volunteer Police Cadet Gurharpreet said:

“My family and friends are very proud of me for being part of cadets - it’s a wonderful opportunity and I find it very interesting.”

Volunteer Police Cadets help local policing teams with anything from leaflet drops to festivals, and explore issues around drugs, alcohol and antisocial behaviour.

The first VPC session in Melton Mowbray is being held on Thursday 29 September, from 6-8pm.

If you are interested in either of the cadet programmes, please email the Volunteers in Policing Team - couldyou@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk.

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Chief Constable’s awards honour bravery and commitment

Issued on 14/9/16 at 3:51 p.m.

Leicestershire’s Chief Constable Simon Cole will present awards to police officers, staff, volunteers and cadets this week in recognition of their hard work, dedication and long service.

Members of the public will also receive an award for showing tremendous bravery when helping the police.

Across two days (Thursday 15 and Friday 16 September) Chief Constable’s Commendation Awards will be given to more than 90 people in the presence of police Chief Officers, the Police and Crime Commissioner, the High Sheriff of Leicestershire, the High Sheriff of Rutland, friends and family.

Among those receiving an award are:

- Ex police officer Dave Hall who helped detain a burglar and recover stolen items
- PC Daniel Pattison who helped to safely stop a car driving down the M1 after the driver took ill and lost control of her vehicle. Police call takers Alex Kimber and Steve Bates are also receiving an award for their help with the incident
- The winner of the Leicester Mercury's Beat Bobby of the Year Award PC Gary Bailey
- Angela Sparling who is collecting an award on behalf of her husband Stewart Sparling. Former police officer Stewart died from Motor Neurone Disease (MND) in June 2015. In February of that year he set up the charity Treble One Trust to raise money and awareness of MND
- Sergeant Simon Walters and Sarah Widdowson and PC Laura Nutt and Donna Hyde who developed the 'Cover Up' campaign to reduce seasonal increases in gold chain snatches among Asian women
- The winner of Dedicated Neighbourhood Officer of the Year PC Andy Goadby
- Elizabeth Streets who helped a man that had been stabbed in the street and was able to identify the offender to the police
- Aldona Andrew for 35 years' service with the force

Chief Constable Simon Cole said; "I thoroughly look forward to presiding over the commendation ceremony as they give us all the opportunity to formally celebrate and acknowledge the hard work and dedication displayed by so many people who work or volunteer with the force and the incredible acts of bravery shown by members of the public in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland."

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NORTHFIELDS, TAILBY & MORTON

The Northfields, Tailby and Morton neighbourhood is one of the busiest within the LPU and lies to the east of the city. It is made up of predominantly residential properties and small business units.

There are five schools in the area - Northfields House Primary and Merrydale Infants and Junior Schools, Falcons Primary School and the Leicester Community Islamic Primary and Secondary School.

To find out more about what's happening in your local area read your local station Inspector's monthly update.

Each dedicated neighbourhood team is supported by the [Special Constabulary](#).

Your dedicated neighbourhood team



Sgt Lee Green

Collar number: 931

I joined Leicestershire Police in 1999 and started my career at Keyham Lane Police Station on response.

I have worked at Loughborough, Melton Mowbray, Syston and Rutland in various roles including response, neighbourhood teams and priority unit.

I now look forward to again working on the Charnwood Ward of Keyham Lane with the beat team in tackling community issues.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for Sgt Lee Green by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 0931.



PC Ash Lorgat

Collar number: 2042

I have been with Leicestershire Police as a Police Constable since I joined the service in December 2003. I have always worked in the Leicester city area initially from Asfordby Street Police Station and then Spinney Hill Park, since it opened in 2005. I have mostly worked as a Response Officer throughout my career but also have experience with CID, Immigration and Public Safety work.

I joined the Neighbourhood Policing Team in April 2009 and am very keen to work with the local communities, businesses and schools in the areas. Please feel free to contact me either by email, or in person.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PC Ash Lorgat by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 2042.



PC Martin Rawlings

Collar number: 1122

I joined Leicestershire Police in 2007 and have worked in many roles in my service. I have been in neighbourhood and proactive roles, as well as a Response Officer role within the last few years, working predominantly in the east of the city.

I am new to the Charnwood Ward and am looking forward to this new challenging role. Please say hello to me on my travels, I look forward to talking to you.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PC Martin Rawlings by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 1122.



PC Phillip Smith-Lester

Collar number: 1268

I have worked for Leicestershire Police since 2005. Throughout my police career I have been based at Keyham Lane Police Station. I have worked in a variety of departments including response and local investigation unit.

I am pleased to now be part of the Charnwood beat team as a Beacon Officer and I am looking forward to my role in supporting the community and dealing with any policing issues they may have.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PC Phillip Smith-Lester by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 1268.



PCSO Benjamin Hill

Collar number: 6122

I joined Leicestershire Police as a Police Community Support Officer in 2012. I am now part of the Keyham Lane Police Station neighbourhood team, and I cover the Charnwood area. I really look forward to getting involved with the community.

I am a very approachable person and will often be out and about on my bike, so please stop and say hello, when you see me.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Benjamin Hill by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6122.



PCSO Richard Phillips

Collar number: 6505

I joined Leicestershire Police as a Police Community Support Officer in 2013.

I was originally based at Hinckley Road Police Station but have since moved to Keyham Lane and am part of the Humberstone and Hamilton Safer Neighbourhood Team.

I look forward to working with the local community and addressing any policing issues they may have.

- [Send an email to your neighbourhood team](#)
- Leave a voicemail for PCSO Richard Phillips by calling 101 and follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer. When prompted, key in the identification number 6505.