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Leicester Forest East, Kirby Muxloe and Glenfield Newsletter

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News

E-scooters and the Law -

We are hoping to combat some of the myths about where you can and can't ride e-scooters. While e-scooters are legally available to purchase, it's currently against the law to ride a privately owned e-scooter in any public place in the UK. This includes roads, pavements, parks, town centres or promenades. The only place a privately owned e-scooter can be used is on private land.

This is because e-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs) so they are treated as motor vehicles. As such, if they are used on a road, pavement or public place they are subject to the same legal requirements as any motor vehicle.

It's important to note:

- **If you are caught using an e-scooter illegally then you could face a fine, penalty points on your driving licence or even the loss of your licence.**
- **If you use e-scooters dangerously or while under the influence of drink or drugs then you could be convicted of offences which could lead to a prison sentence.**
- **Offences relating to the standard of driving or speeding also apply and police have the power to seize e-scooters if offences have been committed.**

We understand that e-scooters are very tempting presents, but we would urge people to fully understand the law first. Some people are purchasing e-scooters in the mistaken belief they can legally use them on public paths and roads, this is not the case. Our focus is engaging with members of the community and making them aware of the law regarding e-scooters. Offenders who knowingly and persistently break the law will be dealt with appropriately, whereby the e-scooter will be seized and the rider reported for any offences.

We urge anyone using an e-scooter legally – i.e. on private land – to carefully consider their safety before doing so. All riders should wear a helmet (younger riders particularly) and would benefit from additional protective clothing such as knee and elbow pads to minimise injury.

Crime Update

After community concern raised in Leicester Forest East the beat team with assistance from our response officer colleagues executes a warrant at an address with a positive result. The investigation has started to find those responsible.

Quick Stat

<https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/leicestershire-police/leicester-forest-east-kirby-muxloe-and-glenfield/> is a website that provides crime statistics where you live.

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CRIME UPDATES

#YouSaidWeDid

Please find below updates from your local beat team in relation to the priorities you have raised via Neighbourhood Link:

You Said – Anti-Social Behaviour

We Did – We are currently seeing an increase in calls relating to e-scooters the beat team are patrolling the areas where calls are being received. Any persons found riding are being dealt with appropriately and the scooters seized.

You Said – Vehicle Crime

We Did – As a force catalytic convertor thefts continue to be a priority and we are targeting those who are committing these crimes. The following link explains what is involved in stealing catalytic convertors and how you can best protect yourselves from being victims. <https://www.leics.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/catalytic-converter-theft/>

You Said – Road Safety

We Did – This month we received complaints from residents in relation to speeding in Kirby Muxloe. Our volunteers have been out to a couple of location and completed speed checks. Drivers who were caught speeding have been dealt with appropriately and the beat team will continue to complete speed checks where it is raised as an issue.

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

We are always happy to hear from you. Please email us at hinckleyandblaby.npa@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk or call 101.

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