



Welcome to your Rutland police e-newsletter. Here you will find all of the latest news from a Rutland policing perspective and crime prevention advice to help keep yourself safe.

## News from the Oakham & Barleythorpe team

This month we have been busy targeting drug misuse in and around the area using our powers of stop and search. This has been intelligence led and has resulted in a number of successes. We continue to try and educate users about the dangers of drug use, particularly those who are younger in years, but will not tolerate criminal behaviour and will target those who don't abide by the law.



## Congratulations to....

PC Joe Lloyd, neighbourhood officer for Oakham and Barleythorpe was named Beat Bobby of the Year 2019 at the Chief Constable's Commendations.

He was presented with the Guy Swatland Memorial Trophy.

Joe has been the beat officer for nine years and has a very high profile through his twitter account @Oakhampolice and his presence at many events across the town. He was nominated for the award, which is sponsored by the Leicester Mercury, by many people from school teachers to army veterans and community members.

He is pictured (second left) with Debbie Swatland, Sam Dimmer from the Leicester Mercury and Chief Constable Simon Cole.

One member of the public said: "Joe is a credit to Leicestershire Police and a true asset to Rutland. Thank you for all you do Joe."



## Safer villages campaign



PC Pete Icke reports that Leicestershire Police has recently been involved in a pilot scheme involving seven villages in Rutland.

The 'Safer Villages' scheme, supported by Rutland County Council, aims to reduce rural crime and offer reassurance and support to local communities. Each village signed up to the scheme has chosen a 'champion' to help promote it along with crime prevention strategies and tips on how to protect yourself from becoming a victim of crime.

Champions have also been given a box of crime prevention information and received training to mark up property and offer simple advice to residents.

## Rural Watch

Rural Watch is a free scheme set up to support communities in the fight against rural crime. If you live, work or visit rural communities you are our eyes and ears. Join our police officers and a network of people who share information about crimes in rural areas.

The main aims of the Rural Watch scheme are to reduce local opportunities for crime and vandalism; reinforce community spirit so that everyone can contribute towards the protection of their property; introduce early warning systems in the farming and countryside areas, and improve the intelligence flow between rural communities and police. For more information visit [leics.police.uk/ruralwatch](http://leics.police.uk/ruralwatch)

## News from Caldecott



On Saturday 28 September PCSO Diana Freeman visited Caldecott Village Hall to help security mark residents' bikes, tools and laptops.

In addition, Diana also carried out some home visits, including a farm in the area to security mark some ride on mowers, tools and other machinery.

**The next edition will be out soon!**