Welcome
We are pleased to present the latest edition of the Blaby and Hinckley & Bosworth Community Safety Partnership (CSP) e-newsletter, which will keep you up to date with the work of the partnership and how it is helping to keep individuals and neighbourhoods safer.

In this edition we will be reporting on positive events and activities that have taken place along with safety messages and campaigns.

The CSP brings together a collection of people and organisations that have a real commitment to do everything in their power to have a positive impact on reducing crime, the fear of crime and to work closely alongside local communities in bringing about a sense of safety for all.

The CSP has published a three year Community Safety Strategy which is available for download at http://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk and www.blaby.gov.uk

If you have your own community networks or magazines please feel free to pass on this newsletter or print articles from it.

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Blaby District Council’s BB19 Youth Workers successfully delivered a summer activity programme in partnership with IMPACT, part of the Family & Well Being Service at Leicestershire County Council.

During the School summer holidays, free sports and activities sessions were held at Stoney Stanton Memorial Fields on Tuesdays, Braunstone Town Mossdale Meadows on Wednesdays and Blaby Oakfield Park on Fridays.

The two hour sessions, from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm, were open to all young people in the District aged between 11 and 18 years of age.

The sports workers from IMPACT brought some fantastic equipment along including giant inflatable Street Snooker (right) and Football Tennis.

Small prizes were won following some mini competitions, which proved to be a great hit with the young people.

Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service and local PCSO’s popped along for a kick about, whenever they could, and really got stuck in with the games.

The young people engaged really well with the Police and Fire Fighters and the LFRS vs Youth dodgeball match (left) got very competitive!

Carol Parker, Community Safety & Prevention Team Leader, said “Following this success, BB19 youth workers will continue to build relationships with young people and we are looking to develop some more targeted youth sessions over the coming months.”
SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

Hinckley & Bosworth' Community Safety Team alongside representatives from the fire service and police are working with primary, secondary schools and sixth forms to raise awareness of keeping safe, diversity and vulnerabilities and exploitation.

The workshops have been offered in line with national campaigns focusing on hate crime, alcohol, domestic abuse and anti-bullying.

A number of local primary schools signed up to a Diversity Workshop which works with KS2 pupils aged between 7 years – 11 years old giving them an insight into how every individual is unique and different and questions what the world would be like if we were all the same! Young people take part in a quiz and discussions about how someone might feel if they are a victim of a hate incident and who could they speak to if they are or know of someone being picked on.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Busters Workshop has also proved popular with local schools taking up the offer to book the interactive workshop aimed at pupils aged between 9 and 10 who are in Year 5. Its aim is to highlight areas of concern in their neighbourhood such as littering and graffiti and explains the type of action which can be taken against those who are found to be engaging in anti-social behaviour in the community.

A ‘Safety Crew’ Workshop has also been delivered to the whole of Year 8, (age 12 - 13 years old) at Redmoor Academy in Hinckley and is scheduled to take place in Hastings High School in Burbage. This workshop is being delivered to more local schools and highlights exploitation & vulnerabilities, alcohol, anti-social behaviour, cannabis, healthy relationships and boundaries, graffiti, littering, fly tipping and dog fouling. The workshops enable the young people to be aware of the various high risk situations in which young people can be exploited into and what makes someone vulnerable and the risks and consequences involved.

A Personal Safety Christmas Special provided sixth form students at John Cleveland Sixth Form Centre in Hinckley with messages to help them to stay safe over Christmas. The partnership event saw a variety of agencies coming together to provide information in an interactive way through stalls such as drink & drug awareness, relationships, fire safety and mental health.

For further information on the workshops available please contact Hinckley & Bosworth’s Community Safety on 01455 255746.
After several successful staff picnics at the Council Offices, Blaby District Council’s Community Services Team decided to take The Great Get Together out into the community.

The Great Get Together is inspired by MP Jo Cox, who was murdered on 16 June 2016. Every year, thousands of people up and down the country get together to celebrate kindness, community and respect, and in October Blaby District Council took those values to Cosby for an afternoon of tea and cake.

Kindly hosted by Cosby Community Library, the event was a great way for local residents to come together and chat with people whose paths may not otherwise have crossed.

Staff from the Community Services Team and Housing Officers from EMH Homes mingled with guests, making sure everyone was topped up with tea!

The range of ages was no barrier for conversation and everyone enjoyed the tea and delicious cakes which had been made by one of the volunteers.

The get together proved so successful that some of the guests asked if they could be a regular event at the library.

For more information on the Jo Cox Foundation, visit www.greatgettogether.org
Is Your Vehicle Attracting Thieves?

Don’t let thieves get an easy ride.
Follow some simple rules to help protect your vehicle

1. Lock your vehicle

Locking your vehicle, even when filling up or parked on your drive, greatly reduces the possibility of it being targeted by an opportunist thief. Even if you have locked your vehicle, check the handle and make sure you haven’t left any windows or the sunroof open.

It is actually illegal to leave your vehicle running unattended while you de-ice it or warm it up in cold weather. If someone takes it while it’s left like this, your insurer won’t pay out because you won’t be covered.

2. Keep the keys safe

Vehicles today are by and large more difficult to steal than ever, unless the thief can access your key or fob to clone them.

Keep your keys safe, out of view when at home, and away from your front door. It’s not uncommon for car keys to be stolen from inside your home by thieves fishing for them with a stick and hook through the letterbox.

When not in use, keep your electronic car key in a security pouch or tin to prevent it being scanned by thieves to open and steal your car nearby.

3. Park responsibly

It’s always advisable to avoid parking in dark and secluded areas. It’s worth an extra five or ten-minute walk if it means your vehicle is left in a well-lit and busier street.

And if possible, always try to park in illuminated and staffed car parks or those with a Park Mark safer parking award. To find one, simply check out Park Mark.

4. Fit good in-car security locks

Bear in mind that built-in steering locks aren’t necessarily thief-proof. Many can be forced and broken. Fitting a Sold Secure steering wheel, gear lever or clutch pedal security device can give your vehicle added protection.

5. Double-check electronic locking

Electronic devices can be used to jam the electronic signal from your key fob to lock your vehicle. Always manually check your vehicle has locked before walking away.

If unsure, lock it manually, and then scan the immediate area for anyone hanging around. If a potential thief who’s watching feels they’ve been spotted, they’ll probably move off.

6. Take it with you or hide it

Your mobile phone, coins for the car park, sunglasses, packs of medication or other items that can earn quick cash are irresistible to the opportunist thief.

Remember, the cost of replacing a window is often much more than that of what’s stolen. And it should go without saying that wallets, handbags, purses and credit cards should never be left in an unattended vehicle.
MODERN SLAVERY AWARENESS WEEK

The Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Modern Slavery Action Group held a series of pop-up events across the County to raise awareness of modern slavery.

To coincide with Anti Slavery Day on 18th October, members of the LLR Modern Slavery Action Group (LLRMSAG) and volunteers from partner organisations, including Blaby District and Hinckley and Bosworth Councils, the Police and Soroptimist International, embarked on a week long campaign covering many areas within Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland.

10 locations were carefully selected because of their high footfall. Blaby District Council Community Services Team members volunteered at several locations including Leicester and Melton Markets and the shopping centres at Beaumont Leys and Fosse Park.

It is estimated that at any given time, there are 40.3 million modern slavery victims worldwide.

Earlier this year Leicestershire Police, in collaboration with LLRMSAG, launched a new campaign called ‘know the signs’ to raise awareness about slavery, an under reported crime that preys on the vulnerable. The issue involves a wide range of partners who are also involved in spotting the signs and helping people get out.

For more information on the work of Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Modern Slavery Action Group visit: lirmodernslaveryactiongroup.our.dmu.ac.uk

If you suspect yourself or others around you are being exploited, contact the Modern Slavery Helpline on 0800 121 700 or by reporting online at www.modernslaveryhelpline.org/report.
COMMUNITY LUNCH PROJECT

Blaby District Council’s Community Development, Work & Skills Team launched a new project for local residents.

Organised by Tracy Gaskin, The Blaby District Council Community Development Officer, the Community Lunch Project took place on Shakespeare Close in Braunstone Town.

This particular locality was highlighted as an area for community focus by the Community Safety Partnership and the aim of the project was to bring residents together on a weekly basis and start to build positive and sustainable relationships over a free lunch.

During June and July the EMH Homes tenants of Shakespeare Close were invited to attend a weekly barbeque with some of the food kindly donated by the Fareshare scheme.

The project was supported each week by the Local Area Co-ordinator, Community Services and Leicestershire Police.

Following this project, residents from the locality have now formed the Mossdale Meadows Residents Association.

Tracy supported the residents to become a constituted group with appropriate infrastructure to be able to apply for funding.

Mossdale Meadows Residents Association were successful in achieving their 1st Community Grant funding in December 2019.

For more information on Community Grants visit Community Grants – Blaby District Council
MONTHLY MEDLEY – Cancer Awareness

In September 2019, Earl Shilton Community House, Barwell Community House and Wykin Community House hosted a monthly medley craft event during the McMillan Coffee Morning week.

A large number of people attended as well as residents living in rural areas where work is now taking place with them. The event to raise money for the worthy cause was held at Wykin Club in Hinckley, who held a coffee morning beforehand and left the surplus cakes for the Community House staff to sell which raised £60.

After much chatting and laughing over tea & cake the group led by volunteers Jayne & Mechelle made owl and bird mobiles.

For more information about the activities on offer at any of the Community Houses please call Militza, Rachel or Shirley on 01455 844884

E mail: earlshiltoncommunityhouse@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk
HOUSING, WORK & LIFE SKILLS

Blaby District Council held a networking event to launch the Housing, Work & Life Skills Programme.

The event in September was for providers of services for adults to network and showcase their services. 15 organisations took the opportunity to have a stall at the event, including Leicestershire Adult Learning, Public Health, EMH Lifeline, Hope Project and Victim First.

Over 50 people from different partner agencies attended, including staff from EMH Homes, Department for Work & Pensions, Adult Social Care and Children & Family Wellbeing Service.

Organised by Blaby District Council’s Community Services and Community Development, Work & Skills Teams, the event also launched the new “Housing, Work & Life Skills Programme”.

The programme, offering workshops to any resident of Blaby District, covered topics such as budgeting skills and money management, mindfulness, confidence building and healthy eating.

The bespoke package also aimed to support individuals who were furthest from the labour market into meaningful work experience and employment with sessions on CV writing and mock interviews.

The weekly workshops were free of charge and ran for 8 weeks through October and November.

For more information on future programmes email community.safety@blaby.gov.uk
DOMESTIC ABUSE OUTREACH & WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

With the number of people being killed due to Domestic Abuse at its highest level for 5 years, Blaby District and Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Councils continue to raise awareness and offer advice and support through their Outreach Service.

Over 2 million people in England and Wales experience some form of Domestic Abuse each year, figures show that it is predominantly female victims with male perpetrators. Latest data shows that 173 women were killed by a partner or ex-partner in 2018; this is an increase of 32 deaths on the year before and averages to 3.3 women per week.

The focus again is ‘Stalking’ due to a 40% increase in reports of Stalking and Harassment during the last 2 years across England and Wales.

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services report shows that 75% of the victims were female; predominantly the stalkers were male and on average 21 people are affected in each case (victim’s friends, family, children, work colleagues, partners, neighbours etc.)

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council and Blaby District Council have a dedicated Domestic Abuse Outreach Service which offers free confidential advice, support and advocacy, and signposting to appropriate partner agencies such as local solicitor services for legal advice regarding protection orders etc. It offers free therapeutic women’s groups and a dedicated Children’s Service which supports children who have experienced domestic abuse in the home.

Both Blaby District and Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Councils are proud to support the White Ribbon Campaign and had a number of plans for 16 days of action starting on November 25th. Blaby District Council held an event in the Council Reception to promote White Ribbon, giving out badges and information to visitors (see below)

Whilst the pledge is aimed at taking a stand against violence against women, the work at the Councils also highlights and supports male victims of domestic violence. Blaby District Council offers support to male victims of domestic abuse and victims in both areas can also access United Against Violence and Abuse (UAVA) 0808 802 0028 and Men’s Advice Line 0808 801 0327 info@mensadviceline.org.uk

For more information on the Councils’ Domestic Abuse Outreach Service visit:

www.blaby.gov.uk/domesticabuse
www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/domesticviolence


They decided to encourage men to actively show their opposition by wearing a white ribbon. After only six weeks’ preparation, on November 25th 1991, which is the International Day for the Eradication of Violence Against Women, over 100,000 men wore the ribbon. Since then, the White Ribbon movement has developed internationally and is active in over 60 countries.

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YOUNG DRIVER SAFETY EVENTS

With young drivers (age 17-24) at a much higher risk of crashing* than older drivers Year 12 students from Brookvale Groby Learning Campus and John Cleveland Sixth Form Centre in Hinckley had the opportunity to take part in Young Driver Safety events organised by Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, Leicestershire Fire & Rescue, Leicestershire Police and the Road Safety Partnership to help understand the issues around road safety.

The students from both sixth forms took part in a varied and interactive programme which focused on what not to do when driving, using demonstrations, presentations and interactive displays to illustrate the consequences of ignoring the essential message of don't drink, don't use your phone, don't eat, keep distractions to a minimum and wear a seatbelt.

As well as hearing about the ‘Fatal Four’ causes of car accidents, students tested their reaction whilst wearing vision impairment goggles, experienced a car crash simulator known as the VF4 car, a road legal car which has been transformed, wear virtual reality headsets, make mocktails, measure units of alcohol and take part in a drug and alcohol quiz. The speed awareness team demonstrated a speed camera and spoke about not only safety but also the importance of maintenance and securing your vehicle.

The Fire Service talked through the procedures Fire Fighters follow when extracting an injured person from a vehicle that has been involved in a crash and students watched as they used ‘Jaws of Life’ to safely cut open and remove the doors, boot and roof of a car to enable them access to the victim.

Councillor Michael Mullaney, the Borough Council’s Executive Member for Community Safety said: “These events have been a great success and enabled students to get some hands on experience of the importance of being safe on the road and the effects of drugs, alcohol and mobile phones while driving. This has been down to the strong partnership working between the Borough Council, the school, Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service and the Police which enabled them to work hand in hand and provide invaluable knowledge for students”.

Chris Bugh, Assistant Headteacher at Brookvale Groby Learning Campus said: "The Safer Driving Event is an essential experience for all teenagers new to driving or who are likely to start learning in the near future. The mixture of presentations, hands-on activities and workshops enabled our students to think deeply about the responsibilities of being a driver. The event was hard-hitting and cannot fail to have had an impact, helping to make our roads safer. A massive thank you to the knowledgeable and supportive staff who contributed - you have made a difference."

*Figures taken from Brake, the road safety campaign charity
For further information contact Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council’s Community Safety Team on 01455 255746.
A student being cut out of a car at John Cleveland Sixth Form Centre

Brookvale Groby Learning Campus watching firefighters using the “jaws of life”

Student at John Cleveland Sixth Form Centre testing out the ‘drunk goggles’

Students at Brookvale Groby Learning Campus learning about the effects of alcohol and drugs on the body
ALCOHOL AND ME

Blaby District & Hinckley & Bosworth Councils take part in Alcohol Awareness Week

11th -17th November was Alcohol Awareness Week and Blaby District Council’s Health & Leisure and Community Services Teams campaigned to get staff to think about their drinking habits and make some changes while Hinckley & Bosworth’s Community Safety Team held an awareness stall at Hinckley Leisure Centre.

The theme of the week was “Alcohol and Me” and it explored the impact that alcohol can have on our bodies, our lives and those we love.

The campaign involved daily messages on staff intranet and social media and culminated with a free drink giveaway on Friday lunchtime! (alcohol free, of course)

Some of the tips shared included having drink free days, keeping a drink diary and downloading the Try Dry app, a smartphone app that allows you to track your drinking.

Staff got to see how many units of alcohol were in their favourite drinks and try out the “beer goggles”

Friday’s free drink giveaway was an opportunity for staff to sample alcohol free drinks to see if they would buy them in the future. Beer, cider and sparkling wine were on offer and the “Nosecco” proved to be surprisingly popular!

As a reward for taking part they got to choose one of the beers and ciders to take home.

For more information on Alcohol & Me visit www.alcoholchange.org.uk
SHARE THE ROAD CAMPAIGN

A new road safety campaign ‘Share the Road’ was launched last year to raise awareness about keeping everyone safe on the roads.

The campaign led by Leicestershire Police focuses on anyone that uses the roads and encourages people to treat each other respectfully. The aim of the campaign is for everyone to share the road and how they should behave on the road whether they ride a horse, drive a car, ride a bike or are a road runner and reduce the number of road traffic collisions. Leicestershire Police have consulted with professionals from a number of partners who are supporting the campaign such as The British Horse Society, British Triathlon and Cycling UK.

Specific messages are:

Ramblers and runners:
- Always face oncoming traffic so that you can see what is coming towards you.

Cyclists:
- Make your intentions clear and signal to other road users when you intend to turn, giving plenty of notice before manoeuvring.

Horse riders:
- Be seen, be safe. If you are riding make sure you are wearing reflective and noticeable clothing at all times.

Car drivers:
- Pass cyclists, horse riders, runners, wide and slow. The recommended distance is 1.5 metres.

Lorry drivers:
- Take caution when over-taking

Outside schools:
- Zig zags are there to allow an unrestricted view for drivers and pupils crossing the road, please abide by them.

Tractors:
- Inevitably slow moving vehicles will cause a tailback on public roads. It is important for the driver to pull over when appropriate to do so, to allow traffic to pass at the earliest opportunity.

Buses:
- Keep yourself and other road users safe by keeping a safe separation distance between you and the vehicle in front; this will allow you to stop in time if the vehicle in front stops suddenly.

Motorbikes:
- Read the road ahead and look for particular clues as to how the road will bend. For example, look at the tree line, the path of telegraph poles and hedges or buildings at the side of the road.

Find out more on www.leics.police.uk/sharetheroad
#ShareTheRoad
EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME

The UK government has reached an agreement with the EU that will protect the rights of EU citizens and their family members living in the UK.

These agreements mean that most citizens from the EU, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland will need to apply to stay in the UK.

Blaby District Council Community Services Team members, Rachel Jagatia and Keely Morris, have been promoting the scheme amongst EU citizens living in Blaby District by contacting a number of organisations and businesses, including GP surgeries, schools, care homes, leisure centres and migrant help.

They have attended networking events and held a presentation for all Blaby District Council staff members, raising awareness and providing information that can be disseminated to service users and partner agencies.

The EU Settlement Scheme is open and the deadline for residents to apply is 31st December 2020 if the UK leaves the EU without a deal or 30th June 2021 if the UK secures a withdrawal deal.

For more information go to www.gov.uk/brexit
BLACK ROSES EVENTS

The Community Safety Partnership highlights the dangers of hate crime

Twelve years after her daughter Sophie’s death, Sylvia Lancaster OBE is still campaigning to stamp out prejudice and intolerance towards people from alternative subcultures.

Sophie was 20-years-old when she and her boyfriend Rob Maltby were attacked in a Lancashire park in 2007. As a result of her severe head injuries Sophie never regained consciousness and died 13 days later. Following her death, Sylvia created a lasting legacy for her daughter by setting up The Sophie Lancaster Foundation.

During anti-bullying week in November 2019 two representatives from The Sophie Lancaster Foundation, Dena Payne and Odette Freeman, were at Brookvale Groby Learning Campus in Hinckley & Bosworth and Winstanley College in Blaby as part of events organised by Blaby & Hinckley & Bosworth Community Safety Partnership and Leicestershire Police that aimed to raise awareness of hate incidents and hate crime among young people. Students learnt about the devastating impact hate crimes can have on people’s lives, not only on the victims but also on their families, friends and the wider community.

Around 500 year 9 & 10 pupils were shown the moving film “Black Roses, The Killing of Sophie Lancaster” which intercuts Sylvia’s recollections of her daughter with first-person poetry written by English poet, playwright and novelist Simon Armitage.

After the screening, a question and answer panel (right) including Dena and Odette from the Foundation, Inspector Emma Maxwell, Sgt Ian Tuckwood and Isla Dixon, Hate Crime Officer from Leicestershire Police and Julian Robertson, Victim Contact Officer for LCC’s Children & Family Wellbeing Service offered students and staff the chance to discuss the topic of hate crime.

Greg Godwin, Acting Senior Deputy Headteacher at Brookvale Groby Learning Campus (BGLC) said: “Being able to share Sophie Lancaster’s story with our students was incredibly powerful. It is so important for young people growing up in a complex world to understand that hate crimes exist on our doorstep.

It taught our students about how, despite the lessons learned from history, that prejudice and hate still exists in the world and in our country. By raising their awareness, students at BGLC have learned that being different is not something to be feared or loathed, but to be appreciated and understood. Our students didn’t shy away from this tragic story, but faced the impact of the prejudiced actions of a minority head on in order to learn the importance of empathy with all people.”

Sgt Ian Tuckwood of Leicestershire Police said: “This was an incredibly emotional event with a powerful message. Having the representatives from the Sophie Lancaster Foundation with their first-hand knowledge of Sophie, her family and the impact of these tragic events had on everyone provided real insight for the students. It allowed them to ask questions and get a full understanding of the effect that hate crime and intolerance has on those involved but also the wider community.

Leicestershire Police would encourage everyone to report hate crime and play their part in eradicating it from our society.”
Annabel Roberts, Assistant Head of School at Winstanley College said: “This was an incredibly powerful and moving morning. The students were deeply affected and motivated to work together to stamp out hatred and intolerance.

The panel was highly skilled at presenting this powerful message in a positive light to empower young people to make a more tolerant society.”

Odette Freeman said of Winstanley College: “It was our absolute pleasure working with such a welcoming and well-organised school. The expertise of our fellow panel members helped make it a memorable day with thought-provoking and intuitive questions from the pupils.”

Isla Dixon, Hate Crime Officer for Leicestershire Police added: “I was delighted to be part of these events to raise awareness of hate crime and the impact it has on victims, their families and communities and society as a whole.

The effects of hate crime can be devastating and far reaching so education is essential if we are to encourage young people to become ‘upstanders’ rather than ‘bystanders’.”

Carol Parker, Community Safety and Prevention Team Leader at Blaby District Council who organised the events, said: “After the great response from Countesthorpe College students last year, we are proud to have been able to bring Black Roses back to the district.

All of the students in attendance get the chance to see how lives can be devastated and changed forever because of bullying and hate. They showed a fantastic attitude and asked important questions to the panel.”

For more information visit www.sophielancasterfoundation.com
HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH’S COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

During the festive season Hinckley & Bosworth’s Community Safety Partnership gave out a series of messages throughout December providing advice and raising awareness on crime prevention and issues that may affect our communities.

In partnership with Hinckley Police, Market Bosworth Police, Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service, Hinckley Bid, Neighbourhood Watch and Hinckley Academy messages and videos were put out on Facebook and Twitter on a range of issues such as vehicle crime and burglary, looking out for elderly, frail or vulnerable neighbours, donating to foodbanks, buying safely online, wellbeing tips, recycling and getting home safely after a night out.

This year’s annual campaign was launched on Friday 22nd November at Hinckley’s Christmas light switch on and members of Hinckley & Bosworth’s Community Safety & Housing Team and Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service were on hand to give out crime prevention advice and personal safety information. This included helpful tips on keeping safe when using candles and Christmas tree decorations and giving out free battery candles, light timers and window latches to prevent burglaries.

Woody Nickit, the Partnership’s animated character (below) made an appearance and Streetvibe Young People’s Service was also on hand during the Christmas light switch on weekend providing detached youth work in the town centre.

The Partnership were also out at Hinckley Academy & JCC Sixth Form, Hastings High School and Redmoor Academy promoting sensible drinking, highlighting the risks of substance misuse and anti-social behaviour and healthy relationships, engaging with over 350 pupils.

Taxi marshals were also working in the town centre on key nights over Christmas to ensure that people waiting for a taxi got home safely.

To report a crime or suspicious activity people are urged to call the police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

In an emergency where life is in danger or crime is in progress always call 999.
CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Blaby District Council delivers festive cheer!

On the run up to Christmas Blaby District Council put out an appeal to staff to donate items for Christmas hampers.

This appeal has run for a few years now and this year the support has been overwhelming with more than 20 hampers being filled.

Staff donated what they could, whether it be a few tins or an entire family sized hamper. Some departments clubbed together to fill boxes with non perishable food items, toiletries and Christmas goodies!

Local businesses also got involved, with two enormous hampers very generously donated by 4CSoftware, one of which is pictured above.

The hampers are destined for clients of the Blaby District Council’s Community Services Team.

Support Services Team Leader Ian Parry said “The generosity of the staff this year has been incredible, I can’t thank them enough. Some families and individuals find this time of year very stressful. Hopefully the hampers will help alleviate some of the worry for them.”

Blaby District Council is already a collection point for the Trussell Trust with donations from staff going to the Trust’s foodbank in Countesthorpe.

For more information on the work of the Trussell Trust visit www.trusselltrust.org