

# Anstey Newsletter @CharnwoodNPA

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## **Meet the Team**



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# **July Priorities**

**Drugs:** We have received reports of cannabis being smoked at locations in the village. As well as being illegal and harmful to health, this is highly antisocial to other people in the neighbourhood. We are working to tackle these problems.

**Parking:** We have received reports of the parking of vehicles causing an obstruction at two locations in the village. We are working to identify long term solutions to these problems

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

We are keen to reinvigorate our local Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and Sgt Chris Wharton is working on a project to review our current position and to identifying key local contacts who he will liaise with to bring the scheme back to the fore and make it fit for purpose of supporting our local communities.

## **Neighbourhood link**

We would like to encourage residents in Charnwood to sign up to Neighbourhood Link, this is a free service and allows us to keep you better informed, further details at <a href="https://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk/sign-up">www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk/sign-up</a> This will be the primary method of distributing beat newsletters.

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## **Vehicle Crime**

Don't let thieves get an easy ride. Follow these simple rules to protect your car:

#### 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 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 to prevent it being scanned by thieves to open and steal your car nearby. Free anti-scanning pouches are available from Charnwood Borough Council.

#### 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, 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. 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.

#### 7. Watch for illegal tow trucks

Thieves often attempt to lift vehicles from the street, literally. So, if you see a towaway crew acting suspiciously – especially if their vehicle isn't branded or if they're not in uniform – then please report it immediately.

As with every report of suspicious behaviour made in good faith, we'll never blame anyone for calling us if it proves unfound-

## **Events**

We would like to meet you and listen to any concerns or queries you may have. Please come along and see us at one of the following locations on the below dates:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 11:00-12:00 Clara's Café Anstey

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 18:00-19:00 Newtown Linford Police Box

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 17:00-18:00 Rothley Library

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 14:00-15:00 Peppercorns Anstey

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