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Leicester Forest East, Kirby Muxloe and Glenfield Newsletter

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News

Force takes part in national surrender scheme to keep dangerous weapons off street

Leicestershire Police is supporting a national surrender, led by the Home Office, which will see members of the public financially compensated for handing in offensive weapons and firearms.

Starting 10 December and running until 9 March, the surrender scheme has been launched following the introduction of the Offensive Weapons Act – banning possession of specific offensive weapons and firearms in households. All 43 police forces across the country are taking part in the scheme, which asks for 22 types of offensive weapons, rapid firing rifles and ammunition, to be surrendered to police.

The offensive weapons include flick knives, zombie knives, batons, knuckledusters and belt buckle knife. For a full list and description visit the [guidance on the Government website](#). Lawful owners will then be able to claim compensation for the items in most cases. In order to claim compensation, owners of any items on the offensive weapons list must ensure the item is safely wrapped and boxed before bringing to a police station with a completed compensation form. The form can also be found on the [Government website](#).

The list of stations and opening times for dropping off weapons in Leicester and Leicestershire is below:

Hinckley Police Station – Mon – Fri 9am – 2pm/2:45-6pm Sat – 9am – 3pm

Braunstone Police Station – Mon – Fri – 10am – 4pm

Claim for compensation must be made at the same time as surrendering the weapon. These will be passed on by forces for process by the Home Office.

Compensation will not be given for any weapons not included in the surrender. Leicestershire Police has already made contact with legal owners of the firearms listed to arrange for a surrender of the item. Anyone who has not been contacted should call 101 to arrange for the item to be collected from an address. These should not be bought into stations. For more information on the surrender scheme visit the [guidance on the Government website](#).

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

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 –

Over the last few weeks there has been talk around the community of burglaries in Leicester Forest East and Kirby Muxloe. We have had a small number across the beat and these are currently being investigated by our CID teams and the local beat team have been focussing on the areas most effected. We have also had support from officers on Op Salix which is a proactive patrols operation across Hinckley and Blaby Neighbourhood Policing Area in relation to burglaries.

We have also had reports of car doors being tried in Glenfield following CCTV footage being provided the beat team are looking to ID the persons responsible. We would encourage everyone to check their vehicles are secure before locking up for the night and removing all valuables from inside.

Crime Prevention

Give burglars nowhere to hide

Burglars don't want to be seen or heard and if they think they'll be noticed by a neighbour or passer-by, they'll probably move on. Here's some advice on helping keep burglars out by giving them no hiding place.

Keep it visible

You'd think that it would be best to make a property less visible from the street, and to keep it hidden from prying eyes behind overgrown bushes, trees, high fences or walls. In reality, all that this serves to do is make it easier for a burglar to get close to a home unnoticed, and provide somewhere to hide while carrying out a burglary or theft from the property.

1. Lower fences at the front around one-metre high are preferable to high fences as they allow for a clear view over the top and don't provide cover for anyone wishing to hide.
2. At the rear and sides, taller fencing is recommended to prevent easy access.
3. Trellis, thorny plants, or a suitable anti-climb topping such as plastic spikes make it difficult for anyone climbing over a fence or gate.
4. Planting prickly or barbed shrubbery along boundaries and fence lines acts as an effective natural barrier.
5. Gravel driveways and paths will make sure you hear anyone approach.

For more information on creating a boundary, [visit our advice on burglary](#).

Your Beat Team

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