



Melton Mowbray Policing Area – November 2011 “Blog”



I managed to sneak a 2 week holiday in at the end of last month but it was encouraging to return to see some excellent work by my staff. I will highlight some of the cases towards the end.

Firstly I want to talk about road safety; I often get letters from across the Borough about speeding and we operate an ongoing operation to tackle this in the areas where data shows us there is a problem. Earlier this month we took part in two clinics called 'The Fatal 4' where we supported the traffic department and the Road Safety Partnership to educate drivers about using their mobile phones, not wearing their seatbelts, speeding and drink drive. Far too many people are killed or seriously injured for us to sit back and do nothing. Some proactive work by all partners have seen real reductions in those killed or seriously injured in the last 3 years. The first clinic was run in Bottesford and some of the Vale villages such as Harby and the second was in Melton itself on Nottingham Road. Below is taken from the Melton Times regarding Tuesday's event and makes interesting reading:-

A road safety campaign highlighting the four main causes of fatal and serious crashes came to Melton on Tuesday and caught more than 40 people not wearing a seatbelt.

One motorist pulled over by police was arrested for drink driving and had his Land rover seized. He was also found to be displaying an 08 tax disc. Another driver, who had to be chased by officers after failing to stop, was subsequently arrested for carrying an offensive weapon.

The county-wide 'Fatal Four' initiative, launched in June, has seen officers cracking down on drink driving, speeding, driving while using a mobile phone and failing to wear a seatbelt.

Officers from Leicestershire police's Road Policing Unit have been visiting locations around the county, stopping drivers who commit one of the 'Fatal Four' offences.

The campaign's emphasis is on education rather than enforcement (unless they are driving while over the alcohol limit).

As an alternative to prosecution offending drivers and passengers are given the option of completing a road safety awareness session, including watching a road safety video highlighting the potential consequences of their actions, and being given road safety advice.

Officers stopped drivers near the former Melton Council offices in Nottingham Road on Tuesday.

During the morning 48 vehicles were stopped, of which 46 drivers or passengers were not wearing seatbelts - an offence which would normally carry a £60 fine.

One tourer motorbike rider was pulled over for not displaying an 'L' plate and another driver got a warning for having an unsafe load and no number plate on his trailer.

Further inspection of vehicles resulted in officers fining one driver for having faulty brake lights, another was caught driving with no MOT and two bald tyres. Another driver who only had a provisional license and had no MOT got six penalty points and had his vehicle seized

Monday's clinic in Bottesford resulted in one driver being given a Fixed Penalty Notice for no insurance, one was warned about his number plate, 9 drivers were warned regarding speeding, 18 were not wearing seat belts which included- 2 passengers and 16 drivers with the oldest male being 82 and the oldest female 72, youngest male was 22 and youngest female was 32. This shows that this crosses all the age boundaries.

Outside of this initiative officers from this LPU have also been to Asfordby Hill, Thorpe Rd, Sherrard Street, Leicester Rd and Nottingham Road. Fixed penalty tickets have been issued to 6 drivers using their mobile phones, one for parking on

zig zags next to a pedestrian crossing, one for running a red light and one for a seatbelt offence. Six vehicles were found with faults and given rectification notices.

The drink drive campaign will be starting and I would urge you to put road safety high on your agenda so someone doesn't find their Christmas is ruined by the Police bringing bad news to loved ones.

On the crime front officers have been active in the rural locations targeting travelling criminality again with some great arrests and disruption. 2 males were arrested and are now on bail after taking scrap from a skip in Waltham, 2 likely lads from Bingham who came up with the most incredulous story so far 'we are looking for mushrooms' had their vehicle seized for no insurance, other unscrupulous scrap vans were also targeted.

Some great work was done after a burglary at Tescos on Thorpe Road. Three men have been charged and appeared at court following the offence on 15/10/2011

Michael Marchant and Aaron Broster pleaded guilty to stealing alcohol, toiletries, computer equipment, electrical and household goods and SIM cards to the value of £1205.35

Michael Marchant received a community order where he must comply with the following requirements by 15/11/2012:

Curfew Requirement: Be under a curfew for 4 months. Start date 16/11/2011. End date 16/03/2012. Offender to remain at Myst Lodge, 15 - 17 Nottingham Road, Melton Mowbray LE13 9NP from 8pm until 7am daily.,

The defendant is to be electronically monitored from 16/11/2011 to 16/03/2012 to ensure compliance with the following requirements: to remain indoors at Myst Lodge, 15 - 17 Nottingham Road, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0NP from 8pm until 7am daily.,

Unpaid Work Requirement: Carry out unpaid work for 150 hours within the next twelve months. This work will be supervised by Probation Officer.

Aaron Broster also received a community order where he must comply with the following requirements by 15/11/2012:

Programme Requirement: Participate in Thinking Skills at Probation Office for 26 days. for no more than 26 sessions,

Supervision Requirement: Attend appointments with Probation Officer or another person at such times and places as the supervisor says. for 12 months,

Unpaid Work Requirement: Carry out unpaid work for 50 hours within the next twelve months. This work will be supervised by Probation Officer.

Adam Wright failed to attend court and a warrant was issued and he was arrested last weekend and will appear at court.