

Crime Down 12.2% across Leicestershire -- '1,104 less victims of burglary this year', say Police

Latest year end figures from Leicestershire Constabulary, which were issued Wednesday April 6, 2011, revealed that the number of crimes recorded locally is down by -12.2% compared to the same point last year. This amounts to 9,980 fewer victims of crime.

The end of year figures show that Leicestershire Constabulary has met and exceeded all of the crime reduction targets agreed with Leicestershire Police Authority in last year's Policing Plan.

There have been falls in police recorded offences of burglary from homes (20.1%), theft of motor vehicles (-16.2%) robbery offences (-24.3%) and a significant reduction (-30.8%) in racially/religiously aggravated crime.

With the exception of only six individual crime types, all other recorded crime categories have decreased compared to the previous year. Exceptions include recorded rises of 37 recorded incidents (+ 1.40%) for possession of all drugs and 105 recorded incidents (+4.80%) of possession of cannabis, which are demonstrative of increased police action to tackle drug crime.

The total number of anti-social behaviour (ASB) incidents reported to police has reduced by 19.8% compared to previous years, equal to a reduction of 9,437 incidents. The largest single area of change is the reduction in the number of calls for Rowdy or Inconsiderate Behaviour which has reduced by 23.3% or 6,839 incidents.

There have been small numerical rises with large percentage changes for the ASB categories of Malicious Communications (up 17.5% from 1,533 to 1,801), Noise (up 16.8% from 637 to 744) and Prostitution (up 11.2% from 187 to 208).

Inspector Luke Russell of the Leicestershire Constabulary Operational Intelligence Bureau said: "We are pleased to have exceeded the targets set by the Police Authority, but we are not complacent. More work will be carried out in the coming days, weeks and months to further reduce crime and anti-social behaviour."

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