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News

Changes to the Highway Code

The UK government are making 3 very important changes to the Highway Code, which will affect all road users. These changes will come into effect on 29 January and include:

- 1) New hierarchy of road users prioritising pedestrians and then cyclists over other road users
- 2) Priority for cyclists over cars when cars are turning
- 3) Pedestrians having priority over cars at junctions plus changes to cyclist positioning to ensure better visibility

More information and details of the changes here: [Table of changes to The Highway Code \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

RULE H1: NEW HIERARCHY OF ROAD USERS

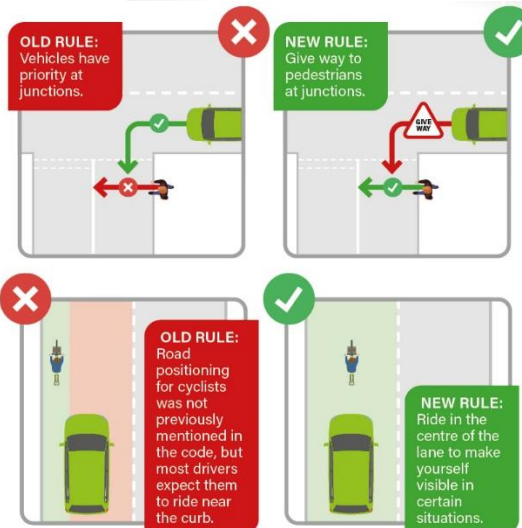
Drivers of vehicles that can cause the greatest harm in the event of collision bear the greatest responsibility to take care and reduce the danger to others. This principle applies most strongly to drivers of HGVs, LGVs, cars/taxis and motorcycles. Cyclists and horse riders have a responsibility to reduce danger to pedestrians.

RULE H2: NEW PRIORITY FOR PEDESTRIANS AT JUNCTIONS

Drivers, motorcyclists and cyclists should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which you are turning. You should give way to pedestrians waiting at a zebra crossing (currently it's only if they're already crossing), and to pedestrians and cyclists waiting to cross a parallel crossing.

RULE H3: PRIORITY FOR CYCLISTS WHEN CARS ARE TURNING

You should not cut across cyclists, horse riders or horse-drawn vehicles going ahead when you are turning into or out of a junction or changing direction or lane. You should give way whether they are using the road, a cycle lane or cycle track. Do not turn at a junction if to do so would cause the cyclist, horse rider or horse-drawn vehicle going straight ahead to stop or swerve. You should stop and wait for a safe gap if necessary.



More News from Leicestershire Police

Further current news from Leicestershire Police can be viewed by visiting our website - <https://leics.police.uk/news-appeals>

Crime in you area

<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.

CRIME UPDATES - #YouSaidWeDid -Please find below updates from your local beat team in relation to the priorities you have raised via Neighbourhood Link:

You Said – Anti-Social Behaviour

We Did – Last month saw few reports of Anti-Social behaviour across the beat with beat team continuing to patrol hotspots and key areas. The beat team are working with local housing associations to jointly work on neighbour issues that have arisen over the last month.

You Said – Vehicle Crime

We Did – This issue continues to be prevalent in the area and as such we encourage residents to lock their cars and remove their belongings to help prevent the issue. Those with motor bikes and mopeds should take extra precautions to lock their vehicle to a suitable ground anchor and not leave the vehicle visible from the road where possible. The beat team are working hard to identify those responsible for recent vehicle crime.

You Said – Road Safety

We Did – At the end of January the junction of Ratby Lane and Desford Road in Kirby Muxloe was closed due to roadworks for the second time. After engagement between police, county council and contractor’s further signage was put in place. This appears to have been successful with a very few reports taken of lorries driving through the village. These closures have since been lifted.

You Said – Residential Burglary

We Did – At the start of January we had a small number of burglaries in Leicester Forest East and Glenfield. Enquires are still ongoing with these to track down the perpetrators. Having CCTV systems and Doorbell cameras helps us greatly in capturing what goes on in your local area.

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

We are always happy to hear from you. Please email us at hinckleyandblaby.npa@leics.police.uk or call 101.

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