

Melton Police Station

King Street

Melton Mowbray

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Dear Melton Borough Council,

I wanted to write to you to let you know that since the modernisation of the Melton Town CCTV it has greatly assisted the Police.

So far, we have been able to tackle Anti-Social behaviour, take enforcement action, deter, and detect crime. We have also been able to work on Police and Safer Melton Partnership priorities.

As you are aware the old system was over 26 years old and the technology was obsolete, and prone to breaking down. Although based at the station Officers were unable to access to recover evidence in a timely fashion and the quality was often poor and not satisfactory for an investigation let alone a prosecution.

Since the pandemic volunteers who had staffed the CCTV for our busy time periods and night time economy had ceased to come in for their own safety. This meant there was nobody monitoring and therefore any chance of pro-active policing supported by the CCTV was non-existent.

With the introduction of the new CCTV officers have access to the CCTV and control 24/7 and 365 days a year. This does not only assist day to day policing, but also with access for our investigation teams who may need to recover vital evidence out of core hours.

The CCTV system has already seen success around locating a vulnerable male who had been reported as missing and safeguarding was put in place quickly, identification of youths causing Anti-Social Behaviour around the town enabling us to use the evidence to support the incremental approach.

We have been able to use the system to introduce hotspot policing linked to the Night time economy and collate information and intelligence around those that cause the borough the most harm.

As an active part of Melton BID I know the system has increased confidence around the town and is working well to support the SMART scheme and Pub watch.

















On a personal level and as a member of the community I also feel safer knowing the CCTV is up to date and monitored by the control room.

I know the new system has gone a long way towards increasing public confidence and we are looking forward to using the system to its maximum capabilities over the future months.

Kind Regards,

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