



# The Parish Pen



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Welcome to the latest edition of the Parish Pen, the official voice of Glenfield Parish Council. If you have any concerns, questions or ideas that you wish to bring to the council’s attention do contact the Clerk through the office, details above, or alternatively contact us through our website ‘contact us’ page.

Lee Breckon JP, Chairman

## Another Smart Answer

The village of Glenfield is to be officially declared a Smartwater area on 1 October 2008.

In the latest initiative between Glenfield Parish Council and the village’s Local Policing Unit, Glenfield residents will be able to take advantage of a Smartwater scheme.



### What is Smartwater?

Smartwater provides a forensic link between an owner and their property. It is a clear fluid which is quickly and easily applied to property, which it will not harm. Each Smartwater system contains a unique DNA-style forensic code which is simply dabbed onto your valuables. Each code is stored on a secure database together with the owners’ details. Thus the owners and their property are identifiable. Once dry Smartwater is virtually impossible to remove and the merest trace will glow under ultra-violet.

The identification of Smartwater provides an irrefutable link between the criminal, the crime scene, the property and the owner.

### Why is there a Smartwater initiative in Glenfield?



Of late, Glenfield has suffered from an increase in burglaries. The initiative is intended to cut that number.

Where Smartwater is being used as part of crime prevention police forces are achieving a reduction of up to 84% in burglaries. When Smartwater has been used in evidence the conviction rate has been 100%. Smartwater is being used by 95% of our Police Forces.

Thieves know about Smartwater. They hate it. They cannot beat it.

### Whose scheme is it?

Glenfield Parish Council is the main sponsor of the scheme which is being developed in partnership with the Local Policing Unit, Blaby District Policing Unit and through them, Leicestershire Constabulary. It will be managed through the offices of Glenfield Parish Council.

### Where in Glenfield will the area be?

It has been decided that the whole village should be designated a “Smartwater Area”. To make this obvious and visible, large signs will be placed at the borders of the village. Glenfield Gazette are kindly providing these signs. We thank them for their support.

### What will it cost me?

The Parish Council, who are providing the Smartwater, would like a contribution of £15 per vial.

### Can I go it alone?

Individuals can approach Smartwater to purchase vials directly from them. As this would be outside our scheme the cost would be over £50 per vial.

### How do I join the scheme?

If you live in Glenfield or your business is here, just contact Glenfield Parish Council to obtain your equipment. Full details of how to use



your home coding system are supplied, together with the Smartwater and stickers to show that your property is protected. If you have any concerns about applying the Smartwater then help is available from Glenfield’s Police Community Volunteers, call 07902038687.

## New Police Officer

PC Matt Turner has joined Glenfield's Local Policing Unit. PC Turner replaces Mike Cawley who has been promoted to Sergeant and has moved to Market Harborough.



PC Turner has served Leicestershire Constabulary for seven years as a uniformed response officer, working out of the Hinckley Policing Unit, although he has been on secondments to the CID at Beaumont Leys where he dealt with vehicle crime. Glenfield Parish Council welcomes PC Turner.



PCSO Peter Chapman continues in his role, providing a wealth of knowledge about Glenfield.

## Glorious Glenfield

We congratulate Mr and Mrs Sansome, Mrs Campton and the Gynsill Restaurant who were the main prize winners in the 2008 Glenfield Garden Competition.

Once again the judges were faced with a difficult task with many gardens providing high quality floral displays that enhanced the village and nearly 30 highly commended or commended certificates were issued.

The main trophies were presented by Lynn Adlam, Vice-Chair of Council, at the Glenfield Gardeners' Association Show. Glenfield Parish Council thanks the association for its support in the competition.

## New Councillors and Staff

We are pleased to announce that John Lawrie has been co-opted on to Glenfield Parish Council as a member for North Ward. Councillor Lawrie can be contacted, in the first instance, via the parish council office.

Mr T Furnival has been promoted to Head Groundsman following the departure of Mr M White, who has emigrated to Australia with his new bride.

We welcome Mr R Paling who has joined Glenfield Parish Council team as a groundsman. Mr Paling brings with him a wealth of experience in horticulture and will be a strong addition to our team.

## Bikers Beware

There has been a series of thefts and attempted thefts of motor bikes, within Glenfield. In many of the cases garage doors have been forced open, or attempts made to open the garage doors, and in all cases motor bikes have been involved.

Please ensure that your motor bike is securely locked, even if it is in your garage.

## Why?

Whilst vandalism within Glenfield has greatly reduced over recent years, regrettably we have to report that one of the traditional and long standing seats on Ellis Park has been so badly vandalised that it has had to be removed.

On Wednesday, 27 August 2008 a group of 4, two males and two females, went to the seat, which was to the rear of the multi-user games area, to have a bit of a drinking session. They were joined



by three other males. Having spent about an hour enjoying themselves, two of the group decided to break the seat. They attempted to smash the top of the seat by throwing it down on to a nearby footpath. The legs were destroyed and thus the seat has had to be removed, in the interests of safety.

The whole process was recorded on CCTV and enquiries are being made to apprehend the culprits. If you have any further information, or were one of the group, then please contact Glenfield Parish Council.

## Sports and Leisure Development

We thank those residents who took the time to complete one of our consultation forms regarding the proposed activities area within the Millennium Green.

The comments made have been analysed and noted and the results published. We were pleased that most people were very positive about the installation of a range of fun-fitness equipment. An order for the development was issued at the beginning of September 2008 and the work should be completed during the next couple of months.

## Councillor Vacancies

There are still three vacancies for parish councillors at Glenfield Parish Council. If you are interested in joining our pro-active team then please contact the Clerk.

## Latest News

Our newsletter is published four times per year. However, you can get the latest news and much more information from our website at:  
[www.leicestershireparishcouncils.org/glenfield](http://www.leicestershireparishcouncils.org/glenfield)

## Congratulations

We congratulate Glenfield's Police Community Volunteers on receiving their Apex award. For further information about the volunteers please visit our website or call Joan Jordan on 07902038687.