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## Police appeal for drink drive help

**LEICESTERSHIRE** Constabulary's Road Policing Unit wants your help to identify and catch drink and drug drivers this summer.

As part of the Force's annual Summer Drink and Drug Driving Campaign, which launched on Sunday June 1, members of the public are being urged to call the police to pass on information about anyone driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Calls can be made to Leicestershire Constabulary's non-emergency number 0116 222 222, or in an emergency, when lives are at risk, to 999.

However, this summer the Road Policing Unit is also launching its own dedicated answering machine on which members of the public can leave information, anonymously if they wish, about persistent drink or drug drivers.

The number is 0116 248 2617. This will not result in an immediate police response, but it will help officers to build up intelligence on persistent offenders so that targeted operations can be planned to catch them.

Inspector Vivienne Henchley, commander of the Road Policing Unit, said: "This year we want to encourage members of the public to report drink and drug drivers by increasing the ways in which they can contact us."

## CHARLOTTE'S SMILES TO GET DEDICATED FUND-RAISING TEAM IN TOWN

# TOWN BOOST FOR CHARITY

A CHARITY called Charlotte's Smiles, which provides fun activities and parties for children with cancer, is soon to get a dedicated fund-raising team up and running in Coastville.

The charity has been going for six months and has organ-

ised a number of activities for children.

The charity was formed in memory of Meg Ashby a step daughter Charlotte Coates who

died from a rare form of cancer neuroblastoma in December 2006 aged 6.

Children with cancer have long and harsh treatments that interfere with normal school, social and family life.

The aim is to give the children something to smile about when they are well and something to look forward to when they are ill.

A special fund-raising event is being held at the end of June which will be a Royal Ascot day at the George and Dragon at Thrapstone on June 21. Organised by Angela from www.smiles.com

Tickets cost £40 or £25 with a wheelchair card and include £20 fun money for Ascot live, champagne and canapés on arrival at the hotel and an evening buffet and casino. There will also be a raffle and charity auction.

### Accepted

The charity has been accepted by Avonbeaver as the local charity to benefit from the proceeds of the loyalty cards, issued by shops in Coastville. Customers with the loyalty cards can get a discount at a number of shops and food outlets in Coastville, Ashby and Loughborough.

When a customer buys a card in Coastville the charity gets a welcome donation.

The first meeting of the Coastville team is June 13 at the West End club at 8pm. Any one interested in coming along to find out more is welcome. Telephone 01530 239323 for more information.

For tickets for the fund-raising event telephone 07766107864.

For information about Charlotte's Smiles telephone 01530236633.



A child pictured at one of the activities. CNP

## Council backs bike initiative

IN SUPPORT of National Bike Week, running June 16 to June 23, North West Leicestershire District Council is encouraging council employees to bike to work.

It will also be holding a cycle challenge for staff at the Hermitage Leisure Centre.

Leicestershire residents to get behind Bike Week simply by getting on their bikes and cycling to school or work or going out for a leisurely ride.

You can also access local cycle routes in North West Leicestershire at: www.nwleics.gov.uk/bike\_and\_bike.

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