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Shed burglar jailed

A MAN who broke into allotment sheds in Birstall and Syston has been sent to prison.

Michael Stephen Anthony Thompson (21) of Brighton Avenue, Syston was sentenced to 21 months in prison at Leicester Crown Court for nine burglaries and breach of a communi-

ty order.

The court heard Thompson broke into sheds on allotments in the Meadow Lane area of Birstall and Upper Church Street area of Syston.

Thompson was arrested following reports of a spate of offences of burglary, theft and criminal damage on the allotments. A targeted plain clothed police operation was run by the Syston and Birstall Neighbourhood Policing Team which led to the recovery of more than 200 stolen items.

Inspector Duncan Southall, Commander of Charnwood Local Policing Unit, said: "This was an excellent result down to good intelligence from the communities and the hard work of the Syston and Birstall Neighbourhood Teams. Particular mention goes to PC Andy Oliver and PCSO Glen Freeman who ran the operation and the Response Officers who assisted. When Thompson was remanded, the spate of offences stopped. This was a good result for the local Policing Team and the people of Birstall and Syston."

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Pic: Ashley Chambers (right) presents an award to Adam Swinfield



Pics: (l-r) Elis Jones, Lauren Lee, Jason Lee (l-r) Lillie Scott, Mariah Baddar, Bethany Smith & Georgia Betts



Pics: (l-r) Bradley Gamble, Kristopher Swinfield, Joshua Rippin, Lauren Lee, Jason Lee (l-r) Bradley Gamble, Rebecca George, Emma Chapman, Floria Souriamourty, Adam Swinfield (l-r) George Rhodes, Matthew Wightman, David Norris, Elizabeth Kitchen, Bronwyn Gillett, Emily Wigg

Youth awards

YOUNG PEOPLE'S achievements were recognised at an awards night at Birstall Youth Centre.

More than forty young people aged from 13 to 22 received their awards from special guest Ashley Chambers, from Leicester City football club.

The recipients, many from Birstall, had all undertaken courses and activities delivered by Leicestershire County Council Youth Services including driving, babysitting, first aid, food hygiene and Duke of Edinburgh awards.

Trainee Youth Development Worker Nicki Rhodes said: "Accreditation is a way of recognising young people's achievements in informal settings. It is a way for young people to show others what they are good at, and demonstrates

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