Cash machine taken from shop

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BURGLARS used a JCB to smash through a wall and steel a cash machine from a shop in Newbold Verdon.

Police were called to the Central England Co-operative on Main Street at 4.25 on Wednesday morning.

A JCB Telehandler had been used to break into the store which caused extensive damage to the wall.

A cash machine containing money was taken during the incident. The suspects were seen driving off in a stolen dark green Mitsubishi L200 pick-up.

A structural engineer had to be called out to repair the damage to the building.

Detective Sergeant Mark Sinski, who is investigating, said: "We are asking for any witnesses to the incident or for anyone who has any information about the cash machine or its whereabouts to please get in touch.

"We would also appeal to anyone who saw the dark green Mitsubishi in the area either shortly before or following this incident, or have seen it abandoned, to please come forward."

A spokesperson from Central England Co-operative said: "We can confirm that a burglary took place in the early hours of this morning (Wednesday, 5 November) at our food store in Newbold Verdon while it was closed.

"Offenders broke through the wall of the store where the ATM was positioned and unfortunately took the cash machine. We are working with the Police while they investigate this matter, and the damaged part of the building is being secured and repaired.

"The store is now open for trading and customers will be able to safely access the store."

Chris Buckler, who drove past the scene of the crime, said: "There's a massive hole in the wall.

"A big piece of the wall has gone and the cash machine is gone. It looks like it's made a right mess of the wall."

Anyone with any information about this incident should contact Leicestershire Police on 101.