



# THE BEAT

***The Christmas season is in full swing and I hope many of you get to spend some time with your families and loved-ones to celebrate. There is no doubt that by working together with our partners we keep our communities safer and I really appreciate the many people who will be working over the festive break.***

*There is no doubt that it has been another highly challenging year for us all. I hoped to be able to update you on the outcome of the Government’s funding decisions in this edition, but unfortunately the announcement has been delayed. As you will see below, I have been relentless in my quest to secure a better funding solution for policing, but we now need to know what we are working with as we prepare our budgets for the coming year. Uncertainty is not helpful.*

*Thank you for your ongoing support and I wish you and your families a very joyful, safe and peaceful Christmas.*

***With very best wishes for a successful, healthy and happy 2018.***

**Paddy Tipping**  
Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner



**Last month I gave evidence to the Home Affairs Select Committee’s inquiry ‘Policing for the future’. As chair of the Police Reform and Transformation Board, I highlighted the real costs of the cuts in police funding; the fact that police budgets have reduced by £2.3bn over the past five years representing a 25% cut. To put it simply, this means 20,000 fewer police officers on our streets.**

The implications of standing-still are ominous. Police numbers are at their lowest level for 30 years and crime is on the rise. We’re not only dealing with a population

increase, crime itself is changing. It’s complex, it’s increasingly sophisticated and it requires a specialist, highly resource-intensive response. That can’t happen when we’re struggling to afford the very basic level of service to the public. Counter-terrorism, cyber-crime and child sexual exploitation all demand highly trained personnel - a cost that cannot be easily met through current budget levels without sacrifices to other areas of safety.

Collectively, PCCs and police forces asked for an extra £440m next year, increasing to £845m in 2019/20. There is sound reason for this; such a figure would secure 5,000 new officers in England and Wales over the next two years and an additional 1,100 armed officers to combat the immediate terrorist threat.

And this is the point. We’re not just protecting people today. We’re investing in our future and ensuring we have the capability to meet whatever threats and challenges are posed to us. This isn’t about nice to have, but need to have. Quite simply, police forces need to be funded appropriately in order to do their job.

I will continue to work with colleagues to secure a fair and reasonable funding arrangement for policing. It’s important that we all feel confident that our streets and neighbourhoods are safe places to live and work.

# Stay with your Pack

The run-up to Christmas is always a good time to focus on personal safety. Last month, we launched a new campaign alongside national charity Drinkaware to increase the safety of people inebriated with alcohol on a night out in Nottinghamshire.

Stay with Your Pack is a multi-agency project aimed at 18 to 24-year-olds and encourages people to stay together, look out for one another and stay safe on a night out.

Alongside a major marketing campaign across city venues, the project will involve the largest-ever training of bar, club and door staff across Nottinghamshire to ensure customer welfare is prioritised and the risk of sexual assault or violence is minimised.

This campaign is not just for Christmas, but will continue throughout the year. Having been out on the town to see the whole raft of support available for myself, I have to say I was really impressed.



## Community safety windfall

The search is on for community-based projects which can successfully cut crime and keep people at risk of offending on the right path.

Last month, I unveiled my Community Safety Fund for 2018/19 which will see £250,000 worth of grants invested into grassroots schemes that help people stay safe and recover from their problems.

For anyone not familiar with the grant scheme, grants of up to £25k are available organisations which support my Police and Crime Plan goals. The deadline for applications is midday on Friday 19 January 2018 and funding will be allocated for the financial year 2018-2019.

For more information visit:  
[www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk).

## HMICFRS highlights good progress



**A recent inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) has noted the good progress being made by Nottinghamshire Police to uphold ethical standards and legitimacy.**

Among a number of positive conclusions made in the 'PEEL: Police legitimacy 2017' inspection report, is how committed Nottinghamshire Police is to treating the people it serves with fairness and respect. It also acknowledges the ethical approach embedded across the force, both of which are vital to public confidence.

I've been impressed with the pace of change alongside the commitment of Nottinghamshire Police in very testing circumstances. There is more to be done and I will work with the Chief Constable to ensure a working environment that drives continual improvement for both the workforce and the public.



## Rural crime focus



**Rural crime remains a key priority and our dedicated Special Constabulary Rural Pro-active Team has carried out hundreds of hours of rurally-focused crime prevention work.**

**I've made it very clear that I intend to deliver a more robust response to the needs of rural residents by directing resources to where they are needed to reassure the public and deter crime.**

**Last month I was invited to speak at the North Nottinghamshire National Farmers' Union's AGM where I presented some of the rurally-focused initiatives we've introduced to target rural offending. The audience was very positive about the work and rural crime will continue to be a priority throughout 2018.**



# Listening to the community



*Getting out into Nottinghamshire's communities is one of my top priorities and over the last few weeks I've attended a series of meetings to offer my help to solve local problems.*

**In Clifton, more than 140 people turned out for a public meeting attended by myself, Nottinghamshire Police representatives and Nottingham South MP Lilian Greenwood to discuss antisocial behaviour.**

It was positive to hear everyone's concerns and discuss how we can improve our approach to the issues raised. With the advantage of two new PCSOs for the area since May, we're confident we can continue to reduce ASB in the area which has seen levels fall by 10% in the last 12 months.

*Other key visits for me this month included:* Huthwaite residents meeting; a meeting of Gedling Borough Youth Council; and Old Meadows Tenants and Residents' Association AGM.

**Cycle safety**  
Be safe, be seen this winter

**For safety tips and information about the law visit:**  
<https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice/dark-night-safety-advice-for-cyclists>

**Cyclists put on the right tracks for safety**

With the very worst of wintery weather upon us, cyclists are being reminded not to stay in the dark when it comes to road safety.

The Force's Be Safe Be Seen safety campaign is in full swing and we're reminding people to ensure their bicycles are not only road worthy but also kitted correctly for night use. Staying visible should be a priority and high-visibility clothing is a highly-effective way of being seen.

**KEEP ON TALKING**

I'm delighted that so many people contact me, with problems, compliments and comments. This is particularly important as I need to be able to listen to your views and learn from them and also know that you can keep up to date with what my team and I are doing.

Whatever I do, I am answerable to you, the electorate. You can contact me at any time to ask questions or put your views across.

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