

THE BEAT

Keeping Nottinghamshire safe is a joint effort and many organisations are investing time and resources into helping people tackle their problems to improve life across our communities.

It's impossible to know how many crimes have been prevented through this work but what we do know is we are making a difference and that many more vulnerable people have access to the services they need to recover. Whether criminal or victim, helping people emotionally and practically breaks the cycle of harm and gives people a chance of a safer future. This is the key to healthy, crime-free communities in the long-term.

Paddy Tipping

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner




RECOGNISING THOSE WHO GO BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

It is always an absolute pleasure to attend the annual Nottinghamshire Police Awards ceremony which recognises bravery, commitment and outstanding work alongside those receiving awards for Long Service and Good Conduct.

A number of officers, staff and members of the Special Constabulary achieved fantastic milestones in their careers, collecting Long Service and Good Conduct medals and awards.

The stories we heard made it abundantly clear that officers, staff and volunteers habitually go above and beyond expectations in order to keep people safe and protect them from harm. I would like to thank them for their professionalism and dedication, day in, day out.

I was also delighted to present my Contribution to Community Safety Award to joint winners Women's Aid Integrated Services (WAIS) and Nottinghamshire Women's Aid Ltd for providing Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVAs) across Nottinghamshire to help vulnerable victims give evidence.

The 2017 winners of the Partnership Award were Nottingham Street Pastors – trained volunteers who contribute their Friday and Saturday evenings to provide on-the-spot drug and alcohol advice, help people home safely and administer first aid. Without the support of these wonderfully dedicated teams, there would be many more vulnerable people living in unhealthy and unsafe situations.

High cost of policing revealed

Nottinghamshire has joined other PCCs and Chief Constables across England and Wales to bid for £440m of extra funding next year, increasing to £845m in 2019/20.

If successful, that would fund 5,000 new officers (in England and Wales) over the two-year period and an additional 1,100 armed officers to

combat the immediate terrorist threat.

Evidence gathered by PCCs and Police Chiefs shows that such a rise is needed to meet the rise in crime and invest in future resilience to protect the public. I'm absolutely determined to make sure that Nottinghamshire and the East Midlands get their fair share.



Modernising our approach

Embracing the 'new' was the key message behind my recent speech to the Joint Police and PCC Policing Summit as PCCs consider the implications of future funding challenges.

The summit, held on November 2, was a chance to discuss the modernisation of police budgets to better tackle today's threats which include online crime. As chair of the Police Reform and Transformation Board, I believe a big shift is needed to move away from the way we are currently organising and managing the police, putting more emphasis on collaboration and cooperation.

Forces will need to rebalance policing neighbourhoods with policing new communities on-line and in the new media. We've got to stop being Dixon of Dock Green and become Space Age. More crime is committed online so that's where we need to put our resources.

The Police Reform and Transformation Fund is likely to approach around £200m next year but to make this meaningful we have got to invest in projects which deliver multiple benefits for multiple organisations, while also embracing the very latest technology.

Hate Crime project promotes independence and safety

Vulnerable people can enjoy safer leisure time thanks to the Smile! Stop Hate Crime training project which arms Nottingham entertainment staff with the awareness they need to protect people with learning disabilities.

As part of National Hate Crime Awareness Week (NHCAW), volunteers visited outlets including The National Ice Stadium and Motorpoint Arena to train staff on identifying the signs of hate crime, increasing their knowledge of learning disabilities and autism and boosting their understanding of how to report incidents.

The project, which has received PCC funding, gives people greater confidence in getting out and about in their community and promotes Nottingham as a compassionate, inclusive city.



Winter is coming

Nottinghamshire Police has launched its winter safety campaign reminding cyclists to stay safe as the nights draw in.

For more information visit: <https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice/dark-night-safety-advice-for-cyclists>



LAUNCH OF SAFETY APP

Nottingham has a new app to help direct vulnerable people with learning disabilities to a place of safety in times of need.

In October, I had the pleasure of joining Nottingham Mencap and project sponsor Tornado Gloves for the launch of the Safe Place app as part of the National Hate Crime Awareness Week (NHCAW). Available in a number of towns and cities across the UK it gives vulnerable people a short term "safe place" to go if they ever feel threatened when out and about. Nottingham is also the latest city to join the Safe Place website which links other similar schemes across the country.

The app, which is free of charge, can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.



Purple Flag Status

Nottingham has achieved Purple Flag accreditation for an eighth consecutive year thanks to the immense partnership work that goes into keeping the city a safe and welcoming place for all.

The Nottingham Business Improvement District (BID) is the main driving force behind the city

securing Purple Flag accreditation, working in partnership with other organisations in the city including Nottinghamshire Police. Accreditation is gained through a rigorous assessment process and it's testament to the hard work of a number of people that we've maintained the same high standards for eight years.

Sammy's Law

National calls have been made for new legislation to be introduced to pardon sexual abuse victims forced to break the law by their abusers.

Sammy's Law is a campaign launched by abuse survivor Sammy Woodhouse who was 14 when she was targeted by the ringleader of a Rotherham abuse gang and forced to commit a series of offences for which she received a criminal record.

I hope the Home Secretary takes seriously this campaign and progresses this proposed legislation change through Parliament to encourage many more survivors to come forward and gain the full support they need.

CHANGES IN NUTHALL AND KIMBERLEY

Police contact points in Nuthall and Kimberley have recently closed as part of improvements to the way police resources are managed and delivered across the area.

The drop-in rooms were never public facing and have not been used since the beginning of the year. The decision does not affect policing in the area and the same number of officers and staff are responsible for maintaining public safety.

People living in Nuthall and Kimberley, alongside other residents in north Broxtowe, will benefit from a larger Neighbourhood Policing Team, members of which are now equipped with mobile technology handsets to enable officers to stay out in the community for longer periods. This team and supporting response units are based at Eastwood which gives the police more flexibility to deploy more people if necessary when responding to community problems.



Modern slavery warning

The successful prosecution of a 42-year-old man for modern slavery offences has reminded us all of the importance of public vigilance in tackling this hidden crime.

Edward Zielinski, of Birkin Avenue, Hyson Green, exploited two vulnerable Polish nationals, using violence to control their ID documents and forcing them to work for little or no money. He was jailed for 40 months.

Modern slavery is not confined to any particular group or community and sadly it is much more prevalent than you might imagine. We need to make sure that people are aware of the signs that someone is being exploited in this way and we need to encourage them to come forward to report any suspicions that they may have.



New contact point for Selston

Selston has welcomed the arrival of a new community-funded contact point for local police.

The community has come together and worked with local officers to develop the site within the Parish Council Hall.

The office is being provided free to the local Neighbourhood Team and local tradesmen provided their time and expertise to help get it up and running. This is an example of partnership work at its best and I'm delighted to have worked with Selston Parish Council to give local people what they want.

Newark Custody Suite

A decision was recently made to mothball Newark Custody Suite with the option of re-opening it at times of peak demand.

The option was put forward as part of Our Priority Plan, the force's strategy to provide services which work for local people and allow us to invest more in frontline resources.

Officers will transport prisoners to either the Mansfield or Bridewell custody suites, as well as having the option of utilising Grantham Custody Suite in Lincolnshire where appropriate.

Newark is an important and growing town. I want to reassure people that there will always be a Police Station and local police presence there.

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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