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“It's always a pleasure to meet volunteers. This month I took a visit to see some of the volunteers behind Notts LGBT+ Network to find out what support they offer the community as well as listen to their thoughts on safety, policing and crime.

- PCC Caroline Henry



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Launch of Violence Reduction Partnership

I hosted an event to launch our Violence Reduction Partnership, which is part of the OPCC, rebranding the former Violence Reduction Unit to recognise the increased involvement of partner agencies in working together on the issue.

We are fortunate here in Nottinghamshire to have a well-established partnership of agencies who are all working towards the same aim - to make Nottinghamshire safe and free from Violence.

Serious Violence Duty

The launch of the Violence Reduction Partnership coincided with the start of the national Serious Violence Duty, which places a new legal requirement on a range of public sector organisations to share information locally to reduce incidents of violence, like knife and gun crime, and prevent loss of life.

The advantage of this is that there is more awareness of issues and trends across the city and county, people can call upon expertise from partners and, importantly, we do not miss any opportunities to help break the cycle of violence.



Funding



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Community Chest funding OPEN!

Community groups and grass roots organisations are able to apply for funding awards of up to £5,000, to help 'transform lives' and make communities safer.

This is a great opportunity for local community-based organisations to get some vital funding to help achieve our aim to Make Notts Safe.

The deadline for applications is 24 March 2023. To find out more scan the QR code or [click here](#).

Support for deaf victims of abuse

Deaf-Abuse Free is a new project I have funded to support deaf, deafblind and hard-of-hearing women who are victims of abuse in Nottinghamshire.

Delivered by charity Deaf-inately Women, the service will be fully inclusive with British Sign Language interpreters, captions, video, as well as email or text communication to meet a wide range of communication needs.

It's really important that all survivors of abuse have access to support, the Deaf-Abuse Free service is really welcomed here in Nottinghamshire.



Safety devices given away during Mansfield day of action

I joined council, police and fire service officers during a day of action targeted at the Oak Tree Lane estate in Mansfield. During the day we handed out free locks, GPS trackers systems for bicycles and anti-theft screw kits for motorcycles.

I committed £33,000 a year for three years to help Mansfield district pay for crime prevention initiatives, as part of my city and county Safer4All funding pot. I have allocated £800,000 to be spent between 2022 and 2025, with £100,000 going to each of the seven local authorities in the county as well as Nottingham City Council.





Rural crime prevention officer

A dedicated full-time rural crime prevention officer has been appointed, who will soon be getting to work assessing the needs of rural crime victims and implementing a range of 'target hardening' measures to make it more difficult for criminals to reoffend.

Measures could include CCTV and motion sensor lighting to prevent break-ins as well as preventing vehicle theft by installing gates or concrete blocks to restrict access.

Purple Flag shows safe & vibrant City

Nottingham's accreditation as a Purple Flag city means it has been independently benchmarked as being a safe and enjoyable place to have a night out.

Nottinghamshire Police, Nottingham City Council, Nottingham Business Improvement District, all of the licensed venues and many, many other partners play a part in keeping people safe.



Trailblazing Military recruitment scheme showcased to Veterans' Minister

I was pleased to give Johnny Mercer, Minister of State for Veterans' Affairs, an update on Nottinghamshire Police's Military Service Leavers' Pathway into Policing. Nottinghamshire has a strong track record on recruitment and this new military pathway is just one example of thinking outside the box and finding new ways to attract new talent to the force.

Safe Space scheme expands to city's streets

Two fire engines and a Community Protection van have been wrapped to promote the Safe Space message. Developed by Nottingham Business Improvement District and the Consent Coalition, the Safe Space pledge enlists the support of Nottingham venues to commit to eight clear actions to help keep women and girls safer in their premises.





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Council tax precept 2023/24

A budget which will see police officer numbers remain at their highest in over a decade was given support by Nottinghamshire's Police and Crime Panel this month.

My duty as Police and Crime Commissioner is to make sure we have an efficient and effective police force in Nottinghamshire and to do that I have made the hard decision to ask for the maximum precept this year.

The increase in the policing precept will raise council tax by £14.94 for Band D properties. This was supported by 10 out of 12 members of the cross-party Police and Crime Panel.

Protecting the most vulnerable is more important than ever. It's not the time to be cutting back on police and the protection for vulnerable people.

The council tax increase along with government grant will allow the force to maintain its recruitment target this year.



My campaign for 'fairer' police funding

This month I met with the Minister for Policing, Chris Philp, to outline why the current system of central funding does not properly recognise Nottinghamshire Police's demand and demographic challenges.

The meeting was positive and constructive, and I will continue to keep making Nottinghamshire's voice heard during the Government's consultation on the national funding formula for policing.

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