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On International Women's Day in March I launched the final draft of Nottinghamshire's Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy. This will be owned by partners and agencies across both city and county in a joint effort to tackle VAWG. - PCC Caroline Henry





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International Women's Day launch

We hosted an event alongside Nottinghamshire Women's Day to jointly open Hickling House, their new Women's and Children's Centre and launch the final draft of Nottinghamshire's Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy. We had the inspirational campaigner Claire Throssell MBE as our guest speaker to share her experience.

I later joined Nottingham City Council's International Women's Day event to speak about how we're cocreating a safer Nottinghamshire for women and girls.

Mother of sons killed by abusive ex-husband backs Notts plan to keep women safe

Claire Throssell MBE made an emotional plea saying "it's everyone's business" to put an end to violence against women and girls.

She gave her support as it was announced that agencies across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire are in the final stages of creating a new Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy.



Safer Streets



Last summer we secured £3 million from the Home Office's Safer Streets fund and have been working with local authority partners and Nottinghamshire Police to implement a range of schemes to tackle crime and improve feelings of safety.

Outreach support for sex workers

Safer Streets is providing support to the sex work community by funding two outreach workers. POW Nottingham is an organisation based in Radford which offers a range of help and advice to those working within the industry.

They provide food, harm minimisation supplies, support with incident reporting as well as general advice and signposting. They hand out essentials such as warm layers, umbrellas and sexual health screening.

Night of action raises awareness on the dangers of drug use

Newark and Sherwood District Council partnered up with Nottinghamshire Police to raise awareness about the dangers of Cocaethylene as part of the Safer Streets scheme. I joined the team working in Newark town centre speaking with visitors to share information.

Cocaethylene is a dangerous chemical that our bodies create when alcohol and cocaine are taken together. This can have dangerous effects including an increase in violent and impulsive behaviours, and even sudden death.



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Team action to make people feel safer

Residents who feel worried, at risk or in danger will be offered refuge with businesses as part of a scheme to make people feel safer in public.

A network of businesses in Kirkby-in-Ashfield and Hucknall are being kitted out with free state of the art 4G Ultra HD CCTV systems as well as signs, lighting and training for staff to enhance security, safety and support to vulnerable groups.

New CCTV cameras installed in Warsop

Eleven high-spec cameras will be installed around Warsop to give 360-degree street views. They are part of a huge package of crime reduction measure funded by Safer Streets.

The camera at The Carrs uses the latest technology to act as a safe point, which will be monitored 24 hours a day and will allow people in distress to press a button which gives them direct access to support.



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CCTV camera to clamp down on nuisance car cruisers in Colwick

Car cruisers have been warned they could be prosecuted if they attend gatherings at a Colwick retail park after the installation of a new CCTV camera.

It comes in response to a series of incidents where car enthusiasts have organised unlicensed gatherings which have caused road safety, noise and antisocial behaviour concerns from local residents and businesses.

Radio scheme catching criminals in Rushcliffe

West Bridgford retailers have been kitted out with new radios in an initiative to tackle neighbourhood crime. Twenty radios have been purchased and shared across Rushcliffe Shopwatch members so they can be in communication with one another and the police when prolific shoplifters are targeting the area.



Wardens making impact in Worksop

A new team of wardens are helping to make Worksop's streets safer by tackling all forms of anti-social behaviour in the town centre. They will engage with residents, businesses and visitors.

These wardens will provide a real visible presence and will focus on areas where they will have a big impact on improving people's feelings of safety.

Broxtowe cop cars kitted out with brand new cameras

Thanks to Safer Streets funding, police cars in Broxtowe have been equipped with automatic number plate recognition cameras to help catch criminals.

They read number plates of any passing cars and flash up on a display if they have any intelligence markers about criminal activity linked to the vehicle.



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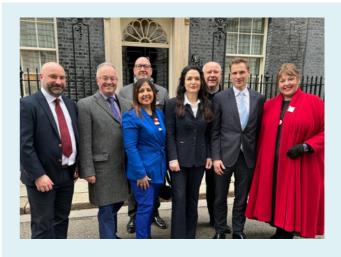
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Independent Custody Visitors

We are seeking new members to join our amazing team of volunteers, who would be willing to visit both Nottingham and Mansfield custody suites to check on the conditions and welfare of those in custody.

To find out more or to apply email gemma.flint@notts.police.uk.



Downing Street visit

I visited Downing Street for an International Women's Day event in March, together with the East Midlands PCCs.

I spoke with Prime Minister Rishi Sunak about how partners across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire are coming together to tackle violence against women and girls.

It was a great opportunity to highlight how our Safer Streets funding is improving spaces for women to feel safe.

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