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Welcome to the latest edition of my PCC newsletter. This month I am excited to share how Safer Streets funding is providing equipment and technology to keep residents safe in Nottinghamshire. You can also read how our Nottinghamshire Fraud Partnership is now stronger as Experian joins the the fight to tackle fraud. As Black Friday and Cyber Monday approach, I have also shared five signs of purchase fraud.

- PCC Caroline Henry



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Nottinghamshire Victim CARE has got your back

Young people are being told 'we have got your back' by a service specialising in supporting victims of crime in Nottinghamshire.

It comes as an enhanced Nottinghamshire Victim CARE service, which was officially launched in October, includes a way for young people and children to access support from a dedicated team of professionals waiting to help them.



The Got Your Back campaign acts as a mentoring support service for those under the age of 18 who are affected by crime or victimisation.

Support is offered in a variety of ways, such as in person or online, with the comfort and wellbeing of the young person always the priority.

The service is available to all victims of crime in Nottinghamshire regardless of whether they have reported it to the police.



Latest news

Experian join Notts Fraud fighting team

Global information services company Experian has joined a top team of organisations working together to fight fraud across Nottinghamshire.

The Nottingham-based firm provides data and analytical tools to its clients around the world, helping businesses manage credit risk, prevent fraud, target marketing offers and automate decision-making.

Its expertise and access to data will massively strengthen the Nottinghamshire Fraud Partnership's ability to dynamically identify trends in fraud across the county, including the age and demographics of victims and perpetrators – so that fraud prevention measures can be targeted in the most effective way.

This will build on the strength of the existing collaboration of agencies in the newly formed partnership – which is convened by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire and also includes a range of police, local authority, business, education sector and charity partners.



Refuge point CCTV installed at Warsop park

A new state-of-the-art CCTV camera with a Refuge Point button to speak to control room staff has been installed in Warsop as part of a major community safety project.

The high-spec camera in Church Road, Warsop, is close to the play area at The Carrs local nature reserve and can rotate to give a 360-degree view, as well as providing a refuge point. New street lights have also been installed at the park to increase the feeling of safety for visitors.

The camera uses the latest technology to act as a Refuge Point which is monitored 24 hours a day. Anyone in distress can press a button on the camera column which gives them direct access to the council's CCTV control room to ask for help.

Nottinghamshire leading the way in tackling shoplifting and reducing reoffending

Efforts to tackle shoplifting and reduce reoffending in Nottinghamshire have been recognised on a national level with two nominations received for awards.

It comes after a range of methods were introduced in Nottinghamshire focusing on enforcement, prevention, and rehabilitation.

Between January and August 2023, Nottinghamshire Police officers have attended more than 1,000 incidents of shoplifting and charged shoplifters with 1,454 offences, meaning that positive outcomes now sit at 25 percent in Nottinghamshire.

The Offender to Rehab project, which is funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire and part of the retail sector, has also enabled fast-tracked rehabilitation to be offered to a number of local offenders with substance misuse problems.

Vehicle safety events in Newark

Residents queued round the block to get their hands on free vehicle safety equipment and advice on how to protect their cars and bikes.

Nottinghamshire Police has held two successful vehicle crime prevention events educating local people on how to better protect their cars and bicycles thanks to funding provided by my Office.

The pop-up events which were held at Maltings Retail Park in Newark, gave residents the chance to speak with police officers about their concerns around vehicle safety and how to better protect their cars and bicycles.



New electric bikes helping officers tackle crime across Eastwood

Police say Safer Streets electric bicycles have been 'invaluable' in tackling drug dealing in Eastwood after being used to make seven arrests and make eleven stop searches.

The electric bikes are brand new additions to the Broxtowe neighbourhood policing team thanks to the Safer Streets funding and are available for officers to use alongside two other e-bikes already being used in the district.

Officers in Eastwood have been able to hit the beat with two new electric bicycles which is helping to increase community engagement and chase down criminals in an effort to put a stop to antisocial behaviour.

Black Friday and Cyber Monday advice

With Black Friday and Cyber Monday coming up, fraudsters can use this opportunity to take advantage of people shopping online.

Stop Take Five shared their five signs to spot purchase fraud:

- You're offered a heavily discounted or considerably cheaper product or service compared to the original items genuine worth. The deals often sound too good to be true.
- You're asked to pay by bank transfer instead of using the online platform's secure payment options.
- You receive a fake email receipt/invoice that appears to be from the website you've purchased from or the payment service used to make your purchase. The email address domain doesn't match that of the genuine sender's.
- The website that you're purchasing from was only launched days/weeks ago.
- A sense of urgency is placed on ordering the product or service so that you don't miss the price/deal.

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Scrutinising plans to tackle antisocial behaviour

Plans to improve Nottinghamshire Police's response to antisocial behaviour were among a number of issues I scrutinised during my Accountability Board in September.

The force's use of stop and search and a new model for the use of out-of-court disposals also came under the microscope in the monthly meeting.



How Nottinghamshire Police engages with communities, along with efforts to tackle retail crime also came under the spotlight during my October Accountability Board meeting.

The Accountability Board is my opportunity to scrutinise, support, challenge and hold Nottinghamshire Police's Chief Constable to account on behalf of the public to ensure efficient and effective policing services are being delivered.

I want you to have your say and submit questions for me to ask the Chief Constable. To submit a question please visit my website by scanning the QR code above.

Topics that are coming up over the next few months are; 21 November 2023 - Tackling Rural Crime, 19 December 2023 - Neighbourhood Policing, and 16 January 2023 - Policing the Digital Beat / Online Crime and Safety.

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