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“Welcome to my monthly PCC newsletter. This month I am excited to share my latest round of Community Chest funding that is available.

This edition also highlights the latest work of my office, our partners as well as Nottinghamshire Police's new drive to recruit volunteer police officers from our diverse communities.

- PCC Caroline Henry



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Community Chest funding opening soon!

Community groups and grassroots organisations are able to apply for funding awards of up to £10,000, to help 'transform lives' and make communities safer. My latest round of Community Chest funding opens on 13 September 2023.

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 30 September 2023. To find out more scan the QR code or [click here](#).

Free youth work training available

Funded through the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Partnership, Base 51 is delivering professional and accredited training courses for those who work with young people, or thought who would like to develop a new career in this field.

The free training is available from Level 1 Award up to the Level 3 Diploma in Youth Work. This will support existing youth workers achieve nationally recognised qualifications and opportunities to develop practise.

If you are interested please email n.hutt@base51.org or call 07581 050 797 to speak with Nikki Hutt from Base 51.





Safer Streets in Colwick thanks to new state-of-the-art CCTV camera

A new 360-degree CCTV camera has been installed on Balmoral Road, Colwick, to help tackle antisocial behaviour and support the new Public Space Protection Order which is active in the surrounding area.

The camera provides high-quality images to Gedling Borough Council's CCTV control room and will be used to assist the police with investigations, as well as aiding the council's Community Safety Team and Neighbourhood Wardens in tackling antisocial behaviour.

Shopwatch scheme sees retail crime plummet in Kirkby-in-Ashfield

Retail crime is down by 45% in Kirkby thanks to a Shop Watch Scheme initiated as part of the Safer Streets project.

It comes after the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire, Ashfield District Council and Nottinghamshire Police and teamed up with 15 local businesses who signed up to the Business Crime Forum (Shop Watch Radio Scheme), to clamp down on shoplifting and antisocial behaviour. The scheme saw retailers provided with radios that link to the CCTV control room at police headquarters and allow communication between the shops.

From April 2023 – June 2023 there was a decrease of 45% of shoplifting offences within the Kirkby high street. There has also been a 27.4% increase in shoplifters being caught, cautioned, and prosecuted.



Years of homophobic abuse stopped by Safer Streets

Brand new security equipment has ensured a Top Valley resident and his partner no longer have to suffer in silence.

Simon Smalley had been the victim of homophobic abuse, harassment, and antisocial behaviour from youths in the area for an extended period of time.

He and his partner finally gave the police a call after receiving a flyer promoting the Safer Streets fund. This led to a visit from PCSO Amardeep Sandhu who conducted a full security check of the property and advised on a few additional security devices to protect the property.

New drive to recruit volunteer police officers across Nottinghamshire

Nottinghamshire Police has launched a major public recruitment campaign to encourage people from diverse backgrounds to apply and consider a second career with the force.

Anyone is eligible to apply to become a Special Constable as long as they satisfy some basic requirements for the role, but ultimately the force is looking for people who want to make a real difference to their communities and can bring a fresh perspective to the team they work in.

If you are interested, please scan the QR code, or email recruitment@notts.police.uk to receive further information.



Non-domestic stalking launch

A non-domestic stalking service is being revamped to help provide the best possible support for victims in Nottinghamshire.

Anyone experiencing stalking will be helped to assess the risk and create a bespoke safety plan, as well as receiving support in reporting the issue to the police.

The Nottinghamshire Stalking Advocacy Service aims to provide high quality assistance to male and female survivors of non-domestic stalking who are aged 16 or above and live in Nottingham or Nottinghamshire.

Stalking is a crime in England and Wales under the Protection from Harassment Act 2007. It is described as a pattern of unwanted and persistent behaviour that is motivated by a fixation or obsession that causes a victim to suffer alarm, distress or fear of violence.

Praise as over £13,000 raised in memory of fallen officers

Members of the policing family raised thousands of pounds in memory of fallen officers by completing a 170-mile charity bike ride.

Forty-five riders from across the East Midlands took on a gruelling route in aid of Care of Police Survivors (COPS), which supports the families of police personnel who have died in the line of duty.

It was amazing to join the team as we welcomed the riders to Joint Headquarters, their dedication to this three-day challenge was incredible, and I could not think of a greater cause than COPS.

It was an honour to join colleagues paying their respects as we laid wreaths in the force's memorial garden.



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Bassetlaw CCTV refuge points

Efforts to make Worksop a safer place continue to take shape after three more CCTV refuge points were installed for people to use if they feel unsafe, threatened, or need urgent help.

Located on Bridge Street, Victoria Square and The Canch, the refuge points work by connecting the person in need of assistance with the Council's CCTV control room operatives, who can contact the emergency services where necessary.

New design for Mansfield fire engine

A fire engine from Mansfield Fire Station has been wrapped with branded artwork to support the Safer Oak Tree project.

This project is part of the Safer4All funding provided by the Police and Crime Commissioner, where plans were put in place to make people safe and feel safer on the streets of Nottinghamshire.

The decision to use funding to cover Mansfield district came from a rise in antisocial behaviour on the Oak Tree estate in the past few years.



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