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“Welcome to my monthly newsletter, sharing how we are working together to Make Notts Safe. This year we have launched our Immediate Justice scheme as well as enhancing security at two popular local parks.

PCC Caroline Henry



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Romance fraud victim warns others of online risk

A victim of romance fraud has urged others to be mindful of the threats of online scammers after she was conned out of thousands of pounds on a gaming platform.



Karen, who lives in the Mansfield area, was groomed into handing over the money over a six-month period, in which she was tricked into believing somebody had feelings for her.

Having moved to Nottinghamshire in 2012 to be closer to her mum after being diagnosed with cancer, Karen believes the scammers preyed on her vulnerabilities.



FRAUD RED FLAGS: HOW TO SPOT A SCAM

If you are contacted out of the blue, made to feel fear, panic or excitement, or told to act quickly, these are all **red flags** for fraud.

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Latest news

New scheme protecting women in gyms

An innovative new scheme to make women safer while exercising in the gym is being rolled out across Newark and is already generating national interest. The cutting-edge Safer Gyms scheme is being supported by Commonwealth boxing champion Emma Dolan.



Swift and visible justice to tackle antisocial behaviour

Residents impacted by antisocial behaviour will see offenders in high-vis jackets being swiftly made to pay back the community in a new scheme launched at the start of January.

The Immediate Justice project will ensure people who commit antisocial behaviour or low-level offences are made to clean up local streets, work in soup kitchens or take part in other positive community activities within days of their offence.

New lighting coming to Arnot Hill Park

A total of 39 lighting upgrades will be coming to the popular local park after funding was secured to tackle antisocial behaviour and neighbourhood crime.

The additional lighting, which includes four new street lights that will be installed around the car parks, is designed to deter vehicle crime and bike thefts and help people feel safer when visiting at night.

The latest round of Safer Streets funding includes upgrades to the existing Victorian style lamps around the park to replace them with new LED lighting which will increase visibility and be more cost effective.



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I also spoke about how the Nottinghamshire Fraud Partnership is working to tackle fraud across our area.

I also visited Himmah, a social justice organisation based in Nottingham. It offers important services to the community, including hot meals, school uniform and is the largest independent food bank in the city.

Visiting our local communities

Part of my duty as Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire is to listen and consult the public.

I often visit local groups, charities and businesses that support and give voices to our communities.

In January one of my visits was to the Nottingham Liberal Synagogue. It was great to meet Rabbi Gilli again, as well as the President and Chair of NLS. I was able to share updates about our Nottinghamshire Victim CARE.



Nottingham park made safer by innovative refuge points

A popular local park has benefitted from enhanced security measures in Nottinghamshire.

Forest Recreation Ground in Hyson Green has been fitted with two new refuge point cameras which are monitored 24 hours a day, and allow anyone in distress to talk to CCTV control room staff by pushing a button at the bottom of a camera pole.



The refuge points were made possible after the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire secured £3 million of Safer Streets funding, which is used for projects that help reduce neighbourhood crime and antisocial behaviour, as well as violence against women and girls. They are delivered in partnership with Nottinghamshire Police and local authorities, including Nottingham City Council.



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Results from my Precept and Priorities Consultation

At the end of last year I launched my precept and priorities consultation. This included an online survey as well as pop-up engagements and focus groups across the city and county.

You can view the findings of this consultation by scanning the QR code above or [click here](#).

Your questions on hate crime

During my February Accountability Board, I will be scrutinising Nottinghamshire Police on how they tackle hate crime.

This meeting is an opportunity to question, 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 about hate crime, scan the QR code on the front page or [click here](#).

Topics that are coming up over the next few months are; Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls on 12 March 2024 and Improving victim and witness experience of the Criminal Justice System on 16 April 2024.



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