

# Safer Streets

## for Netherfield and Colwick



Investing £750,000 to make our communities safer

So far we have delivered:



Shopwatch scheme



Street Wardens



Improved ways of working



Burglary prevention



CCTV installed



Improved car park safety



Youth provision



Environmental improvements



Automatic number plate recognition cameras

Find out more inside



# What is Safer Streets?

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire secured £750,000 from the Home Office's Safer Streets fund for a range of public safety projects in South Nottinghamshire, with support from Nottinghamshire Police and South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership.

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner Caroline Henry said: "Safer Streets is having an impact in preventing neighbourhood crime and antisocial behaviour and violence against women and girls in Netherfield and Colwick. We have listened to local people to address concerns and delivered tailored projects that make public spaces safer for all."



## Burglary prevention

A victim of a vandal attack on her home says she can finally sleep normally after having free security devices fitted on her house.

Tracy Hunt was so frightened after her front window was smashed that she slept downstairs for months so she could react quickly if her house was targeted again.

The 55-year-old has since had a Ring video camera doorbell fitted as well as CCTV at the back of her home, thanks to the Safer Streets scheme, and says she now feels much safer.

She is one of dozens of victims of burglary and other neighbourhood crimes in Netherfield and Colwick who have been offered free security upgrades to prevent repeat incidents.



## Car park safety

Communal car parks have been developed to reduce vehicle crime and improve residents' feelings of safety.

Large planters have been removed with new surfaces laid and vegetation has been cut back across three different car parks.

This project has increased natural surveillance, making it harder for people to commit vehicle crime, drug dealing and antisocial behaviour.

Lighting improvements for the car parks have been implemented to further improve safety within the area.



## Cinder path improvements



The Cinder path is regularly used by residents, including the journeys to and from school. This area has previously suffered from antisocial behaviour, drug use and litter. Safer Streets funding has allowed the area to benefit from litter picking, removal of graffiti and pruning of trees and bushes.

The Cinder path has also had new lighting installed to improve the area.

## Shopwatch scheme

Retailers are joining forces with police and street wardens to keep shoppers safe. Safer Streets funding has enabled a Shopwatch radio scheme to be reintroduced at Victoria Retail Park in Netherfield, meaning businesses can instantly contact each other and alert fellow traders and the police when persistent shoplifters are in the area.



## Street wardens

Two street wardens have also been employed by Gedling Borough Council with the Safer Streets funding, who will provide an extra visible uniformed presence at Victoria Retail Park as well as residential areas and the nearby Colwick Industrial Park.

The wardens also gather evidence of antisocial behaviour and criminal activity and report incidents to Nottinghamshire Police and the council for further action.

## Youth provision

Dance and Music production workshops have taken place, with performances developed ready for the Netherfest in July.

Twenty-five young people have been part of the workshops and a group have been booked on an adventure day in August during the summer break. They will have the opportunity to go climbing, sailing and take part in team building activities.



# ANPR Cameras

A police car in Eastwood has been equipped with automatic number plate recognition cameras to help catch criminals.

The mobile devices are fitted to police patrol cars so that when they go out, they can automatically read the number plates of any passing cars and flash up on a display if they have any motoring offences, or intelligence markers about criminal activity linked to that car. They can also tell if a vehicle is untaxed or uninsured.

Police officers can then act immediately, making them more efficient and effective at catching suspects and keeping Nottinghamshire's roads safe.



## 31 new CCTV cameras

Safer Streets funding has allowed Broxtowe Borough Council to upgrade its old analogue system and expand CCTV coverage to other known hotspots for crime and antisocial behaviour.

There has been CCTV cameras installed in Coronation Park, Eastwood town centre, Victoria Street and Alexandra Street car parks, Scargill Flats as well as three re-deployable cameras in the area.



## Still to come in your area...



**Community Day of Action  
in August 2023**



**Pro-active CCTV  
surveillance**



**More homes to receive  
free security devices**



**More e-bike  
police patrols**

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Look out for a survey on your feelings of safety following Safer Streets – coming soon online and door-to-door.