

Safer Streets

for Newark



Investing £750,000 to make our communities safer

So far we have delivered:



4 CCTV upgrades



Nights of action



Shopwatch scheme app



Burglary prevention



Gating for St Marks



Safer Gym Group



3 new door entry systems

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 Bassetlaw and Newark and Sherwood, with support from Nottinghamshire Police and Bassetlaw and Newark and Sherwood 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 Newark. We have listened to local people to address concerns and delivered tailored projects that make public spaces safer for all."

Match-funded action

Following the Safer Streets funding, Nottinghamshire Police and the Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood Community Safety Partnership pledged £375,000 of match funding for project delivery and supporting activities.

So far Police and Community Protection Officers have completed over 1,500 hours of high-visibility patrols within the Castle Ward area.

On top of this, the police and council have completed seven multi-agency nights of action. Two of these involved licensing officers and local police visiting 22 licensed premises to discuss Operation Sceptre, a national campaign to tackle knife crime.



Security for residents

The entryways of council-owned residential buildings, Lover's Lane, Tithe Barn and Queen's Court, have been fitted with brand new intercom systems that allow tenants to use their landlines or mobile phones to open their door. If they have the system set up on a mobile phone, they can view who is at their door through video, allowing them to feel safer at home.

The target hardening measure follows the success of similar installations in previous Safer Streets projects, that left residents feeling more secure in their buildings.

The sites were also fitted with brand new interactive community notice boards that will allow residents to be kept up to date with community news, safety information, take part in tenant surveys and more.

A tenant at Queen's Court said: "This new system is better for me because I can access it conveniently from my phone and I can see who is coming to me."



Nights of Action

Officers from the District Council's Public Protection team are working with Police colleagues in Newark town centre, speaking to visitors, handing out leaflets, and putting up informational posters in local licensed properties during nights of action.



So far the operation has run four nights of action, raising awareness of Cocaehtylene, which 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.
- A decrease in sexual performance.
- An increased chance of seizures, heart attacks, and strokes.
- Liver damage.
- Sudden death - Death is 20 times more likely when mixing alcohol and cocaine than when using cocaine alone.

Shopwatch Scheme

Retailers in Newark town centre have signed up to a new Shopwatch App in an initiative to tackle neighbourhood crime. Safer Streets funding means businesses can use the app to communicate with one another and police when prolific shoplifters are targeting the area.

The scheme roll-out is under way with 14 retailers within Newark Town centre already signed up and using the system. A total of 29 members of staff have completed training on how to use the app.

Those using the system have begun sending messages to alert other retailers and share information. Work will continue to build up the users' confidence and encourage more to fully utilise the scheme.



Security gates for St Marks



Antisocial behaviour is being stopped in its tracks as part of another project to make Newark's streets safer.

The site at St Marks Place had been subject to drug use, urinating, and graffiti, leaving residents and workers in the area feeling unsafe.

But now, new security gates have been installed to prevent vehicle and pedestrian access - thanks to a huge cash injection from the Safer Streets fund.

Safer Gym Group

A new scheme is set to launch in Newark to increase feelings of safety for women and girls within fitness centres and gymnasiums.

Unwanted attention such as being watched, followed, unsolicited physical contact and comments on the body have caused 71.5% of women to change their gym routines, according to survey results.



Attending the gym is a key part of many people's lives so, as part of the Newark Safer Streets project, partners want to ensure fitness facilities are enjoyable and a comfortable spaces for all members.

A collaboration between the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Newark and Sherwood District Council and Nottinghamshire Police aims to tackle the negative experiences through creating the Safer Gym Group.

To make the initiative as experienced-based as possible, those running the scheme designed a survey to gather the views of women and their encounters surrounding feelings of safety within gyms. A total of 488 people responded to the survey, with 135 women having had an uncomfortable experience or interaction whilst attending the gym.

Gyms and fitness centres have been invited to join the Safer Gym Group, where they will be able to show to customers they have a zero tolerance to sexual harassment by signing up.

This will include staff training and ensuring that women know where they can go to report incidents and that they will be taken seriously.

This is part of Nottinghamshire's response to Violence Against Women and Girls, which includes creating safer spaces for women and girls. To find out more email eleanor.smalley@notts.police.uk.

Still to come in your area...



Support for victims of vehicle crime



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More nights of awareness



Replacement lighting to Church Walks



3 new CCTV cameras

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