

Safer Streets

for Trent Bridge



Investing £750,000 to make our communities safer

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 Trent Bridge. We have listened to local people to address concerns and delivered tailored projects that make public spaces safer for all."

So far we have delivered:



Street wardens



6 new CCTV cameras



Shopwatch radio scheme



Burglary prevention



Improved way of working

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Burglary prevention

Simon Beale is a burglary victim in Trent Bridge area who has already benefited from security improvements through the Safer Streets scheme – and work is ongoing to offer the upgrades to others.

Burglars targeted his home in Trent Bridge in October, causing inconvenience and upset. But after reporting it to the police, he was delighted to find out that as a Trent Bridge Ward resident, he qualified for help from the Safer Street scheme to reduce the risk of being targeted again.

Within just months of the offence taking place, Simon's home has been kitted out with front and rear sensor lighting and a Ring doorbell to deter any future criminal activity on his property thanks to partnership work between the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Nottinghamshire Police and Rushcliffe Borough Council.

Over 100 properties across Trent Bridge area have had similar measures put in place to keep homes safe and prevent repeat crime.



Street wardens

Street wardens have been operating in the Trent Bridge area during peak times throughout the week to further tackle antisocial behaviour following a funding boost to make streets even safer.

Wardens working on behalf of the council have been patrolling during busy times to deal with the impact of street drinking, and aggressive

begging on Central Avenue, Bridgford Road and parts of Loughborough Road and Radcliffe Road and other local streets.

They also target lowering antisocial behaviour and have a visible presence to deter other criminal activity such as vehicle crime and shoplifting and there will also be a renewed focus on keeping businesses and members of the public safer.

As well as having powers to issue fixed penalty notices, the wardens gather evidence of antisocial behaviour and criminal activity and report incidents to Nottinghamshire Police and the council for further action.

They are further eyes and ears on the ground on the streets to complement the work of neighbourhood police officers and build on the warden's current role of assisting the Council in continuing the clamp down on littering and fly-tipping in Rushcliffe.

New Laptops

New laptops are helping Police Community Support Officers stay out on the streets for longer fighting crime and antisocial behaviour.

The devices mean the officers don't have to spend as many hours inside police stations and can instead offer more of the reassuring high-visibility presence they are known for in the community and help victims more efficiently and effectively.

A total of 17 Lenovo laptops have been purchased with money from the Safer Streets fund and will be used by PCSOs operating in the project areas of Trent Bridge in Rushcliffe as well as other areas of South Nottinghamshire.



Shopwatch scheme



Trent Bridge retailers have been kitted out with new radios in an initiative to tackle neighbourhood crime. The Safer Streets funding has allowed businesses to use the Shopwatch radio scheme to communicate with one another and police when prolific shoplifters are targeting the area.

A total of 20 radios have been purchased and shared across Rushcliffe Shopwatch members to ensure they have the resources available to work in partnership effectively.

The funding of the Shopwatch radios adds an extra tool, to help retailers in Trent Bridge to prevent crime and keep their customers safe.

Going out in Trent Bridge is even safer thanks to six new CCTV cameras being installed in a busy shopping and leisure destination.

The re-deployable cameras are on columns in the Central Avenue and Bridgford Road area as part of the Safer Streets scheme, which aims to prevent neighbourhood crime and antisocial behaviour and violence against women and girls.

The town, which boasts a popular stretch of retail outlets, bars and restaurants, already benefits from Safer Streets wardens, who patrol the area to tackle antisocial behaviour, as well as existing neighbourhood policing patrols.

The new CCTV cameras will give people an added peace of mind when they are out and about.

Boost of CCTV



Safer Streets showing impact

Two projects funded by Safer Streets supported a police investigation which put a prolific shoplifter behind bars.

Andrew Wimbeldon, aged 41, was jailed for a total of five months when he appeared at Nottingham Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 7 June 2023 after breaching his criminal behaviour order just hours after it was imposed.



Thanks to the Shopwatch Radio scheme and street wardens patrolling in the Trent Bridge area, vital evidence was gathered that supported the police investigation.

The sentencing came after Wimbeldon was initially issued with a two-year criminal behaviour order at Nottingham Magistrates' Court on 1 June 2023 after pleading guilty to a string of thefts from shops in West Bridgford.



Wimbeldon, of Gordon Road, West Bridgford, was ordered not to enter specific stores nor act in a manner likely to cause alarm and distress towards staff working at these locations for the duration of the order.

However, he showed complete disregard for the order by entering one of these stores later that same day, stealing three bottles of spirits. Wimbeldon was duly arrested and went on to plead guilty to the theft and to breaching his order, before being jailed.

ANPR cameras

Two static automatic number plate recognition cameras (ANPRs) have been fitted in the Trent Bridge area.

The cameras are fitted on roadsides so that 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.

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