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THE BEAT

We're halfway through 2018 and the violence on Britain's streets continues to dominate the news. There are problems here in Nottinghamshire and nationally. Over the last year knife crime has increased by 22% nationally and 11% here in Nottinghamshire. I know people are worried locally, but the police are working really hard to prevent it and arrest those responsible. Many of you may be unaware of the arrests that have taken place due to the robust police response.

Despite these latest incidents, it's clear that Nottinghamshire doesn't face anything like the same scale of knife and gun-related violence as London and Greater Manchester for example. However, it remains a serious concern and I have been working very closely

with local MPs to press for tougher sentences for those carrying knives. I believe a Private Members Bill to that effect has now been introduced in the House of Commons.

There's a huge amount of work underway to tackle the underlying causes of so-called "street violence". Operationally, there are more police officers on patrol in areas that have been identified as a problem to reassure local people. This is possible due to the high numbers of officers we've recently recruited into the Force.

Thankfully, gun crime remains rare but the potential for serious violence, injury and even death posed by just a single weapon in the wrong hands is ever present. We won't tolerate this threat and will use all our power to remove such activity from our streets.

We will continue to work tirelessly with our partners and local communities to re-educate and safeguard young people at risk of violence. If you have any information about knife or gun crime or those involved with illegal firearms please call us on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 and help us keep violence out of Nottinghamshire.

Paddy Tipping
Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner





Summer engagement at Nottinghamshire County Show



Sunshine greeted thousands of visitors to Newark Showground over the weekend of May 12 and 13 for the annual Nottinghamshire County Show.

It was wonderful to see so many people turn out to celebrate everything that is special about Nottinghamshire, with many of them visiting the police stand to meet myself and a team of community safety officers. Visitors were also given a sneak preview of the new force quadbike, funded by my office, to tackle illegal off-road biking and rural crime which was a particular hit with the youngsters.

Our officers received lots of positive feedback and clearly many people share my pride in our hardworking force.

Joint welfare unit welcomed



Nottinghamshire's frontline officers now have access to a new welfare vehicle for comfort breaks which includes a seating area, microwave and hot water facility as well as toilets.

The bespoke vehicle belongs to Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service and is being shared as part of a collaboration project to maximise facilities and drive down costs for both organisations.

The Force's current Command Trailer is no longer fit for purpose and rather than hire vehicles from rental agencies, incurring additional costs, both organisations will make use of the essential resource at long-term incidents and large events to provide welcome relief to officers on long shifts.

Community projects toast £270,000 funding boost



Nineteen community projects across Nottinghamshire are celebrating after receiving vital funding to help fight crime.

Thanks to my Community Safety Fund, £270,000 has been distributed to community-run projects to help people combat their problems and protect vulnerable people.

Project leaders joined me at Nottingham Forest Football Club to celebrate their success and congratulate one another on playing a key role in the future safety of Nottinghamshire.



Wheels in motion to combat illegal off-road biking



Last month I had the pleasure of unveiling Nottinghamshire Police's latest weapon in the fight against illegal off-road biking – a state of the art quad bike.

The bike, funded from my budget, saw its first deployment in May for Operation Jericho - an ongoing multi-agency initiative in the Newark and Sherwood area targeting the illegal use of off-road motorbikes, quad bikes and other nuisance vehicles on private or public land.

The new bike allows officers to access patrol areas which wouldn't be possible in a police car or van and gives extra flexibility to identify offenders and seize their vehicles. It's such a positive addition to our rural crime resources and I'm delighted to offer my support by funding the vehicle.

Supporting victims of sexual violence

Pharmaceutical chain Boots UK is fulfilling its commitment to support victims of sexual violence across the country through the donation of 36,000 wash bags to UK Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARC) – 760 of which will be heading to The Topaz Centre SARC in Nottingham.

The project is part of a three-year agreement between Boots UK and SARCs and sees adult and child victims of sexual assault or rape receive a range of toiletries they can use following their forensic examination when showering and getting dressed.

This very practical gesture provides a degree of comfort and familiarity in what is an unimaginably traumatic time and is a small but poignant step to aid their recovery.

KEEP ON TALKING

I'm delighted that so many people contact me, with problems, compliments and comments. This is particularly important as I need to be able to listen to your views and learn from them and also know that you can keep up to date with what my team and I are doing.

Whatever I do, I am answerable to you, the electorate. You can contact me at any time to ask questions or put your views across.

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