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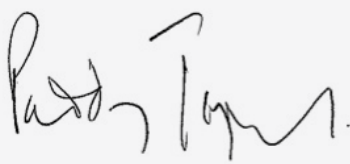
# THE BEAT



*Our officers, staff, volunteers and partners are doing a good job working to keep people safe and thankfully their hard work will be boosted by additional recruitment and further investment in key priorities over the coming months. As always, I encourage people to help us by sharing your views and guiding progress in the future.*

**Paddy Tipping**

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner





## Spotlight on knife crime

Positive talks on how we tackle knife crime and its impact on young people's safety got underway this month as part of my Knife Crime Conference.

Police experts got together with community safety, criminal justice, Local Authority and third sector partners to assess current problems and identify practical solutions. Yes, there is a problem, but it's nowhere near the scale of that experienced in London and Manchester for example. And we can fix it.

The Knife Crime Conference, held at The Atrium in Carrington, Nottingham, coincided with the announcement of new measures to tackle the problem, including 11 officers to be assigned to schools in the county at an investment of more than £500,000.

Our new knife crime strategy manager, Detective Supt Simon Firth, is already working with partners to develop a Knife Crime Strategy which will be launched this summer in a bid to reduce the number of 14 to 24-year-olds arming themselves with blades.

## On target to increase officer numbers to 1,950 by April 2019.

Latest figures show an increase of 58 officers compared to April 2017, which gives a current total of 1,909 officers working throughout Nottinghamshire.

This year we are recruiting an additional 200 officers, taking the overall establishment with part-time officers to nearly 2000. This is firmly in line with my commitment to bolstering our frontline resources.

This is a real tangible increase in officers, demonstrating that we are doing exactly what we promised. People will not only see more officers on the streets and in their communities, but there will be greater capacity to tackle hidden crime, serious violence and burglary.



## Extra support for sexual violence victims

Nottinghamshire has welcomed the arrival of two new services to support the recovery of adults and children who have been subjected to sexual violence.

The new service for adult victims and survivors came into effect on April 1 and was jointly commissioned by myself and NHS England. Delivered by Mountain Healthcare Ltd at the Topaz Centre (the Sexual Assault Referral Service) it will provide free and confidential access to crisis support, forensic examinations and healthcare advice and intervention.

Victims and survivors aged under-18 will now benefit from a specialist service spanning the East Midlands which has been commissioned by the five East Midlands Police and Crime Commissioners and NHS England. Delivered by Nottingham University Hospitals Trust from two specialist centres in Nottingham and Northampton, the service will support children and young people who have been, or are suspected of having been, subjected to sexual violence.







## National awards glory for youth-led crime prevention

This month we're celebrating a top three finish for two local youth-led community safety projects in the National Crimebeat Awards.

Dragon's Den Style Project 8, delivered and part-funded by Nottinghamshire County Council, and Nottinghamshire Youth Commission's Know Your Rights film, won joint second and third place respectively at the prestigious contest, held in London in April.

Dragon's Den Style Project 8 saw teenagers from six schools across Ashfield showcasing their ideas to promote mental health and wellbeing and tackle pressing issues such as cyber-bullying in front of a high-profile panel of 'dragons'. "Know Your Rights", meanwhile, is a film produced by the Youth Commission to raise awareness about young people's rights when stopped and searched by police.

Both projects, which I supported with funding, have received £500 in prize funding for future work.

## Protect police dogs like Quantum

The need to better protect in law service animals including police dogs has been raised again following the injury of Nottinghamshire police dog Quantum who received stab wounds while on duty in the city.

Back in March, I wrote a second letter to the then Home Secretary Amber Rudd calling for ministers to get behind Finn's Law which offers service animals including police dogs and horses' greater protection if attacked or killed in the line of duty. The Bill is making its way through Parliament and will broaden sentencing options for the courts.

Quantum required nine stitches by a vet in the incident while three police officers were also injured. Currently, there are no laws that specifically protect police dogs or horses and charges may only be brought under animal cruelty or criminal damage legislation, which carry leaner sentences.



## THE 2018 NATIONAL RURAL CRIME SURVEY

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Complete the survey at  
[www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net](http://www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net)

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## What do you think about rural crime?

If rural crime is impacting on your business or quality of life then we need to know.

The National Rural Crime Survey 2018, which is led by the National Rural Crime Network, launched in April to measure the effects of rural crime both nationally and locally and we need as many of you as possible to share your experiences and help us improve our policing services.

We've made a lot of progress since the previous National Rural Crime Survey in 2014 and continue to improve our resilience including the launch of my Crime Fighting Fund this year which will expand the work of the Rural Crime Team and expand the scope of its work.

Rural crime is a serious issue and it's a top priority. If you live in the countryside and have experienced crime in your community, please do spare a few minutes to complete this survey and help us plan for the future. The survey is now available at [www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net](http://www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net) and is open for submissions until Sunday 10 June



## Crime figures mirror national picture

Crime rates have risen in Nottinghamshire pretty much as anticipated following the implementation of new counting rules.

The number of reported crimes in Nottinghamshire increased by 18.4% between 1 April 2017 and 31 March 2018, underlining the fact that the force is now converting more incidents to crimes to adhere with crime recording standards nationally.

The figures are roughly in line with the average increase nationally however there has been a visible increase in some crime types including a 4.3% increase in burglary. As a result, the force has introduced two dedicated burglary teams to tackle the problem.

Importantly, the number of calls from the public remained broadly similar to last year and there was even a slight reduction in 999 calls, suggesting actual crime remains lower than figures suggest. That said, the arrival of extra police officers this year, taking our headcount to 1940, will provide much-needed support to address inflating areas of crime and keep our communities safe.

## Working together

Worksop will have a new police front counter service in the months ahead thanks to a joint venture with Bassetlaw District Council.

Nottinghamshire Police and the council will share facilities in Queen's Buildings, Worksop, in a cost-effective move that will improve access to local police. An additional dedicated police officer for Worksop Town Centre has been appointed and there will be three additional PCSOs and a new CID unit of seven officers while a local intelligence officer will be redeployed from Force headquarters and a school liaison officer will be in place by September.

This is a hugely beneficial solution and will ensure we continue to deliver economic savings while providing better facilities for local people.



## 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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