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Welcome to the May edition of my Notts Voices newsletter. This is a great opportunity for me to speak directly with you, the people of Nottinghamshire, and update you on what we have been getting up to over the past month.

PCC Gary Godden



Knife crime down and more people satisfied with police

Violent knife crime is falling and more people are satisfied with the service they receive from police, according to recent performance figures.

The updates were among a series of stats presented at the most recent Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Panel – to update members on the progress being made under Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Gary Godden's four-year plan for policing and public safety.

Nottinghamshire Police also maintains one of the best 999 emergency call answering performances in the country - with 91.3% of calls answered within 10 seconds.

Meanwhile there has also been a significant fall in victim-based crimes such as house burglary (-12.9%) and vehicle crime (-14.5%).

The number of people who said they were satisfied with the service after contact with Nottinghamshire Police has risen to 57.3% - up by 5.4%.

The report also said the quality of police investigations have seen a marked increase, following a focused improvement plan which was put in place after the force was put into 'engage' status by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Service.



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Deputy PCC welcomes new campaign tackling violence against women and girls

A leading campaigner for tackling violence against women and girls is urging women to come forward and speak out about where they feel unsafe.

Nottinghamshire's Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Angela Kandola, who leads on violence against women and girls for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire, gave her backing for the Walk in My Shoes campaign, which is an online reporting tool recently launched by Nottinghamshire Police.

Women and girls are being encouraged to fill out a simple online survey to let authorities know where they feel unsafe. To take part in the survey click [here](#).

Organisations unite to improve feelings of safety in Bassetlaw

A popular nature reserve in Bassetlaw has been vastly improved thanks to a recent multi-agency day of action.

A key feature of the day saw Immediate Justice service users working around Sandhill Lake in Worksop.

In the weeks prior, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire had also funded the removal of large containers next to the lake, which were hampering the ability of CCTV cameras to spot antisocial behaviour taking place.



Offender's costly decision highlights the value of Immediate Justice

An offender who refused to take part in the Immediate Justice scheme has ended up with a far tougher punishment.

The woman was offered the chance to complete an Immediate Justice community payback activity, following an altercation in a nightclub, which would have allowed her to take responsibility for her actions through unpaid work to improve the local area.

However, after declining the offer, the woman was prosecuted through the courts - where they received a sentence of 80 hours of unpaid work and a £200 compensation order.



Youth graffiti project sparks creativity and community pride

A vibrant new chapter in community safety and youth engagement was written at a recent youth-led graffiti project at Coronation Park in Balderton.

As part of the Safer Streets programme's youth diversion initiatives, a group of local young people gathered on 8 March to transform a store shed into a colourful canvas of creative expression using a variety of coloured spray paint.

The project, executed in partnership with Image Skool, a creative studio specialising in Graffiti art and mural work, provided a constructive alternative to vandalism, giving youngsters a chance to channel their energy and ideas in a positive way.



Park tidy-up impressing locals in Clifton

A retired magistrate living in Clifton is hoping the tidy-up of a local park is a sign of things to come.

Clifton Flower Park was the latest area to benefit from a multi-agency day of action recently, which included service users from the Immediate Justice scheme litter picking and carrying out general maintenance.

The day brought together partners, including Nottinghamshire Police, Nottingham City Council, Nottingham City Homes and Nottingham Trent University, and comes after the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire invested £333,000 in Nottingham City as part of the latest round of Safer Streets projects.



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Drug dog operation enhances night-time safety in Mansfield

Two Nottinghamshire Police drug dogs recently put paw to pavement alongside officers to deter drug use and further increase public safety in Mansfield's night-time economy.

Dougie and Oakley, alongside their handlers PC Nicola Crabtree and PC James Sills, were joined by Police and Crime Commissioner Gary Godden to undertake Operation Guardian.

The operation was enhanced by Safer Streets funding of £333,000 allocated to Ashfield and Mansfield which provided additional officers to join the existing team on the night.



Nottingham awarded Purple Flag status for 15th consecutive year

Nottingham has once again been awarded Purple Flag status by the Association of Town and City Management (ATCM) – marking the 15th consecutive year the city has been recognised for excellence in managing its evening, night-time and visitor economies.

Nottingham's continued success reflects the strength of partnerships across the city, to offer visitors a safe, diverse, and vibrant nightlife.

Key partners include Nottinghamshire OPCC and It's In Nottingham among others.



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