

THE BEAT

Christmas is almost here – shortly to be followed by the arrival of 2019.

I'm very proud of our achievements over the past 12 months and our continued drive to help people break destructive behavioural cycles which impact on their communities. We will be reviewing many of the key successes in the New Year.

Of course, budget preparations are already well underway for 2019-20 and you will be pleased to know that increasing visibility in our communities remains a top priority. I will of course update you on all our budget plans once the figures are finalised.

Before then, however, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas and New Year and thank you for your ongoing support.

Paddy Tipping

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner



Getting tough on rural crime



Two new awareness campaigns got underway this autumn to increase reporting of rural crime.

Joining forces with crime charity Crimestoppers, the National Farmers' Union and local authorities, I've provided £10,000 of funding to proactively address rural crime and ensure our rural communities are aware of how to report crime.

The Crimestoppers-led campaign will run across social media and Mobile GPS Messaging, backed up by traditional marketing, and will promote the charity's reporting line as an alternative for anyone wanting to give information anonymously about rural crime.

I'm also supporting a Safer Nottinghamshire Board initiative, also to be delivered by Crimestoppers, focusing on rural crimes such as hare coursing, poaching and off-road vehicle use. Increasing reporting of rural crime will help us to understand the risks in our communities and map our response.

If you have any information, please contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or through the non-traceable Anonymous Online Form at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

National award for Nottinghamshire's sexual violence support team



Support workers who front Nottinghamshire's sexual violence recovery services have won a national award in recognition of their work.

Nottinghamshire Sexual Violence Support Services' (NSVSS), which provides practical and emotional support including advocacy to victims of rape or sexual assault, has scooped the Exceptional ISVA Team award by LimeCulture, the UK's leading sexual violence training and development organisation.

The award was presented during a special ceremony at the fourth National Conference for ISVAs in Birmingham in October. I'm incredibly proud of their achievements and for ensuring Nottinghamshire stands out as a beacon of success nationally.



Improving access to sexual violence support

Nottinghamshire has been chosen as one of five areas nationally to be given full control from the Government over how funding on sexual violence support is spent.

This positive change, announced in November, will allow us to commission the best practical and emotional services for victims of rape and sexual abuse in Nottinghamshire and make more localised decisions based on need.

This is really good news for victims. Survivors of sexual violence sometimes find it difficult to navigate the multi-layered help available and this change will allow us to establish a simpler process, bringing all partners into a single model of recovery care. It is also good news for Nottinghamshire, confirming our status as a leading provider of victim care.

On the road...



There have been a few more stops on my communities tour this autumn with St Ann's, Worksop, and Carlton and Porchester among the visits.

Thank you to the many people who greeted us on our 'patch-walk' in St Ann's which took in the Afro Caribbean National Artistic Centre, the Brendan Lawrence Centre and the Chase Neighbourhood Centre along the way. It was great to meet local allotment holders and find out views about crime as well as see half term activities hosted by Sportswise/Renewal Trust in full swing.

Earlier in October, we travelled to Worksop to meet locals and businesses in the town centre alongside Sgt Simon Whitehouse and PC Glenn Turner. We were also joined by Cllr Josie Potts and Cllr Kevin Greaves.

And it was a full show from the blue light services in Carlton and Porchester as I joined firefighters, police officers and paramedics for a community 'walkabout' alongside Gedling Borough Councillors. It was great to meet those at the front end of public safety at Carlton Ambulance Station and the fire station where we toured the facilities.

Pan-agency strategy on knife crime



A new multiagency blueprint has been agreed in Nottinghamshire delivering unprecedented action on knife crime.

The Knife Crime Strategy 2018 will see partners working together with the voluntary sector to tackle every aspect of knife violence with a strong emphasis on education, early intervention and youth engagement.

Backed by Nottingham City Council and the Safer Nottinghamshire Board, voluntary and community sector and criminal justice partners, the strategy sets out four key areas of work:

- **Identification and management of risk.**
- **Developing resilient spaces.**
- **Communication and behaviour change.**
- **Communities and the third sector.**



New joint HQ on the table

Detailed designs and costings for a new joint police and fire HQ are being drawn up.

The new headquarters, if given the go-ahead, would be developed on the site of the current police HQ at Sherwood Lodge, Arnold. A number of options have been explored and a full, detailed proposal will now be submitted to next February's (2019) fire authority meeting.

This is an exciting step and if these plans go ahead it will cement the strong and positive partnership which already exists between both organisations while also improving effectiveness and efficiency.

Standing against hate crime

PCCs from across the country joined forces last month in a show of defiance against hate crime.

The nationwide social media campaign called The Big Link-up marked National Hate Crime Awareness Week and saw PCCs teaming up for photos with the hashtag #NO2HATE while police officers, other justice professionals and members of the public also shared their selfies in support of the campaign.

Getting people talking is a great way of raising awareness of important issues like hate crime and I'm pleased this campaign struck a chord with so many people.

Spot checks in Rushcliffe



Road safety has been top of the agenda in Rushcliffe where motorists and cyclists were recently reminded of their responsibility to uphold the law regarding the use of seatbelts, mobile phones, speeding and drink driving.

I joined officers for a series of morning spot checks along Cotgrave Road, near Tollerton, which has been highlighted as a "red route" with the help of local residents and cycling groups.

The operation involved an ANPR vehicle as well as marked and unmarked police cars on patrol and a plain-clothed Special Constable riding a camera-equipped bicycle to catch motorists passing too closely.

Every year, many cyclists are injured in Nottinghamshire and one of the aims of this exercise was to remind car drivers to give sufficient space when driving by.





New apprentices welcomed

The first cohort of 31 apprentices have been sworn into their new roles, trailblazing their way into what we hope will be a lifelong career in policing.

Nottinghamshire Police was the first force in the country to launch the Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA) which provides a route for talented people who might not otherwise have embarked on a degree to obtain one through a vocational-focused programme and professional on-the-job training. A second cohort of 19 apprentices will start in February 2019.

The force has worked hard to increase the diversity of its workforce and the latest cohort has seen a 19.3% Black Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) representation compared to 6-8% via traditional recruitment routes. Positively, attraction rates reached 40% for BAME applicants.





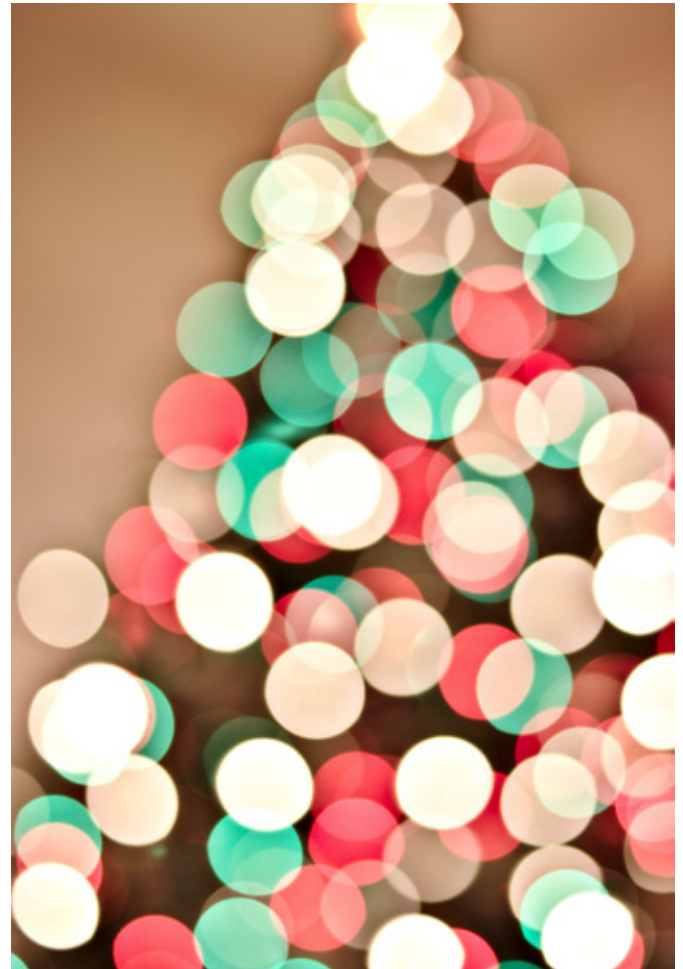
Think safety this Christmas



Christmas will soon be upon us but alongside all the sparkle and tinsel it's important we don't forget security.

It's a lucrative time of year for criminals with our cars and homes full of gadgets, technology and new toys to lure thieves. My message is clear: Don't let the festive cheer cost you dear. Keep your valuables hidden and don't advertise your expensive gifts by putting out the empty boxes for all to see.

For more information on safety visit:
<https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/document/advice-home>



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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