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THE BEAT

The long hot days of Summer are becoming a distant memory as we turn our attention to the budget for next year.

I am also working hard with colleagues from across the country to secure a better funding deal for policing in the next Comprehensive Spending Review.

As you may have seen, an official report from the National Audit Office highlighted the funding pressures, service stress and issues of financial sustainability facing policing in recent years. I hope that the Home Office heeds this warning.

We will have to wait and see whether promises to prioritise police funding in the next spending review are enough to build up our depleted frontline, but I assure you that the argument will be convincing.

The facts are incontestable: crime figures are on the rise and the number of unsolved crimes are having a negative impact on confidence in the police. We must protect people against threats such as terrorism, child sexual exploitation, organised criminality, violence, abuse and modern-day slavery. But no-one can keep doing more with less.

This is why the gap in funding must be redressed and I will continue to use every opportunity to highlight this fact.

Paddy Tipping
Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner





No place for weapons in Nottinghamshire

Rural crime prevention



Nottinghamshire’s multi-agency Knife Crime strategy was launched at the beginning of October – very appropriately at the Galleries of Justice. We had a great turn out of people and press and I am very hopeful that this joined up approach will make a real difference.

Of course, Nottinghamshire Police will continue to take a robust response to violence on our streets, particularly incidents involving knives and guns.

Across the country we are seeing an increase in gun and knife-crime but I can assure you that in Nottinghamshire we are determined to act swiftly and collaboratively with our partners to apprehend suspects, protect our communities and safeguard future generations.

During the summer, officers made a number of arrests following high-profile incidents. Charges have been brought in connection to a shooting in Radford; while to date 13 arrests have been made in connection with a firearms discharge in Tennyson Street, Radford.

There is no place for weapons on our streets and we will continue to do everything possible to combat this issue, including the hugely successful week-long knife ‘amnesty’ carried out last month which saw a total of 418 knives handed in across Nottinghamshire.

Our Special Constabulary Rural Pro-Active Team has had a busy three months responding to problems in our rural areas.

The team has been working closely with colleagues from the Fire & Rescue Service (FRS) to reduce arson, road deaths and serious injury and has also been assisting fire colleagues, the Highways Authority and Nottinghamshire County Council to deliver a roadshow on the dangers of using mobile phones at the wheel and excess speed. The work is part of the team’s Op Highway and Op Transporter schemes which are aimed at rural road use and unsafe vehicles.

Other initiatives include a joint operation with HMRC and the Environment Agency targeting illegal waste carriage and tipping with 27 vehicles seized and more than 70 offenders dealt with in one day. We also have a new fully-trained Nottinghamshire Wildlife Team ready to respond to more complex wildlife crime cases.

A series of new rural crime campaigns have just been launched - more information will be available in the next newsletter.





Community visits



This Summer I started another of my community 'walkabout' programmes which saw me in Arboretum and Kirkby finding out the issues impacting on local people.

The idea behind these visits is to get together with local councillors, police and residents to identify the issues which are creating fear in our communities and work together to develop solutions. We saw a good turnout at both events and our neighbourhood police officers have a number of actions to follow up with partners.

Further events are planned throughout the year. For more information visit:
www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk.

Youngsters deliver anti-hate message

It was a pleasure to be invited to an anti-hate crime summit this month designed and hosted exclusively by young people.



The youngsters, who are all under 18, have been working with restorative justice charity Remedi, in conjunction with Nottinghamshire County Council, to research and understand the psychological and social effects of hate.

Part of Remedi's Step Up Beat Hate campaign, the project involved six weeks of educational workshops including a visit to The Holocaust Centre in Nottinghamshire where they heard a survivor talk about their personal experience.

The result was a one-hour summit at Nottingham Forest Football Club where the youngsters presented their work to a high-profile audience of MPs, charity volunteers and local community leaders.

New faces for Youth Commission



We're on the lookout for the next cohort of policing activists to join my award-winning Youth Commission.

A recruitment campaign got underway at the start of this month to find up to 15 new members aged between 14 and 25 from the Nottinghamshire policing area.

The Commission, which was launched in 2015 in conjunction with social enterprise firm Leaders Unlocked, has accomplished many achievements including a 'top three' finish in the National Crimebeat Awards for the 'Know Your Rights' film which it produced to raise awareness of stop and search rights. Members have also taken part in interview panels as part of the recruitment of senior police officers including the Chief Constable.

For more information visit:
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Youth funding bonanza

Community services for young people have received a £75,000 boost thanks to the #iwill campaign and a host of local partners.

Grants of up to £5,000 have been awarded to 17 local groups that help young people thanks to the collective efforts of Nottinghamshire Community Foundation which founded the campaign, Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service, the 1986 Jones Charitable Trust and my own office.

The funds will encourage young people to take action and volunteer in their community and lucky recipients include The Pythian Club, Al-Hurraya, Nottingham Arimathea Trust, East African Education Centre, Pat Samba Fitness and the Nottingham Peace Project.



“Bowled over” to join Maasai cricket team



It was a rare privilege to join the legendary Maasai Cricket Warriors in Newark in August for an African Farming Festival raising awareness of FGM and ‘honour’ based abuse.

The festival was held at Screveton, near Newark, where I was put through my paces by these legendary cricketers – much to the delight of the crowd!

The Warriors visited Nottinghamshire as part of a partnership with local charity Mojatu Foundation and Nottingham Trent University. They do a fantastic job of fighting all sorts of social injustices including gender inequality, FGM and forced marriage and I’m delighted they were able to raise awareness of our local anti-violence work.

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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