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“ This month I have many exciting updates to share with you, including £1.3 million invested in community safety across Nottinghamshire, life-saving equipment and a new service to support more victims as well as opportunities for you to have your say.

PCC Caroline Henry



## Restorative justice scheme launched to support more victims



An enhanced restorative justice service in Nottinghamshire will be 'life changing' for those impacted by crime.

That is the view of Gary, a victim of burglary who was helped get closure by meeting those responsible for breaking into his house while he was away on holiday.

He was among almost 100 people in attendance at the launch of Restorative Nottinghamshire, which now runs as its own service after previously sitting within the Nottinghamshire Victim CARE package.

Restorative justice allows victims the chance to obtain much-needed answers following a crime to help set their mind at ease or at least understand the motivation of the perpetrator.



## Celeb dating scam among threats being tackled under new pact

Fraudsters have been posing as celebrities on dating sites in some of the new and emerging trends in fraud.

Scottish singer song-writer Lewis Capaldi is just one of the famous identities who has been used to trick people into parting with thousands of pounds.

This type of scam was just one of the threats highlighted at the launch of a new pact between organisations to work together to tackle fraud across Nottinghamshire.

The Nottinghamshire Fraud Partnership Charter was launched on Cyber Monday – setting out how a range of blue light services, local authorities, businesses and charities will collaborate to combat fraud.

It comes as an average of 543 offences are reported to Action Fraud each month for Nottinghamshire, with this believed to just be the tip of the iceberg with many offences going unreported.



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# We want your views

## Have your say on police funding

I am responsible for setting the police budget and the amount raised each year from the council tax precept for policing. I have a challenging decision to make in 2024 given rising financial costs faced by households, partner agencies and the police service itself.

To take part in my online consultation, please scan the QR code on the front page or [click here](#).



## Have your say about online safety

I will be scrutinising how Nottinghamshire Police tackles online safety and cyber crime during my January Accountability Board meeting.

The Accountability Board is my opportunity to question, support, challenge and hold Nottinghamshire Police's Chief Constable to account on behalf of the public to ensure efficient and effective policing services are being delivered.

I want you to have your say and submit questions for me to ask the Chief Constable. To submit a question about online safety, scan the QR code on the front page or [click here](#).

Topics that are coming up over the next few months are; 19 December 2023 - Neighbourhood Policing, and 16 January 2023 - Policing the Digital Beat / Online Crime and Safety.

# £1.3 million of new public safety funding

## New CCTV, street lighting and free home security devices will be coming to towns across Nottinghamshire

Bingham, Woodthorpe, Beeston, Worksop, Balderton, Sutton-in-Ashfield and Mansfield are the areas that will benefit from the windfall, which will also pay for the expansion of a scheme designed to create Safe Spaces in shops for anyone in distress, automatic number plate recognition cameras and a new guardianship scheme to promote women's safety particularly during the night-time hours.

This comes after the Home Office announced my office had been successful in a bid to receive £1 million of new Safer Streets investment, with a further £333,000 committed by myself as Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire.



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## City partners combine to educate more children about knife crime

Nottingham's children are to benefit from a brand-new offering to teach them more about the dangers and consequences of knife crime.

Our Violence Reduction Partnership has worked closely with Nottinghamshire Police, Nottingham City Council's Safeguarding Children Partnership, Nottingham City Youth Justice Service and the wider education sector to launch new knife crime guidance for schools across the city. A collection of new age-appropriate lesson plans focusing on knife crime have also been drawn up and made available for primary and secondary schools to add to their curriculum as part of the joint offering.



## Life saving equipment installed across Mansfield

Seventy locations across the district will soon have access to bleed control kits installed as part of a project funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire.

The specialist kits are easy to use and are designed to complement existing venue first-aid supplies. They can be used to control bleeding from trauma injuries caused by serious road traffic collisions, slips and trips or any major accidents before the ambulance or paramedics arrive.

The kits, once installed, will be registered with 999, so anyone calling for an ambulance will be directed to a nearby kit. Each one contains a trauma dressing, gauze dressing, chest seal, tourniquet, gloves and scissors.

Some of the key location where the kits will be deployed include the town centre, Mansfield Museum, Mansfield Woodhouse and Warsop.

## Crime down as Bassetlaw benefits from extra resources

Recorded crime and antisocial behaviour fell in Bassetlaw over the last year as extra policing resource was committed to the district – and with further investment on the way.

Overall levels of crime fell by 5.1% in the 12 months to September 2023. It means Bassetlaw is currently one of the best performing neighbourhood areas for crime reduction across the force.

Antisocial behaviour in the district has also seen a significant drop – down 11.6% in the same period.

It comes as policing capacity was boosted in Bassetlaw in June with an additional response sergeant per rota based at Ollerton, who oversees deployments in the Bassetlaw area, as well as an additional response inspector per rota for the force to help increase leadership and visibility across the north of the county.





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### Winter nights advice

Residents are being reminded to think about home security during the late afternoon and evenings.

Here are six simple tips:

- Make sure that all of your door and window locks are working properly and are locked at all times.
- Ensure your house and car keys are kept in a safe place out of sight and well away from your letterbox.
- Visible burglar alarms and carefully directed security lighting can deter burglars.
- Never leave garages or sheds unlocked, especially if they connect to your property.
- Keep desirable items out of view to passers-by. Valuables should not be visible from windows and doors in your home.
- Do not open your door unless you know who it is - use a door spy hole or door chain.

**If you see somebody acting suspiciously report it to the police immediately by calling 101 or, in an emergency, call 999.**



### Volunteer with us!

We currently run two volunteer schemes, Independent Custody Visitors (ICVs) and Animal Welfare Scheme (AWS).

Our ICVs make random unannounced visits to police custody suites, to check the welfare of detainees and that their rights and entitlements have been offered.

Similar to ICVs, our Animal Welfare Scheme volunteers make unannounced visits to Nottinghamshire Police dog kennels to report on the condition and welfare of our police dogs.

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