



“ Welcome to the latest 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



New Help Point to enhance public safety

A unique 24-hour CCTV emergency Help Point has been installed in Nottingham city centre to help enhance public safety.

The column, which allows anyone in distress to speak directly to CCTV control room operators at the touch of a button, has been put up in Angel Row following a public survey asking women and girls where they wanted extra security.

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Gary Godden approved the funding of the innovative device after more than 3,600 people responded to the Walk In My Shoes survey, run last year by Nottinghamshire Police, with support from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC).

Deputy PCC Angela Kandola, who is the OPCC's strategic lead for tackling violence against women and girls, officially unveiled the bespoke, one-of-a-kind Help Point on 31 July.



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Honour-based abuse event

In partnership with Notts OPCC, Sikh Women's Aid recently hosted the 2026 Sikh Women's Aid Remembrance Day, marking South Asian Heritage Month with a powerful day of reflection, remembrance and learning.

The event brought together policing, government, safeguarding professionals, community leaders, academics, survivors and partners from across the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) sector to remember Sikh Punjabi women and girls whose lives have been lost to domestic abuse, honour-based abuse and other harmful practices.

Throughout the day, speakers including PC Saara Nawaz, Victims Minister Catherine Atkinson, and Yasmin Javed, explored the importance of recognising and responding to such issues, while highlighting the additional barriers that many migrant and minoritised women can face when seeking support.

The event reinforced the importance of partnership working, cultural understanding and community engagement in tackling VAWG, ensuring every victim is heard.



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Safety Scheme will give confidence to passengers



Bus drivers say a new public transport safety scheme introduced by Nottinghamshire's Police and Crime Commissioner is bringing trust, confidence and comfort for passengers as they travel around the city and county.

Operation SafeTravel, which was launched by PCC Gary Godden in June, sees high-visibility officers hopping on and off buses and trams to keep people safe, providing a reassuring presence and extra eyes and ears in support of police investigations on the public transport network.

Nottinghamshire Police rated one of best forces in country

Nottinghamshire Police has been independently graded by national inspectors as one of the best forces in the country.

PCC Gary Godden spoke of his pride at the announcement by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) that the force is now rated at Level One – the highest possible rating in the Policing Performance System.

He said: "As the person elected to hold Nottinghamshire Police to account on behalf of the public, I'm really proud of how the force has risen to challenges and improved the service it delivers to the people of Nottinghamshire."



Police and Crime panel enjoy visit to Joint Headquarters



PCC Gary Godden and Deputy PCC Angela Kandola welcomed the Police and Crime Panel to joint headquarters for an informal session.

Panel members enjoyed a demonstration of Nottinghamshire Police's drones and rural buggy, as well as hearing from Chief Constable Steve Cooper and Superintendent Chris Pearson about the ongoing work to keep communities feeling safe in both the city and county.

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Deputy PCC attends Nottingham Pride



Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Angela Kandola was delighted to attend Notts Pride in July, joining thousands of people from across Nottinghamshire to celebrate the county's vibrant LGBTQ+ community.

The event provided an opportunity to meet with local organisations, community groups and partners, recognising the importance of promoting equality, inclusion and respect for everyone.

We remain committed to tackling hate crime, supporting victims and ensuring Nottinghamshire is a place where everyone feels safe, valued and able to be themselves.

Latest Public Safety Social a success for locals in City West

PCC Gary Godden held his latest Public Safety Social in the Nottingham City West area in July, following successful events in Bassetlaw, Arnold, St Ann's and Ashfield.

The event brought about a positive evening of conversation, giving local residents the opportunity to hear about the work taking place to tackle the issues that matter most in City West, from antisocial behaviour and neighbourhood policing to crime prevention, victim support and community safety initiatives.

The public, police, council and local service providers worked together to enable local issues to be identified and tackled collaboratively.

Keep an eye on OPCC social media channels to find out when PCC Godden is hosting a public safety social in your area!



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