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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



Six-figure funding to help survivors in Notts

An innovative programme using therapeutic yoga and body-based techniques to help women recover from domestic abuse is among eight projects receiving nearly £300,000 in new funding from Nottinghamshire's Police and Crime Commissioner Gary Godden.

How We Heal CIC, who operate across the city and county, has secured £29,142.50 to deliver seven Solace for Survivors programmes, offering a different approach to recovery for women who have experienced domestic abuse.

The project is among eight successful applications to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire's Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse (DSVA) Grants Programme, with a total of £295,893.84 awarded to organisations supporting victims and survivors across the city and county.

The funding, covering October 2026 to March 2028, will support a wide range of specialist services.

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Communities united in tackling VAWG

PCC Gary Godden and Deputy PCC Angela Kandola welcomed community leaders, third sector partners and organisations to the historic Marcus Garvey Centre for a special Black History Month event focused on tackling violence against women and girls (VAWG).

Chaired by Broxtowe MP Juliet Campbell, the event brought together a diverse range of voices to explore how violence against women and girls can disproportionately affect Black and minority ethnic communities, and the barriers that victims and survivors can face when seeking help.

It was particularly meaningful to return to the historic Marcus Garvey Centre – a place with such an important connection to Nottingham's Black communities – to host these vital conversations.

Regional specialists join forces after success of Notts event



PCC Gary Godden and Deputy Angela Kandola were proud to attend the latest East Midlands Violence against Women and Girls conference in Leicestershire recently.

Experts from criminal justice, policing, healthcare, educations and community organisations education joined victims and policymakers to strengthen action against VAWG.

It followed the success of last year's conference in Nottinghamshire, the first of it's kind.

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Street Pastors on hand to help keep Notts safe



A volunteer-led scheme part-funded by PCC Gary Godden helped provide an extra layer of safety for new students visiting Nottingham during Freshers' Week.

The Nottingham Street Pastors work throughout the year on Friday and Saturday nights to help reduce antisocial behaviour, promote community cohesion and safeguard people who may be at risk.

Their work often involves simple but important acts of support, with volunteers carrying bottled water and spare footwear for people in need.

New team launched to further improve rural crime response

A new rural crime policing team is being launched to crack down on crime and better support people living and working in rural communities.

The Neighbourhood Rural Crime Team will work with officers across the county to tackle recurring and emerging issues, improve outcomes for victims and help prevent crime.

PCC Gary Godden said the team's introduction followed extensive engagement by him and the force with the rural community, and meant the force now had one of the best rural crime policing offers in the country.



The team, based at Ollerton Police Station, is an extension of the existing neighbourhood policing offer.

Arrest after transport safety officer intervenes to stop assault



A public transport safety officer has been thanked for his bravery after intervening to help a shop security guard who was being punched by an alleged shoplifter.

Muhammad Rizwan, a high-visibility officer from Police and Crime Commissioner Gary Godden's new tram and bus safety scheme Operation SafeTravel, helped to de-escalate the incident and keep him away from members of the public, before calling for police officers who quickly attended and arrested him.

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Have your say on police powers in Notts

Do you want to have your say on police encounters and the use of police powers?

We are looking for new volunteers to join our independent scrutiny panels, including Stop and Search and Use of Force.

As a panel member, you will play an important role in providing independent community scrutiny of police interactions with the public.



The panels meet quarterly, and members may also have opportunities to observe officer safety training to develop their understanding of police interactions with the public.

Scrutiny panels are one of the ways the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner scrutinise policing services on behalf of the public.

We welcome applications from people of all backgrounds and communities across Nottinghamshire, please email officepcc@notts.police.uk if you would like more information on becoming a panel member.

Public's concerns heard at latest Public Safety Social

PCC Gary Godden was joined by members of the public as he held his latest Public Safety Social at Bulwell Riverside in October.

The event brought together the public, police, council and local service providers, and enabled local issues to be identified and tackled collaboratively.

Discussions included ways to report crime, including antisocial behaviour and retail crime. It followed successful events in Bassetlaw, Arnold, St Ann's, Ashfield, City West and Newark.



The next Public Safety Social takes place in Rushcliffe on Tuesday November 24, keep an eye on our socials to book your place!

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