



# Notts Voices

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“ Welcome to the September 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**

## Multi-agency effort to improve feelings of safety in Hyson Green

Partners came together in Hyson Green to witness first-hand the impressive work being done to keep Nottinghamshire's town centres safe and vibrant this summer.

Nottinghamshire PCC Gary Godden pulled together key partners including Nottinghamshire Police, Nottingham City Council, Asda and Framework in a focused effort to drive down crime and antisocial behaviour in the town and make people feel safer in its public spaces, as part of the Home Office's Safer Streets Summer Initiative.

Partners gained valuable insight into the proactive measures in place to tackle crime in the town centre, street crime, shop theft and antisocial behaviour.

Hyson Green has faced long-standing challenges with antisocial behaviour and crime, which is part of the reason it has been identified as one of ten key locations across the city and county for targeted work as part of the Safer Streets Summer Initiative.

The Initiative sees Police and Crime Commissioners and Chief Constables across England and Wales lead coordinated action to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour in key towns and city areas over the summer months.

It is underpinned by the Government's Hotspot Policing Fund and aims to deliver visible policing, local engagement, and meaningful consequences for those causing harm in our communities.



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## Youth voices help shape policy change

Better access to mental health support was among a range of measures called for at an event to give young people a greater voice in tackling knife crime, gangs and exploitation.

The Hope Hack, organised by Nottingham and Nottinghamshire's Violence Reduction Partnership, was aimed at giving young people aged 12 and 25 the chance to help provide solutions that could influence professional services and policy.

The event in Newark was the first Hope Hack to be held in Nottinghamshire and was the 40th such event to take place across the country.

Hope Hacks are run in partnership with the Hope Collective, an organisation that aims to amplify the voices of young people to influence policy and decision-making on issues that affect them.

## Safer Streets Summer delivering cleaner, safer Arnold town centre

Gedling Borough is benefitting from a major safety drive this summer, bringing partners together to tackle antisocial behaviour, support young people, and create safer public spaces.

The programme is being coordinated by Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner Gary Godden, working alongside Nottinghamshire Police, Gedling Borough Council and other local partners.

It includes a crackdown on fly-tipping and graffiti, investment in youth and sports clubs, and projects to keep young people diverted from involvement in crime and antisocial behaviour.

Arnold town centre is also being given particular focus through the Safer Streets Summer Initiative. This national campaign is delivering visible policing, local engagement, and practical action to reduce antisocial behaviour in ten hotspot locations across Nottinghamshire, including Arnold.





# JIAC Chair departs after 12 years of service

The chair of a panel ensuring transparency and value for public money in Nottinghamshire has been thanked for his efforts after more than a decade of service.

Stephen Charnock has been the Chair of the Joint Independent Audit Committee since it was formed in 2013, and recently attended his final meeting alongside Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Angela Kandola, and Nottinghamshire Police's Temporary Chief Constable Steve Cooper.

JIAC is a key component of the corporate governance arrangements of the PCC and Chief Constable.



## PCC and Deputy PCC visit Nottingham Wellbeing Hub

Police and Crime Commissioner Gary Godden and Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Angela Kandola recently visited the Nottingham Wellbeing Hub, where they were welcomed by Apollos Clifton-Brown, Service Director – Health and Social Care at Framework, and Rebecca Radage, Assistant Director for Health and Social Care.

They met staff and discussed opportunities for further collaboration to strengthen the vital support services delivered here – including the Nottingham Recovery Network, and the OPCC-funded Clean Slate service, which helps people break free from cycles of offending and rebuild their lives



## Latest Public Trust Patrol takes place in Kirkby

Nottinghamshire PCC Gary Godden and Nottinghamshire Police's Temporary Chief Constable Steve Cooper hit the streets of Kirkby-In-Ashfield recently for the latest Public Trust Patrol.

The visit focused on hearing about local concerns, speaking to residents and businesses, and recognising the work being done to keep the area safe.

These patrols are all about visibility, listening, and strengthening the connection between policing and the public – and are happening regularly across Nottinghamshire.



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## High visibility officers helping to prevent crime in city centre

New high-visibility patrol officers have helped de-escalate altercations, prevent shop thefts and helped people who are lost in the city centre.

Providing a reassuring presence in Nottingham City Centre every Friday and Saturday evening since July, they were employed by Nottingham City Council using Nottinghamshire PCC Gary Godden's Situational Crime Prevention Fund.

The PCC has made £67,500 available over two years to the city council and each of the district and borough councils across Nottinghamshire, to help pay for initiatives which prevent crime and antisocial behaviour and enhance safety in public spaces.



## Deputy PCC attends 3Pillars Project awards

Nottinghamshire's Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Angela Kandola, and Head of the Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Partnership Natalie Baker-Napier attended the 3 Pillars Project awards recently.

The awards aimed to highlight the positive change that's possible when opportunity, support, and determination come together.

Funding organisations like 3Pillars is part of the VRP's public health approach to crime which aims to empower communities to develop bespoke solutions to the issues impacting their local areas.



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