

# UPDATE



*from Angelique Foster, Police and Crime Commissioner*



## More officers recruited to deliver strong local policing

Vital progress has been made to deliver on my pledge for strong local policing, with hundreds of new police officers now in post.

In fulfilling my promise to get tough on neighbourhood crime and anti-social behaviour, I have supported the recruitment of 351 extra police officers, months ahead of the national deadline and I have progressed plans to recruit 50 Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). This will boost police

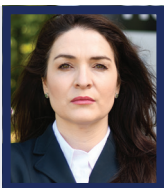
visibility and tackle the priorities the public have told me are vital to making them feel safer.

These additional officers and PCSOs, alongside the new police bases that I have funded, will increase police visibility in the heart of our communities.

It's critical that our police officers have the tools and equipment they need to tackle crime and keep Derbyshire residents safe. I am

pleased that the force is now well on its way to meeting the target for increased Taser provision with nearly 100 officers already trained.

In addition, I have funded new e-bikes in a package worth almost £40k. E-bikes can cover patrol areas inaccessible by car, and more quickly than officers on foot, traditional bikes or public transport. This means officers can respond to a higher number of incidents during one shift.



### ANGELIQUE FOSTER YOUR POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

- Elected by the public in May 2021
- Publish a Police and Crime Plan to set priorities for policing based on consultation with the public
- Holds the Chief Constable to account and scrutinises performance
- Sets the budget and the amount of council tax paid towards policing in Derbyshire
- Commissions services to support victims and improve community safety

Find out more about the Derbyshire Police and Crime Plan and the work of your Police and Crime Commissioner. [Click here](#)

Angelique Foster, set her Police and Crime Plan to protect the people of Derbyshire and Derby City. It puts the law-abiding citizen and victims of crime at the heart of everything we do. Her priorities include:

- Strong Local Policing
- Neighbourhood Crime and Anti-social Behaviour
- Road Safety
- Victim Support and Safeguarding
- Rural Crime
- Driving Efficiencies

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*Commissioner's plan to boost ASB patrols*

## £4m boost to tackle anti-social behaviour in Derbyshire

I have successfully secured £4.4m in extra funding to tackle anti-social behaviour further across the county and bring more perpetrators to justice over the next two years. £2.4m of this extra money will be used to boost police enforcement patrols in 'hotspot' areas, to drive down the number of incidents.

The remaining £2m will be invested in a bespoke restorative justice programme, designed specifically for Derbyshire. I want to see perpetrators of anti-social behaviour undertaking practical and visible activity to compensate their victims for the loss or damage they have caused.

In addition, I have recently launched a further Anti-Social Behaviour Prevention Grant Scheme which will see a further £100k in grants invested in community-based crime prevention schemes over the next 12 months.

Grants of up to £5,000 were made available for organisations which could successfully evidence their plans to increase the safety of local people and divert young people away from crime.

Applications for the Grant have now closed, and those who have applied will be informed about the progress of their applications in the very near future.

## MAKING ROADS SAFER ACROSS THE COUNTY



Speeding is a key concern across all our communities and one which is raised frequently with me by residents. Therefore, I have already invested in dozens of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) in our towns and villages as part of my Police and Crime Plan priority to improve road safety.

Parish and town councils were invited to apply for funding via my £150k Road Safety Grant Scheme to install SIDs where speeding is a concern. SIDs are the vehicle-activated signs used by local communities to display vehicle speeds. To date my investment is funding 49 SIDs to a value of more than £124k.

Last year my budget led to over 1000 additional hours of enforcement and prevention activity to increase safety on Derbyshire's road network. The capacity in the Roads Policing Unit has been boosted with additional off-road bikes, ANPR cameras, extra training and the Constabulary now has a further 60 police vehicles.

In line with my Police and Crime Plan objectives, I have supported the expansion of Community Speedwatch, which now comprises 93 groups and over 750 volunteers.

Recent figures show my investment is having a positive effect with a 20 per cent reduction in the number of fatalities in 2022 compared to 2019.



*20% reduction in fatalities on Derbyshire roads*

## NEW 'STREET TRIAGE' PATROLS INCREASE TIME OFFICERS SPEND FIGHTING CRIME

A new mental health 'Street Triage' service co-funded by my office has launched across Derbyshire to maximise the time frontline officers spend fighting crime.

The scheme sees police officers deployed to incidents in Street Triage Cars alongside trained Community Psychiatric Nurses (CPN) to provide people experiencing mental health issues with immediate medical attention and enables officers to get back to their duties as quickly as possible.

A pilot of the scheme last summer brought a reduction in the number of vulnerable people admitted to hospital while also ensuring officers were released to carry out policing work three hours earlier than usual.



Between August and December 2022, the Constabulary saved 3,528 hours of officer time by working closely with mental health and ambulance service partners.

Driving Efficiencies is a key priority in my Police and Crime Plan, and I remain committed to undertaking strong partnership work with blue light colleagues and partners to deliver the best value for Derbyshire taxpayers.

I have promised to deliver strong local policing and identify innovative ways of working, ensuring officers can focus on their primary job of fighting crime and keeping people safe.

Over 3,528 hours of officer time saved

## EXTRA SUPPORT FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES THANKS TO RESOURCE UPLIFT

Derbyshire Constabulary's capacity to tackle rural crime has been boosted with the addition of new resources and training.

My recent budget has supported the increase of the force's Rural Crime Team (RCT), which now comprises one Police Sergeant, seven Police Constables, one Wildlife and Rural Coordinator and a newly appointed Rural Crime Police Community Support Officer (PCSO).

This investment is paying dividends. In response to concerns about the theft of agricultural equipment, the team has successfully implemented new ways of working that has seen and this type of crime decrease by 32.5%. I'm pleased to hear the positive feedback from the farming community.

In addition, PCSO Spencer Nixon is leading on a host of crime prevention initiatives including work to address livestock worrying and the roll-out of

track marking equipment to tackle thefts impacting the equine community.

To support the work of the RCT, a new network of 13 rural crime Single Point of Contacts (SPOCs) have been

established across the force's Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the High Peak, Derbyshire Dales, Amber Valley, North East, Ilkeston and South Derbyshire areas. These officers, trained

in a range of rural crime powers and interventions, will enhance police service delivery to rural communities.



## Listening to you

Share your views on crime and community safety in your area to ensure police resources are balanced efficiently with your concerns.

[derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/taking-part/listening-to-you/](https://derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/taking-part/listening-to-you/)

# DOMESTIC BURGLARY RATES PLUMMET BY 18% SINCE ELECTION



Burglary rates have fallen across Derbyshire since I brought the issue into sharp focus as part of my commitment to tackling the problems that matter to residents.

New data shows 5,086 domestic burglary offences were recorded between 13 May 2021 and 31 March 2023 – reflecting a period of 688 days since my election by the public. This compares to 6,180 offences during the previous equivalent period (25 June 2019 to 12 May 2021).

The progress is mirrored in burglary rates impacting business premises which have fallen by 11 per cent during the same period.

Since becoming Commissioner, I have consistently pushed for improvements in the response to burglary and other neighbourhood crimes that cause residents concern and impact their feelings of safety. This has brought investment in

new resources and technology to help improve detection and prevent reoffending.

Additionally, we are 18 months into a pilot that has employed the use of electronic tagging to deter crime and tackle reoffending. Recent changes in legislation to allow offenders to be tagged for sentences of 3 months and over rather than 12 have increased the number of people eligible for the scheme. There are currently 22 people tagged in the county for burglary, robbery and theft offences, all of whom have already been convicted and have served their sentences. The scheme is showing promising results in combating reoffending with few cases of offenders committing crimes while tagged. I will continue to monitor the results of this project closely.

**Business burglary rates also down 11%**



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