

UPDATE

from Angelique Foster, Police and Crime Commissioner

Derbyshire and Derby City residents are being invited to have their say on police funding to help Angelique Foster, Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, sustain further improvements in the services they receive.

The budget in 2023-24 supported a raft of improvements, including new Neighbourhood Acquisitive Crime Teams to strengthen the resources dedicated to investigating robbery and burglary, the training of more than 500 officers in Taser deployment and 1,000 extra hours of speed enforcement on the county's roads.

The Commissioner is determined to sustain this strong performance and deliver further progress to support the police in cutting crime and keeping residents safe.

A new survey will help to determine public support for a small rise in the county's policing precept – the portion of council tax that helps to



COMMISSIONER DELIVERS ON COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE POLICING

fund local policing – to sustain the significant improvements delivered over the last two years.

Residents will be asked if they support further investment in resources such as ANPR technology and additional control room staff through to more road traffic enforcement and increased capacity in the Rural Crime Team.

Commissioner Angelique Foster said:

"The promises that I made to the public last year have been delivered. Significant improvements have been made to the way crime and anti-social behaviour is tackled in Derbyshire. It is vital we build on our success and deliver the policing services the public expect and deserve."

HAVE YOUR SAY

on the policing budget for 2024-25

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ANGELIQUE FOSTER YOUR POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

- Elected by the public in May 2021;
- Set the key policing priorities in Derbyshire based on consultation with the public;

- Holds the Chief Constable to account on behalf of the public;
- Sets the policing budget;
- Commissions services to support victims and improve community safety.

Police and Crime Commissioner Angelique Foster 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

[View the Police and Crime Plan here.](#)

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COMMUNITIES EMPOWERED TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST SPEEDING

Communities across rural Derbyshire have welcomed the installation of new Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) to help address their speeding concerns.

As part of her Police and Crime Plan priority to tackle Road Safety, the Commissioner launched a new scheme in collaboration with Derbyshire County Council inviting parish and town councils to apply for funding via her £150k Road Safety Grant initiative for the installation of SIDs in areas where speeding was proven to be a concern.

SIDs are temporary vehicle-activated signs used by local communities to display vehicle speeds through an area. They remind drivers of their responsibilities behind the wheel and raise awareness of local speed limits, helping to reduce traffic speeds at appropriate locations including outside schools.

So far, the Commissioner has funded 70 installations across the county which are already proving successful. In Dronfield, monitored speeds have reduced from an average of 38mph to between 30-34mph following SID installation. This would not have been possible without the Commissioner's work with Derbyshire County Council and her financial support to launch the schemes.

Meeting with Councillors at newly installed SID in Temple Normanton



Meeting with Councillors at newly installed SID in Clowne



Meeting with Councillors at newly installed SID in Shirland

IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY IN DERBYSHIRE

- ✓ An extra 1000 hours of enforcement to tackle speeding and dangerous driving
- ✓ Funding more off-road motorbikes
- ✓ Supporting use of Operation Capture where residents submit dashcam footage of dangerous driving
- ✓ £150k funding for Speed Indicator Devices to reduce speeding in our towns and villages
- ✓ Extra funding to support and increase Community Speedwatch groups
- ✓ Over 250 people accessing Bikesafe workshops
- ✓ More partnership working with Councils, Highways England, Fire & Rescue Service, community and voluntary groups



NEW ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR WARDENS JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST NUISANCE BEHAVIOUR

Communities impacted by anti-social behaviour (ASB) have been boosted by the appointment of new additional ASB wardens to support efforts to make public spaces safer.

As part of her Derbyshire Action Against Anti-Social Behaviour Plan and ongoing scrutiny work to ensure the force works harder to address ASB, the Commissioner is funding several new posts countywide to undertake 'hotspot' enforcement patrols alongside police officers. Two ASB wardens have already been appointed to cover Chesterfield and Staveley Town Centres, and a further post recruited in North East Derbyshire.

Enforcement patrols got underway in key areas of Derbyshire and Derby City on July 31st after the county

was selected to pilot two ASB schemes driven by the government.

The new ASB wardens will help tackle ASB and engage with residents and retailers to understand local issues. They will work closely with the police and partners to undertake enforcement action and problem-solving activity to address the public's concerns.

Local authorities across Derbyshire are currently recruiting ASB wardens to join the Commissioner's scheme.





COMMISSIONER INVESTS A FURTHER £115K TO COMBAT ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Community and voluntary groups across Derbyshire have received a share of £115k as part of tough plans to reduce anti-social behaviour (ASB).

In total, 25 organisations have successfully applied for funding in the fourth round of the Commissioner's Anti-social Behaviour Prevention Grant scheme, each receiving up to £5k to tackle the nuisance problems that blight their communities.

Tackling ASB is a key priority in the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan and she has consistently pushed the force to take stronger action to provide residents with the support and protection they deserve.

The Commissioner recently secured a £4.4m government grant to deliver extra hotspot policing patrols in key areas as part of her Derbyshire Action Against Anti-Social Behaviour plan. Her work has already driven down ASB in every district and borough of the county – reducing by 47.5 per cent countywide since the Commissioner's election in May 2021.

Among the projects to have successfully secured grants is Allestree Woodlands School in Allestree, Derby, which has been allocated £5k to install security fencing around the perimeter of the school's back fields to deter ASB.

Meanwhile, Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust has been allocated £5k to combat ASB in Chesterfield area through the delivery of workshops promoting healthy relationships, substance misuse advice, art and craft/ wellbeing activities and physical health support.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCES FUNDING BOOST TO SUPPORT VOLUNTEER CRIME-FIGHTERS

Personal alarms for late night workers, street signs and promotional bin stickers are just some of the activities being funded to support the increased visibility of Neighbourhood Watch across the county.

As part of her plans to improve community resilience and utilise the skills and support of residents, the Commissioner has awarded 10 funding grants of up to £300 to local Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) schemes to prevent and reduce fear of crime across the county. The funding has been allocated through her 2023-24 Neighbourhood Watch Support Fund (NHWSF).

Applications have been vetted by the Commissioner's delivery partner, Derbyshire Neighbourhood Watch Association Trust (DNWAT), to ensure they support the increased membership and visibility of NHW across the county.

Among the beneficiaries is Chesterfield Town Centre NHW which received £226.67 for personal alarms for late night workers in the town and Castleward NHW in Derby City which received £226.67 for personal alarms for women and children using an alleyway that connects to their homes.



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