

UPDATE

from Angelique Foster, Police and Crime Commissioner



**283
more Police
Officers**

283 Extra Police Officers Recruited in Derbyshire

A huge recruitment drive has delivered almost 300 extra police officers on the streets of Derbyshire.

There are now more than 2,110 police officers in Derbyshire – up from 1,827 in 2019 when the Government’s national uplift programme got underway.

The force has already exceeded its target to recruit 283 extra police officers before the end of March 2023 and is now drawing up plans to support the new recruits in their future training and development.

I promised to help deliver more police officers in Derbyshire. This huge investment in the frontline will help to restore the strong local policing that people want to see, keep residents safe and tackle more of the problems that impact their lives.



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 Derby and Derbyshire. 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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Making Roads Safer for All in Derbyshire



Fatalities reduced by 25%

Latest figures show that Derbyshire's roads are getting safer. Compared to 2019, the number of fatalities has reduced by 25 per cent, while 'Killed or Serious Injury' collisions have fallen by around 20 per cent. This is the result of the increased partnership effort taking place in Derbyshire between my office, Councils and the Police and Fire and Rescue service. It is very good news, but we must not be complacent and continue to work relentlessly to maintain the downward trajectory.

This is why Road Safety remains a key priority in my Police and

Crime Plan, and I continue to support the Chief Constable with new resources and technology to improve the effectiveness of officers. The force now has a robust and well-resourced roads policing unit to deliver increased proactive speed enforcement and takes a tougher approach to dangerous driving.

In addition, earlier this year, I launched my Road Safety Grant scheme offering community groups and parish and town councils the chance to bid for a share of £150k to fund new Community Speedwatch (CSW) groups and other new road safety

measures such as movable Speed Indicator Devices. Many organisations across Derbyshire and Derby City are now benefitting from this funding.

I support Community Speedwatch groups who play a valuable role in helping communities to increase their safety. We have increased the number of Community Speedwatch volunteers and now have more than 90 groups operating in Derbyshire with the support of our police force.

BURGLARY NUMBERS REDUCED

Over the past 12 months, Derbyshire has seen a significant reduction in overall numbers of burglary. This is a welcome improvement and is due to a stronger approach to burglary, which has been established as an operational priority by the Chief Constable to deliver on my Police and Crime Plan priorities.

While every incident is one too many, there is a clear downward trend with the latest data showing a further drop of 17% in the 12 months up to October 2022.

Tackling burglary is a key priority in my Police and Crime Plan and I have made it clear I expect the force to take a zero-tolerance approach. We all want these

numbers to keep going down, so I will continue to support the Chief Constable with further investment to increase the capacity of officers. This will include new specialist investigative teams early next year to prevent robbery and burglary and the continuation of an effective offender management programme that sees repeat offenders tagged and managed in Derbyshire.

There is a clear commitment from the force to attend every home burglary and I will continue to closely monitor performance and hold the Chief Constable to account for further improvements in standards.

1 in 5 burglaries occur when windows or doors were left unsecured



Burglary reduced by 17%

Derbyshire Constabulary provides advice on how to keep your home safe from burglary, damage, doorstep theft, fly-tipping and squatters: protect your valuables, safeguard your building and secure your outside. Find out more here <https://www.derbyshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/how-safe-is-your-flat/>

**Investment
boosts rural
policing**



BOOSTING RURAL POLICING

Following through on my commitment to boost the response to crime in rural areas, I have ensured that Derbyshire Constabulary now has more resources and technology than ever before to fight rural crime.

Over the past year, I have provided funding to ensure our Rural Crime Team's capacity has been increased and they are effectively equipped to protect our rural communities. Specialist training has been given to all officers and detectives

working with the Rural Crime Team. Several recent high-profile operations have now led to the recovery of thousands of pounds of farm goods.

Further improvements include a number of drones used to support rural officers in their investigations, training for call centre staff to better identify rural crime incidents and a new dedicated online rural crime reporting system.

Recently, I launched my first Rural

Crime Awareness Week which saw educational and awareness events highlighting the issues rural communities face. This was supported by proactive and intelligence-led operations by our police force to disrupt crimes such as poaching and recover stolen agricultural property and equipment.

I am determined that every area of Derbyshire will see the strong local policing they expect and deserve.

Action to Tackle Violence Against Women and Girls

Tackling violence against women and girls is a shared responsibility stretching across many different organisations.

Over the last year I have brought partners together to develop a multi-agency strategy to ensure we are maximising our collective power to make a real difference to the safety of women and girls in Derbyshire.

Other key milestones include my investment in a new police-based Stalking Co-ordinator post, which will help to increase the number of civil orders secured and ensure incidents are properly risk-assessed. I am also funding two Independent Stalking Advisers, who will provide additional support to victims.

This year, the additional resources that I have put forward via my 22/23 Budget have also enabled the appointment of a Detective Chief Inspector for VAWG to co-ordinate activity. I hold the Chief Constable to account regularly and my

recent Performance Scrutiny Meeting on VAWG, where progress in the force performance was discussed, can be accessed on my website.

[Click here to download the strategy](#)

**Increased
scrutiny on
violence against
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Police and Crime Commissioner with Leaders of Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council



Supporting Neighbourhood Watch

Strong and effective partnerships are a cornerstone to delivering on my Police and Crime Plan objectives to increase community safety.

Thousands of households across Derbyshire are benefitting from the launch of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) schemes in their area.

My Neighbourhood Watch Support Fund (NHWSF) has already helped more than 20 NHW schemes to launch or expand their membership and boost their crime prevention work. This fund also helped to fund family safety events, summer fetes and useful information over the past 12 months.

The valuable work of NHW has also been enhanced by the Neighbourhood Policing Charter I launched in partnership with the Chief Constable in early 2022, which is helping to deliver the strong local policing I have promised. The Charter confirms the force's commitment to help and support volunteer schemes such as Neighbourhood Watch.

To find out more about Neighbourhood Watch and how you can get involved, visit:

www.derbyshireneighbourhoodwatch.co.uk

TACKLING ILLEGAL ENCAMPMENTS

A pilot scheme aiming to tackle illegal encampments more effectively and swiftly is underway to help reduce the impact on residents.

BREAKING NEWS

ILLEGAL ENCAMPMENT TASK FORCE UPDATE



Angelique Foster
Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Feedback from residents showed that people feel unsupported when unauthorised encampments move into their communities. To resolve this, I worked with local stakeholders to develop a pilot scheme to create a rapid reaction taskforce, which is presently being hosted in two areas, North-East Derbyshire and Derbyshire Dales.

The taskforce only meets when an illegal encampment is established in an area and partners work together swiftly to deliver an effective and appropriate response to the issue. This involves supporting the landowner where necessary, progressing eviction notices more swiftly when required and ensuring communities are informed and supported throughout the response.

It is critical that local agencies work together to minimise the impact on our communities. The success of the illegal encampment taskforce is dependent on a strong commitment to this partnership effort from all agencies. This has proved effective so far and efforts are now being made to extend the scheme more widely in other areas frequently affected by such problems.

Illegal Encampments Tackled

Anti-social behaviour plummets



Anti-social behaviour (ASB) has fallen significantly since I made tackling it a key priority after my election. The figures show a reduction of over 30% in the last 18 months, illustrating that Derbyshire Constabulary's zero-tolerance approach to the problem is making a difference. But there is more to be done.

ASB, in any form, is unacceptable and my Police and Crime Plan makes clear my expectations that it needs to be tackled effectively.

The force has now put systems and specialist co-ordinators in place to work more effectively. Crime and ASB is reviewed daily to identify threat, risk and vulnerability and the online anti-social

behaviour hub, launched earlier this year, is proving a useful tool for victims to report issues and access support. Additional training has taken place across the force and there are currently 90 active problem-solving plans.

But the police cannot work in isolation and all agencies must work towards long term solutions. My Anti-Social Behaviour Prevention Grant Scheme has also so far awarded funding of up to £5,000 to 22 organisations to support local community-based projects delivering positive results in our communities.

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'LISTENING TO YOU' PUBLIC CONSULTATION

It's important to me as Derbyshire's Police and Crime Commissioner that the priorities I set for policing, community safety and victims services reflect the issues that matter most to you, wherever you live in the City or the County.

I understand that people want to see the police service that they pay for. They want to see the problems that affect them, in their neighbourhood, being addressed effectively.

Clearly, different areas require a different approach to policing, and priorities can change.

That's why, throughout the year, I will run this survey asking for your views on crime and community safety. I will work with the Chief Constable to ensure that resources are balanced efficiently with your concerns and investment is used wisely to

improve front line policing.

This is an opportunity for me to hear directly from the public about the policing issues that are of concern.

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions.



**Please share your views now
in the 2022-23 consultation**

How did we do?

You can see what has been achieved since my election in my Annual Report for 2021/2022.

Click [HERE](#) to download a copy.

AROUND THE COUNTY

Launch of Mini Police scheme at Fairfield Endowed C of E Junior school in the High Peak



Meeting Cllr Bryn Lewis, Lead Member for Town Centres In Erewash



Derbyshire Young Farmers Clubs meeting in Matlock



Walkabout in Cotmanhay in Ilkeston with Councillor Robert Flatley and officers from Ilkeston Police SNT



Meeting residents at Park Field Farm Estate in Long Eaton with Maggie Throup MP



Farmer's meeting at a farm in Dove Holes



Meeting Neighbourhood Watch Volunteers at the launch of a new scheme, supported by the Commissioner, in Eckington



Met with residents and business owners from across Derbyshire at Chatsworth Country show



Meeting with businesses in the Derby Cathedral Quarter



Breaston Neighbourhood Watch meeting



Listening to you in Swadlincote



Talking to local people about anti-social behaviour in Chesterfield



Talking to young people from across the county at a youth engagement event



Clowne visit, meeting with local councillors



Discussing local issues with beat officers in Killamarsh



Oakwood Listening to You event

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