



**Derbyshire  
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*Safer and Stronger Together*

The Latest News from **Nicolle Ndiweni-Roberts**  
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# NEWSLETTER

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## MEET THE COMMISSIONER

Since my election, four months ago, the weeks have flown. Admittedly, it has been a steep learning curve, but I have honestly relished every minute.

It has been busy, but I expected that. I needed to get up to speed quickly to really understand the different crime and community safety challenges facing Derby and Derbyshire, including the complexities of the very challenging funding situation.

It's important to me that residents know that I am there for them, that I am accessible, and will help them with the issues that matter to them. So I have been out and about across the force area meeting residents, businesses and partners to explain my ambitions to deliver for the community. The importance of representing the public and giving them a voice will be my priority in this term of service.



**PCC Nicolle Ndiweni-Roberts**

Then, just as we launched my consultation to set the direction for my Police and Crime Plan, I saw the courage, professionalism and experience of our officers demonstrated in the response to the disorder that swept the country. The strong partnerships, planning, resources, diplomacy and commitment that ensured our communities remained safe and calm was both impressive and reassuring. Equally, I was inspired to see the peaceful community rallies, with people standing side by side in a show of solidarity and strength.

As we saw then, we are stronger and more effective when we collaborate our efforts. That's why I am determined to work with our residents and businesses so that together, we can build a safer stronger city and county.





## TACKLING ASB STARTING WITH E-SCOOTERS

A lot of people have contacted me with concerns about e-scooters. Well, it's good news: having discussed the problem with the Chief Constable who agrees things have to change, we are bringing in a tough approach to really crack down on the e-scooter.

From November 1st, officers will seize illegal e-scooters on the first interaction with offenders before sending the vehicle off for disposal. Previously offenders usually received a warning on the first occasion they were stopped. Users should also be aware that they can face prosecution.

I am writing to all school leaders across the county and city, as well as MPs and Councillors, to ask for their support. I have also contacted the Home Secretary and Transport Secretary to raise the issue of illegal e-scooters, making recommendations for a more robust national approach to tackling the problem.

As part of my campaign, I'm working with the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC) to coordinate a national lobby on the Government to seek legislative change that will see tangible differences being made to residents' safety.

While I am confident that this will all make a difference, I hope that the public will help us. Please report any e-scooter problems, ideally via the ASB Hub (see QR code), so that we have more accurate figures to work with.



Use the link below to  
access the ASB hub >>>

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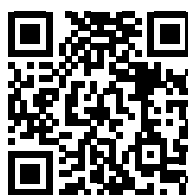
## GETTING THE PRIORITIES RIGHT

I've promised to clamp down on the issues that are affecting residents. That's why I asked residents to tell me what their priorities are for policing and tackling crime – and your responses will help to shape my Police and Crime Plan. A big thank you to everyone who responded. We had the largest number of responses (well over 3000) to a consultation on the Police and Crime Plan ever in Derbyshire and it really will make a difference.

For me, while it's important that my Plan also addresses the areas I promised to focus on during my election campaign, it's also vital that we get the basics right.

Things like keeping victims properly up to date; ensuring that the call handling team has the capacity to deal with calls for assistance promptly; and making access to your local police easier.

I'm always interested in hearing from you so if you have something to say, good or not so good, my contact details are at the end of this newsletter. Also, my year-round 'Listening to You' consultation is always open for your views.



Use the link below to learn more about the Listening to You survey >>>

[shorturl.at/wAJnN](https://shorturl.at/wAJnN)





## STARTING PREVENTION EARLY

### **Preventing crime has so many benefits.**

It delivers a better quality of life for our communities; it reduces the number of victims affected by the experience; and it cuts demand on the police and other agencies.

I've already been to see some of the work taking place to help children and young people stay out of crime, and out of harm's way.

### **Did you know that we have 1,000 mini-police in Derby and Derbyshire?**

Meeting the enthusiastic team at St Joseph's Catholic Voluntary Academy in Matlock, I heard how they learn about the police and the job they do.

The programme works hard to improve relationships between the police and young people and encourages responsible citizenship from an early age.

Parents are also welcome to attend which gives another opportunity for engagement with the police.

***It's a great way to start young people on the right track***





**At Landau Forte College** I met lots of students having bystander training. I was really interested to see how this was delivered – and how receptive the young people were. The training prompted really great conversations, helping students to understand how they can safely play a key role as a bystander to any incident.



### **Joining in at the launch of the refurbished skate park in Killamarsh.**

This gives young people a place to socialise while diverting them away from anti-social behaviour, perceived or otherwise.

We need more safe spaces for young people to meet and channel their energy positively to stop them engaging in behaviours that could lead to crime.





## PROTECTING YOU

Alongside protecting residents from harm, it's imperative that those impacted by crime receive the right support at the right time. Victims are the most impacted when a crime is committed, and it is clear from meeting partners in this space, we need to do more.

I recently hosted an event for all our victims' service providers to find out what is currently available and what else is needed.

It provided the teams the chance to get to know a bit more about me and my ambitions for victims' services. It also gave me the opportunity to learn more about the different types of work provided. There is an impressive array of services available, and I was keen to know how many people access help and how easy they can find support.

The online **VICTIMS Hub** is clearly a major help in directing people to the right service for them – if you have been affected by a crime, please visit the site and see how we can help you.



Use the link below to find out more and to access Derbyshire Victims Services >>>  
[derbyshirevictimservices.co.uk](https://derbyshirevictimservices.co.uk)



# POLICE



## MORE POLICE, MORE POLICING

Residents and businesses have told me that they want more police in Derby and Derbyshire. While our officers and staff do their best to protect our communities, we need to be in a position to tackle more crime and keep more people safe all the time.

Now that the Government has pledged more police officers and community support officers for our neighbourhoods, my job will be to ensure that Derbyshire gets its fair share. When I have been speaking with people, the feedback is that increased police presence improves feelings of safety and acts as a deterrent against crimes.



## VISITING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAMS ACROSS DERBYSHIRE

I heard about the work that is taking place to tackle ASB and crimes such as burglary, theft and robbery.

They are committed to doing even more to keep their communities as safe as possible.

## MEETING NEW RECRUITS

I am committed to creating a stronger Special Neighbourhood Team and increasing numbers. It was an absolute pleasure to meet these 17 new recruits as they start out on what I hope is an enjoyable, rewarding and successful career with Derbyshire Constabulary.

# OFFENDERS BEING PROSECUTED

The police attend and investigate a wide variety of incidents, not all of which result in a charge. The journey from arrest and charge to prosecution and sentencing can be fraught with difficulty.

There are many challenges facing the criminal justice system at the moment – we read about them in the national press every day.

Delays in the process exacerbate the stress for the victims and I'm already working with key partners to explore how we can jointly speed things up.

Positive outcomes are important for building public trust. The following results are evidence of the strong and effective way our officers are responding to the issues that concern the public most:



# JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS



Derbyshire Constabulary  
July 2024

A man who breached a restraining order following controlling and coercive behaviour has been jailed in one of the first court cases where SmartWater liquid has been used as part of the evidential chain.

The victim had been issued with a SmartWater canister as part of a force-wide scheme to help keep victims of stalking and domestic abuse safe. When the offender went to her home address he was sprayed with the liquid, which glows under ultraviolet light. Each SmartWater kit is unique so that the link between victim and offender can be made.



Derbyshire Constabulary  
July 2024

"People often tell me that not enough is being done to tackle drug related crime and they would like to see more being done in our neighbourhoods."

"A few weeks ago, we saw over £5m of cannabis destroyed in Ilkeston, disrupting the supply and helping to keep the public safe. This is not 'just' cannabis. Drug dealing can fund all kinds of serious crime and violence, and we have seen further exploitation of young and vulnerable people through county lines operations."





**Derbyshire Constabulary**  
July 2024

Last month seven people were found guilty of their part in a drug supply and money laundering operation that saw more than a million pounds seized. They, and 13 other people who had already pleaded guilty, will be sentenced in December.

This followed two years of hard work into a highly organised group of people who were making huge amounts of money through the supply of illegal drugs.



**Derbyshire Constabulary**  
June 2024

A man who raped a woman leaving her suffering from flashbacks and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) has been jailed for six years.

The horrific attack on the woman was carried out in the early hours of the morning and the man was arrested when she contacted police shortly afterwards to report what had happened. He was subsequently charged with rape.

In her victim impact statement, the woman spoke of the effect the rape has had on her: "This incident has turned my life upside down. I will continue to have this as part of my life forever."



**Derbyshire Constabulary**  
July 2024

Two men have been sentenced after being caught using dogs to hunt deer and hare in Morley. Following reports of illegal hunting the police attended and the men were arrested and subsequently charged with hunting a wild mammal with dogs and trespass with intent to search for or to pursue hares with dogs.

The impact of these crimes on rural communities should not be underestimated.

There is a rape and sexual assault reporting tool on the police website where you can report something that's happened to you, or to someone else. To access it visit:

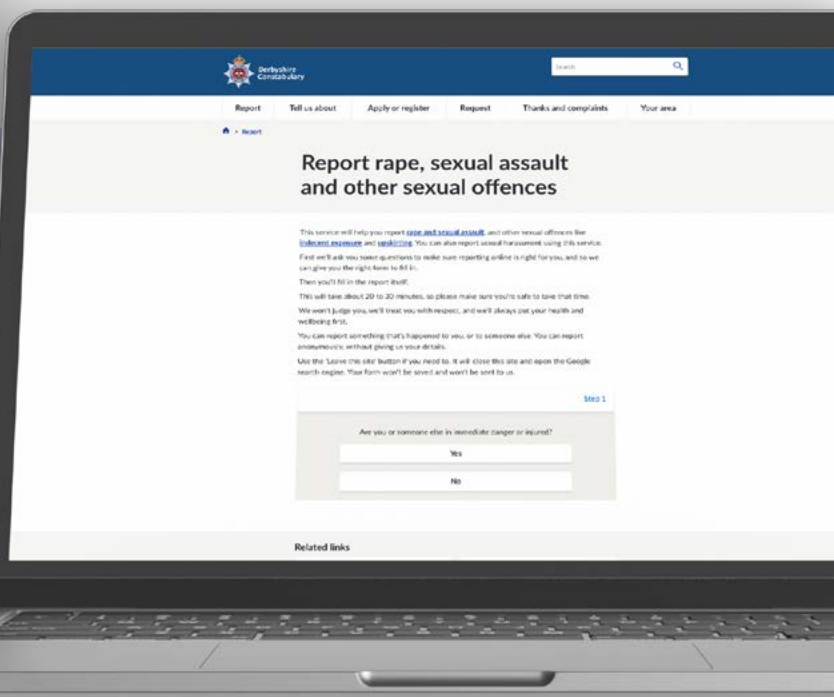
**[derbyshire.police.uk/ro/report/rsa/alpha-v1/v1/rape-sexual-assault-other-sexual-offences/](https://derbyshire.police.uk/ro/report/rsa/alpha-v1/v1/rape-sexual-assault-other-sexual-offences/)**



**Derbyshire Constabulary**  
June 2024

Four properties on Fairfield Road in Buxton have been closed for a three-month period after persistent reports of drugs and anti-social behaviour.

Officers from the Buxton Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team gathered evidence over a number of months and three people were also arrested.







Meeting the Citizens Advice Witness Service Team

## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

Everything we do is centred around victims of crime and I am already working with a whole host of partners to ensure the services we provide are delivered better and reaching those who need help and support.

For example, did you know there is a **Local Criminal Justice Board**? As PCC, I chair this Board, which brings together key criminal justice agencies to identify solutions to the well-publicised challenges facing our justice system.

Talking to the **Citizens Advice Witness Service**, I heard how they will help people who have never had to appear in Court before, who are traumatised at the very idea. It's an impressive service which helps to bring offenders to justice.

But we also need to do everything we can to stop the revolving door of crime. We have to make sure that the support services are in place when offenders are released from prison,

so that they have somewhere to live and support to keep them out of crime.

In other partnership work, I am working alongside the force, businesses, residents and the **Business Crime Reduction Partnership (BCRP)** to strengthen the response to retail crime and maximise



Peak District National Park Authority Meeting





Meeting with East Midlands Mayor Claire Ward and Notts PCC Gary Godden

opportunities for prevention. This issue is having a significant impact on retailers, large and small, and we must work together to identify solutions.

I also recently met with representatives from the **Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA)** to discuss some of the challenges facing the Peak District and rural communities. The PDNPA is working hard to tackle issues such as livestock worrying, wildlife crime and wild camping and it is important we maintain a forum to share information and expertise to protect this natural heritage for future generations. For more information on our work to address rural crime, visit the Derbyshire Rural Crime Hub at: [derbyshireruralcrimehub.org.uk](https://derbyshireruralcrimehub.org.uk)

I'm also really keen to work with our East Midlands Mayor Claire Ward who covers both Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire with new powers and funding to both grow and benefit our region. This has presented an opportunity for further

collaboration with newly elected Nottinghamshire PCC Gary Godden. I think that as a team we can really get to grips with issues that affect us all together delivering value for money for the public.

Working together is very important to me. I believe we are stronger and more effective when we collaborate our efforts. Together, we will build a safer and more prosperous county.



PCC Nicolle Ndiweni-Roberts meeting with Jackie Roberts (BCRP) and Richard Blackmore from East Midlands Chamber of Commerce



# A VISIBLE PRESENCE

I am determined to be a very visible and accessible PCC. I'd like all communities to know what I can do for them, how we can work together and the ways in which they can contact me.

**So, I've been on the road...**



## INCREASING THE PUBLIC'S TRUST

I'm determined to work with you to restore your trust and confidence in policing.

Some of the examples of excellent police work in this newsletter highlight that all too often the good work doesn't get in the spotlight and I am determined to change that.

Trust is vital and if there are areas you want to see improved, or changed, then please get in touch.

**SEE BELOW>>>**



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