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UPDATE



from Angelique Foster, Police and Crime Commissioner

The voice of the public in policing in Derbyshire

£1m secured to tackle serious violence in Derbyshire

More than £1m in Home Office funding has been secured by my office to crackdown on serious violence and knife crime over the next three years.

The funding will see the launch of a Violence Reduction Unit (VRU), a first for Derbyshire. A team of multi-agency specialists tasked with addressing the root causes of serious violence and preventing further offending.

It will also fund a raft of evidence-based interventions to ensure young people receive the

support and opportunities they need to get their lives back on track.

The funding will help my team and our key statutory partners implement the government's new Serious Violence Duty. The Duty, which came into effect in January, places a legal responsibility on Police and Crime Commissioners, the police, local authorities, the fire and rescue service, probation

and other key statutory partners to work collaboratively to prevent and reduce serious violence.

Recruitment is already underway to appoint key roles within the new VRU.



MORE E-BIKES BOOST NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING



Twenty new E-bikes have been purchased to help police officers cover more ground when tackling crime in our communities.

I have funded two new E-bikes for every Local Policing Unit (LPU) across Derbyshire to increase capacity.

This investment is one of the ways I am meeting the commitments set out in my Police and Crime Plan and the resultant Neighbourhood Policing Charter to deliver the visible and high-quality policing expected by the public.

The bikes are highly practical. They help officers cover larger distances during shifts and access areas where traditional vehicles cannot.

E-bikes are popular with officers. The feedback I have received is positive as they increase approachability and in some instances they help improve the ability to carry out stop and search.



Pledging continued support to NHW in Derbyshire

Meeting with Derbyshire Neighbourhood Watch board members Lynn Farrar and Cllr Kevin Miller in Ripley.

It was good to discuss the positive work that volunteers do every week in supporting the work of police officers to keep communities safe.

I have supported and promoted NHW across Derbyshire, including providing £5,000 through my dedicated support fund for local schemes.



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DERBYSHIRE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ACTION PLAN GETS UNDERWAY

Perpetrators of anti-social behaviour (ASB) will be brought to justice rapidly under a new hardline scheme mobilising this month.

My Derbyshire Immediate Justice Scheme will launch this July, delivering swift and visible community justice including litter-picking and graffiti cleaning as part of a zero-tolerance approach to ASB.

A further intervention programme will see increased 'hotspot' enforcement patrols in areas across the county identified as having higher rates of ASB.

I have secured Derbyshire £4.4m as part of the government's Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan. ASB is already a key priority in my Police and Crime Plan and this funding will support my work to ensure problems are treated with the urgency they deserve.



SUPPORT WORKERS RECOGNISED FOR HELPING VICTIMS OF CRIME

Support workers and trauma therapists from across Derbyshire have received recognition for the work they undertake caring for victims of crime.

As a Police and Crime Commissioner, I fund a number of Victim Support services across Derbyshire and Derby City to support adult and child victims of crime. These include

victims of domestic and sexual abuse, rape, stalking, ASB and hate crime.

I had the opportunity to thank volunteers and staff at a recent event, also attended by Derby North MP Amanda Solloway. I was pleased to be able to present them with a certificate in recognition of their contribution to helping victims of crime and safeguarding.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR DROPPING ACROSS DERBYSHIRE

DERBYSHIRE ASB DOWN

46.6%

DERBY CITY ASB DOWN

44.2%

ANGELIQUE FOSTER YOUR POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER



- Elected by the public in May 2021
- Publish a Police and Crime Plan to set the key policing priorities in 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

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