

UPDATE

from Angelique Foster, Police and Crime Commissioner



COMMISSIONER'S HOTSPOT POLICING SCHEME PAYS OFF

The positive impact of Police and Crime Commissioner Angelique Foster's Derbyshire Action Against Anti-Social Behaviour Plan is clear to see.

In August 282 extra 'double crewed' patrols were carried out by police and partners with 577 targeted patrols in September and figures show that anti-social behaviour is reducing.

But crucially, the extra patrols have also delivered additional significant outcomes. Drugs have been

seized, individuals arrested, stop searches carried out and community intelligence gathered while officers have made full use of dispersal powers to deal with nuisance behaviour.

For example, during one anti-social behaviour patrol in Derby, officers intervened at the scene of large-scale disorder in which an individual had been stabbed. Officers rapidly secured the area, seized weapons and arrested five suspects.

In another instance, in Chesterfield, officers helped to recover a Class A

drug while working to tackle anti-social behaviour. Further enquiries led to arrests for a suspected burglary.

Commissioner Angelique Foster said: "This should serve as a warning to offenders that their behaviour will not be tolerated. I have made it clear since I was elected that anti-social behaviour in all its form is unacceptable. I fully support the force to use every tool in the book to ensure perpetrators are made to face the full consequences of their actions."



ANGELIQUE FOSTER YOUR POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

- Elected by the public in May 2021;
- Published 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

Police and Crime Commissioner 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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NITROUS OXIDE MADE ILLEGAL

The Government has announced that Nitrous Oxide will become an illegal substance on 8 November.

Welcoming the move, Commissioner Angelique Foster said: "I know that many residents are fed up with the anti-social behaviour, especially the discarded nitrous oxide silver canisters littering public places, related to its use. They will welcome this stronger stance to tackle the use of Nitrous Oxide.



"This is another positive move designed to drive down anti-social behaviour in our communities and lessen the demand on local policing.

"In future, if someone is caught using Nitrous Oxide you are facing a heavy fine or time in prison.



MAKING BUSINESSES SAFER IN DERBYSHIRE

The Police and Crime Commissioner was a key speaker at the recent Derbyshire Business Crime Reduction Partnership (BCRP) Safer Business Action Day.

The Commissioner has invested £60k into the Partnership. This funding is providing a dedicated coordinator to help bring businesses, the Police and other organisations together to work in partnership and share local intelligence more quickly.

Furthermore, thanks to additional funding secured by the Commissioner, Derby City centre will see increased police enforcement patrols to help drive down crime and anti-social behaviour further.

The Commissioner said: "When businesses become victims of crime, the losses impact all of us, threatening jobs, pushing up prices and forcing businesses to move away.

"I have worked hard to build relationships with businesses across Derbyshire and Derby City. It's important that we work together to prevent crime, reduce the risk of criminality and give businesses and retailers the support they need to protect their livelihoods."

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY TO TACKLE DOMESTIC ABUSE

SmartWater – a forensic liquid which shows up under ultraviolet light – is being trialled by the Commissioner as part of her ongoing work to protect Women and Girls.

The Commissioner will be funding a pilot scheme in Erewash which, if successful, will be rolled-out across the county and the city.

SmartWater shows up on skin for up to six weeks and on clothing for much longer and categorically links the perpetrator to the specific batch of SmartWater that was used on places such as door handles, gates, and spray traps.



Scrutiny Drives Improvements in Tackling Rural Crime

Derbyshire Constabulary provided the Commissioner with further evidence that it is delivering against her expectations regarding the response and investigation of rural crimes.

Figures presented at her most recent Performance Scrutiny meeting showed residential burglary in rural areas falling by 17.5% and business burglary by 50.9% when comparing 2022-23 data to 2019-20 (the period prior to the Commissioner's election). Vehicle crime in rural Derbyshire (including agricultural vehicles) has reduced by 6.2%.

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