

# UPDATE

from Angelique Foster, Police and Crime Commissioner

## The Commissioner has announced the launch of a new pilot to help small businesses and self-employed traders to protect their high-value power tools from theft.

As part of her ongoing support to businesses, the Commissioner has launched Datatag property marking kits for farmers, bricklayers, plumbers and other small business owners countywide. The technology will help to deter crime and provide crucial evidence to convict offenders.

It follows a similar scheme last year which saw the Commissioner invest in an initiative which provided farmers with the opportunity to have their vehicles, machinery and equipment securely marked with 'Datatag' products to help deter thieves.

As a result of its success, the Rural Crime Team was announced as the 'most proactive' RCT in the UK after scooping the prestigious 2023 Rob Oliver Award from the Construction Equipment



## PROPERTY MARKING PILOT TO PROTECT SMALL TRADERS GETS UNDERWAY ACROSS DERBYSHIRE

Association (CEA) for excellence in the fight against construction plant and agricultural machinery theft.

Commissioner Angelique Foster said: **"Theft has a crippling impact on all businesses, particularly the self-employed. Small traders particular rely on their tools for a living and without them, many are unable to work until this expensive equipment is replaced.**

**"The scheme is already protecting £2m worth of large agricultural machinery. This latest pilot is targeted specifically at smaller power tools owned by small businesses and traders and will help us to protect even more livelihoods and supports my focus on prevention. Offenders who ignore the perils of stealing Datatag marked tools are far more likely to find themselves in court."**



## ANGELIQUE FOSTER YOUR POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

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- 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

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# NEW ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR PILOT DELIVERS 2,370 EXTRA POLICE PATROLS



## More than 2,300 extra 'hotspot' patrols have taken place in the first six months of a £4.4m pilot to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB).

Since the Commissioner unveiled her Derbyshire Action Against Anti-Social Behaviour Plan in July, additional proactive policing patrols have taken place in 23 key locations of the county and city. In January alone, 494 patrols were delivered amounting to 383 extra hours. In the same month, 11 extra arrests were made, 25 stop searches undertaken, 24 crime reports were made and 19 intelligence items recorded.

Latest figures show ASB trends have fallen 46% in the hotspot areas since the scheme launched – and 29% in January.

This proactive work is being paired with a new Immediate Justice pilot to make the perpetrators of ASB repay their communities for their wrongdoing. Derbyshire has been recognised as one of the top forces in the country for its delivery of the two initiatives.

However, it is clear to see that the commissioner's new tough approach on ASB since 2021 is also paying off, with ASB down 50% across the whole of Derbyshire and Derby City.

## UNITED EFFORT TO CRACKDOWN ON RETAIL CRIME

### Strong action is underway to protect retailers and their frontline staff from shoplifting and abuse.

The Commissioner has continually pushed for retail and business crime to be treated more seriously and in doing so has delivered a raft of new measures to increase support to retailers and reduce their risk of crime.

She was one of the key speakers at the recent Safer Business Action (SaBA) day in Chesterfield where she drew attention to her ongoing engagement work with the sector as well as her role in developing Derbyshire Constabulary's new Retail Crime Strategy which is already increasing the use of Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBOs) against persistent offenders.

The Commissioner's funding has secured a Business Crime Reduction Partnership (BCRP) Coordinator post who has assisted in the roll-out of ShopWatch Groups among local retailers and the uptake of a radio system to enable members to directly contact each other to report incidents or suspicious activity. The radio network is supported by an intelligence data sharing platform called DISC which enables members to view photo galleries, access and share intelligence and submit incident reports swiftly.



# NEW WEBSITE OFFERS 'ONE STOP SHOP' FOR RURAL CRIME PREVENTION AND SUPPORT



**DERBYSHIRE  
PARTNERSHIP AGAINST  
RURAL CRIME**

*As part of her commitment to tackle rural crime in Derbyshire, the Commissioner launched the Derbyshire Partnership Against Rural Crime (DPARC) and now has invested resources into the creation of an online 'one stop shop' hub for rural*

This unique resource provides a central location to help rural residents access proactive rural crime prevention guidance and advice. Visitors benefit from access to a host of rural, wildlife and heritage crime help resources with direct links for specialist support.

It is part of DPARC's new action plan to prevent and reduce rural crime and make Derbyshire the safest county in the country. **See more here:**

## DerbyshireRuralCrimeHub.org.uk



## New mobile app strengthens the voice of victims of crime

**A new app has been unveiled to support efforts to improve the care of victims of crime.**

Derbyshire Voice enables victims of crime including those of domestic abuse and sexual violence to provide personal testimonies of the support they received and their suggestions for improvement.

It is part of a project jointly funded by the Commissioner in partnership with Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council to gather the lived experiences of victims of crime and those who support them to shape future services and policies. Information will be gathered in-person through focus

groups and digital methods.

Victims of crime are central to the Commissioner's safety work. The project will help her further understand the barriers preventing people from coming forward to seek help and where improvements are needed.





# GRANT SUPPORT FOR DEDICATED CRIME PREVENTION VOLUNTEERS

*Neighbourhood Watch schemes across Derbyshire and Derby City are celebrating funding grants to boost their efforts to fight back against crime.*

Fulfilling her commitment to increase community crime prevention, the Commissioner has allocated grants to 12 schemes via the second round of her 2023-24 Neighbourhood Watch Support Fund.

The grants, which total £1682.65 in the latest round, will deliver a range of community safety resources from bike locks and street signs to personal alarms and social media advertising. Schemes receive up to £300 each to support their work to protect people and property from crime .

## £467k funding boost to tackle serious violence

*Funding worth £467k is to be invested in evidence-led projects to protect people from being drawn into serious violence.*

The Commissioner, working together with the Serious Violence Partnership, has agreed grants to eight organisations across Derbyshire and Derby City to prevent involvement in serious violence.

It comes after the Commissioner secured a government grant of £1m over the next three years to address the underlying causes of knife crime and serious violence.

Among the grants, £90k has been allocated to specialist child exploitation charity Safe and Sound to deliver bystander training throughout 2024-25 to selected primary and secondary schools to challenge violent culture. Further grants will fund educational workshops in schools using Virtual Reality (VR) headsets and a schools exclusion programme.



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