

# UPDATE



Protecting Communities,  
Fighting Crime

*from Angelique Foster, Police and Crime Commissioner*



## New recruits ready to fight crime and keep streets safe



Over 300 new police officers are helping to deliver the stronger local policing our communities expect and tackle the key priorities in my Police and Crime Plan which include Neighbourhood Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour.

I recently met new officers on the beat in Littleover, Derby, who are already working to help solve local issues.

Our Safer Neighbourhood Teams are determined to tackle crime and bring offenders to justice. Their efforts are supported by PCSOs and Special Constables who are helping to make Derbyshire a much harder target for criminals.

This year a number of PCSOs have transferred across to become police officers and a recruitment programme is already underway to

bring numbers back up to 200. Over the next year, they will receive extra crime prevention training to assist them in their roles.

The number of Special Constables has also been increased and I have provided funding to enable Specials to receive taser training and driving courses. This will help increase capability and capacity across the organisation.



### 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 Derbyshire and Derby City. 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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- Investment in road safety across Derbyshire
- Targetting sexual violence offenders with dedicated teams
- Increased capacity in the Rural Crime Team



**Specialist teams to tackle robbery and burglary**

## Pioneering teams to strengthen fight against burglary and robbery

*New teams of specially trained officers dedicated to investigating and preventing burglary and robbery have been unveiled to step-up efforts to tackle Neighbourhood Crime.*

Tackling Neighbourhood Crime is a key priority in my Police and Crime Plan and performance data shows a reduction of 17% (852 fewer offences) in the number of residential burglary offences reported since May 2021 to December 2022.

The creation of dedicated Neighbourhood Acquisitive Crime Teams early this year will play a vital role in continuing the improvements in this area of work and lead to more arrests. This move means that there is an increased number of officers and specialist investigators tasked with investigating and preventing burglary and robbery, which remain key concerns raised by the public.

As Police and Crime Commissioner, my focus is on making sure our communities receive an excellent service from Derbyshire Constabulary and increase public confidence and trust. These new resources will support the force in helping to bring more offenders to justice and protect the people and their property.

The force has confirmed its commitment to attend every home burglary - one of my key priorities - together with introducing tight monitoring systems to ensure the prompt arrest of suspects.

## NEW INVESTMENT HELPING TO KEEP DERBYSHIRE'S ROADS SAFE

*Strong progress is being made to increase safety on Derbyshire's roads thanks to further investment in extra enforcement and new equipment and technology.*



With this year's budget I have ensured the force's Roads Policing Unit has benefitted from new vehicles, extra training and investment in Bike Safe – a one-day workshop helping fully licenced riders to stay safe on the roads by developing their skills.

Road Safety is a key priority in my Police and Crime Plan and I continue to support the roll-out of proactive campaigns such as Operation Sparta and Operation Cruiser to target the fatal four offences (speeding, seatbelts, mobile phones and drink/drug driving).

These campaigns have so far delivered more than 1000 hours of extra enforcement activity covering over 11,000 miles as well as delivering enforcement at 149 sites of concern between May and Dec 2022. In total, 924 vehicles were stopped and 162 traffic offence reports issued.

Meanwhile, over 20 organisations have successfully bid for funding from my Road Safety Grant scheme to install Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) to boost road safety in their communities. SIDs are temporary vehicle-activated signs used by local communities to display vehicle speeds through an area and remind drivers of their responsibilities behind the wheel.

**Over 1000 hours more enforcement**

## NEW TEAMS TO BRING MORE SEXUAL VIOLENCE OFFENDERS TO JUSTICE

As part of my commitment to help increase prosecutions for Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) crimes and deliver greater justice for victims, new dedicated teams have been established.

The Rape and Serious Sexual Offences (RASSO) team undertakes rape and serious sexual offence investigations. This will see recent and non-recent investigations undertaken by a core group of specialists who have received extra training to meet the needs of such serious and complex crimes.

I have also supported investment in additional Victim Liaison Officers (VLOs) to improve the quality of care provided to victims and keep them involved as the justice process progresses.

The work follows the development of a Derbyshire specific VAWG strategy to prioritise these crimes and the creation of a Stalking Coordinator post to improve the assessment of risk.



In addition, I have funded two Independent Stalking Adviser posts, one for the City and one for the County. The Stalking Advocates will provide emotional help, safety planning and support through the legal process, housing advice, help to obtain legal orders including Stalking Prevention Orders/restraining orders and increased home security. They also will help to arrange counselling services to support victims' recovery.

To further boost the work to tackle VAWG a Serial, Repeat and Civil Orders Team was launched by Derbyshire Constabulary. This team focuses on high-harm repeat victims and serial offenders of sexual offences, stalking, harassment and domestic abuse to maximise the use of protective orders to reduce risk and harm.

*Specialist support for women and girls*

## NEW RURAL CRIME PCSO JOINS THE TEAM

**From investment in new vehicles and extra training through to the introduction of the county's first Police and Community Support Officer (PCSO) role dedicated to rural policing, I am working hard to ensure our rural communities receive a better service.**

The Rural Crime PCSO will help to co-ordinate vital crime prevention work, help increase engagement with rural communities and support officers and partners to identify local issues and prevent crime.

In addition, training in rural crimes has been boosted for officers and staff across the force, while 14 officers have undergone the national Wildlife Crime Officer training course.

I have also supported the launch of a new online form to encourage communities to report rural and

wildlife crimes, providing the police with another tool to deliver the best response possible.

I expect to see strong local policing across the whole of Derbyshire and that includes our rural communities. Rural Crime is a key priority in my Police and Crime Plan and I will ensure the Chief Constable has the resources necessary to sustain and improve the level of service provided across the county.



## Listening to you

Share your views on crime and community safety in your area to ensure police resources are balanced efficiently with your concerns.

[derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/taking-part/listening-to-you/](http://derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/taking-part/listening-to-you/)

# AROUND THE COUNTY

*In Littleover to see the great work of the local SpeedWatch group*



*Discussing crime and anti-social behaviour in Hilton*



*On a walkabout with new PCSOs in Derby*



*Some of the new officers strengthening front line policing*



*Working with East Midlands Police and Crime Commissioners to target cross border crime*



*Meeting residents in Ashbourne to discuss ASB issues and give an update on the delivery of my Police and Crime Plan*



*Joined residents from Clowne and Barlborough raising road safety and police visibility*



## GET IN TOUCH

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